

Sudbury Community Arena - Good for many more years - Learn Why



John Lindsay shown outside the Sudbury Community Arena next to the statue of “stomping” Tom Connors while recording a video that can be viewed at www.friendlysudbury.ca. He presents the rationale for keeping the historical landmark rather than building a new facility. He supports the views of **many citizens** including those of the organization he represents as President, the Canadian Association of Retired Persons - Sudbury CARP chapter. Additional reasons below.

The Sudbury Community Arena built in 1951 is a **"youngster"** when compared to other buildings still standing and in use in downtown Sudbury including the old city hall building at 83 Cedar built in 1913 or The Coulson Hotel 1938, or the Moses Block 143 Durham 1915, or the Sterling Standard Bank Building, corner Elgin and Durham, same year, or the Inco Club Building on Frood Road 1938, or the CPR Telegraph and Ticket Office, Elgin and Elm (now part of LU school of Architecture) 1915 or the Northern Ontario Building 122 Durham 1930, or the Gougeon Building at 120 Larch 1934. There are others including the former Eastons Building on Durham street, renovated and now home to offices, including Cinefest, and restaurants. **What's old can be restored and at less cost and contribute less pollution compared to building new plus preserving our history.**

Other arenas of the same vintage as ours have been renovated at **modest cost** including The North Bay Memorial Gardens for \$16.5 million in 2003. The Peterborough Memorial Centre for \$13.3 million in 2003 and the Kitchener Memorial Aud Complex for \$12 million in 2012 and the Thunder Bay For William Gardens for less than \$3 million with the Federal Government contributing the major share of the cost.

Retrofitting the Sudbury Community Arena was estimated at approx \$12 million in 2015 dollars by consulting architects and would include accessibility improvements and new elevator/lift, washroom additions and upgrade, installation of dehumidification system, new backup generator system, enhancements/ improvements to loading/unloading/docking area for events, mechanical, plumbing system, refrigeration plant repairs and replacement, roof, exterior walls and grounds.

Today that cost would be significantly more but within the money originally budgeted and **no need to borrow another \$135 million** for a new arena that could cost including interest of close or over a half billion dollars (\$500 million)

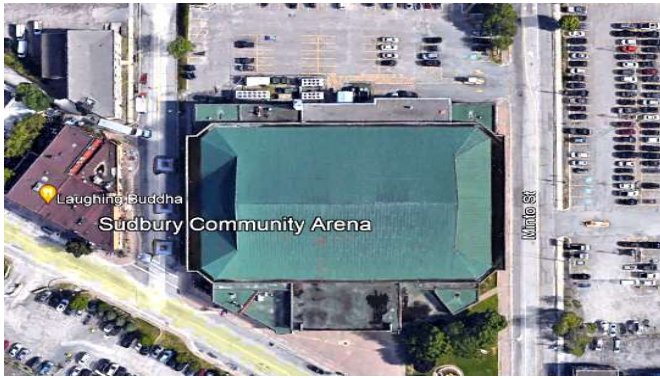
The location for a new arena on land recently cleared is problematic due to uncertain soil conditions and would occupy land that would **accommodate parking** for the arena, theater center and daytime parking for downtown workers and generate revenue..

Important Environmental Considerations

Sudbury has declared a climate change emergency and recognized the importance of reducing CO2 emissions. By renovating the existing downtown arena these harmful emissions would be **significantly reduced** compared to building a new facility - possibly 60 to 75 percent less. While a new building may be more energy-efficient in operation the initial carbon debt from construction is so high that it can take decades for operational savings to offset it. Also renovations can achieve similar **energy efficient improvements** without large up-front carbon cost and government incentives can help achieve this goal like for the Thunder Bay arena.

Besides environmental considerations, **renovation is less expensive than building new** as the existing structure is recognized to be in good condition. Important is the preservation of character, the historical unique identity and atmosphere plus the location advantage relative to downtown. Renovation can also be accomplished in less time than building new. **See the photo gallery of your arena on reverse.**

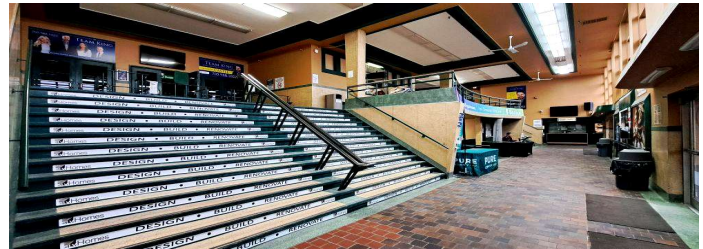
Your Sudbury Community Arena - Attractive - Functional



The Sudbury Community Arena occupies almost an entire block in virtually the center of downtown Sudbury and why it is often referred to as the “heart of the downtown” and now even more accessible by additional parking made available within a short distance.



An attractive entrance area and forer area as seen below greets visitors with well lit natural light and wide steps leading to the upper area while a wide ramp to the lower section.



In 2007 extensive renovations included 12 box seats and behind a hospitality area which can be seen in the pictures below.



The Sudbury Community Arena has stood the test of time and with suggested renovation improvements and upkeep can continue to serve well into the future. Let us make it so!
For more information go to: www.friendlysudbury.ca