

City of Greater Sudbury
Ville du Grand Sudbury



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NeORA Board of Directors

Dear Recreation Colleagues:

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It is with pleasure that I submit this letter as formal notification of the City of Greater Sudbury's intent to bid to host the 2019 Northeastern Ontario Recreation Association Forum and Tradeshow. The City of Greater Sudbury most recently hosted in 2012 and in 2006, and we are excited to showcase our facilities and programs to your delegates throughout Northern Ontario.

Recently, the City of Greater Sudbury has adopted ten priorities for population health to strengthen the high quality of life and place in our community. One of the priorities is to provide accessible opportunities for all ages to play.

Under the priority of play, the City of Greater Sudbury has advanced several noteworthy initiatives and projects which would be of great interest to your delegates. Specifically as hosts, we would be able to highlight:

- the Playground Revitalization Project (\$4.6 million investment in 58 playgrounds)
- plans for the Kingsway Entertainment District and new Arena/Event Centre
- development of Kivi Park
- the new Northern Water Sports Centre
- the City's affordable access to recreation strategy
- development of pickleball

Play is an integral part of each of these initiatives and projects and I am confident our staff and conference committee could provide an extremely powerful and relevant conference program. As a result, the proposed conference theme is **PLAY IS A PRIORITY**.

In past years, the City of Greater Sudbury has committed \$5,000.00 through our operational budget, towards the delivery of the conference and we are prepared to do so in 2019, should we be accepted as the successful bid.

Our City has the convenience of air, bus and road transportation, as well as numerous options for hotel accommodations that exceed NeORA requirements. The committee also has direct access to many interested and engaged volunteers who have pledged their time upon award of this conference.

General Details:

Proposed Dates: September 23 – 26, 2019

Proposed Accommodations: Radisson Hotel or Holiday Inn Hotel

Proposed Theme: Play is a Priority

Thank you for your consideration of our interest in delivering the 2019 NeORA Forum and Tradeshow, and I look forward to hearing your feedback on our proposal upon NeORA Board review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Matheson'.

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