



The Laurentian Community Track

We Are Rebuilding a Tradition

Important Facts



- Record numbers of Sudburians are utilizing this facility every year.
- Other communities such as Espanola and Manitoulin Island also use this facility on a regular basis.
- 4,000 students from all four school boards use this community facility annually.
- Elementary and secondary schools use the track on a daily basis to host events in the months of May and June.
- **Other groups who use the track:**
 - Relay for Life
 - Track Clubs
 - Special Olympics
 - Royal Canadian Legion
 - Private schools
 - Community Fitness



Laurentian Track History

- Over the past 30 years there have been numerous provincial, national and international events staged here:
 - World Junior Track & Field Championships
 - NOSSA Championships
 - Ontario Track & Field Championships
 - Pan American Junior Games
 - Provincial and National Special Olympics
 - Games for the Physically Disabled
 - Ontario High School Championships
 - Canadian Legion Track & Field Championships
 - Aboriginal Games
- The Elementary & Secondary School groups have been utilizing this community resource for over 30 years.



Current Track Issues



- The track is beyond the scope of routine track maintenance.
- A complete rebuild is required to revitalize the Laurentian Community Track.
- Some lanes on the track are closed due to poor conditions; they are no longer safe.
- The infield is in need of refurbishing and redesigning to transform it into a multi-purpose field for soccer, football or lacrosse, just to name a few.



Need for Community Support

- The City of Greater Sudbury has set aside \$450,000 to initiate the fundraising process to bring the track back to its former prominent role in our community.
- Additional partners with a stake in the future of this facility must commit significant funds to leverage allocations from other sources to realize this project.
- This task force will be approaching the private sector for additional funding and will pursue grant opportunities.
- **The estimate to rebuild the track and infield is approximately \$2.1 to \$2.5 million.**



Our Present Success

- Over the last two years, key community stakeholders have contributed to successfully upgrading the infrastructure by repairing the drainage problem. It has been rebuilt to accommodate the future repairs to the track.
- These improvements were made possible through the cooperative efforts of:
 - Laurentian University
 - The City of Greater Sudbury
- Greater Sudbury's four school boards also have been generous with their financial support:
 - Rainbow District School Board
 - Sudbury District Catholic School Board
 - Conseil Scolaire Catholique du Nouvel-Ontario
 - Conseil Scolaire Public Grand Nord de l'Ontario



Benefits of the Current Site

- The Laurentian University site has hosted many successful events and has been able to accommodate crowds on a large scale.
- The amenities already in place at Laurentian University's site create a cost effective restoration of this wonderful facility:
 - Proximity to Ben Avery Facility
 - Lighting is already in place
 - Stands already exist at the facility
 - Residences are on site
 - Existing operational sprinkler systems (infield)
 - Unique natural setting for a track
 - Track location enhances quality of events



The Future Outlook

- **Economic Impact:**

- Opportunities exist to bring provincial, national and international events to our city
- Creates employment and increases goods and services in the 100s of millions of dollars.
- Greater Sudbury has turned down major events because of the condition of the track – it would have generated millions of dollars for the community
- Reinforcing partnerships between the City, Laurentian University and the School Boards.

- **Health benefits:**

- Providing opportunity for Greater Sudbury's citizens to become and remain active
- Fostering physical activity contributes to quality of life and healthier lifestyles
- Improving access to quality athletic events for under-serviced and at-risk groups will create a more positive mind-set within the community

