

Vote Compass Submission Completed on July 22, 2026

- Q003 • Greater Sudbury should do more to combat climate change.

Your Position: Strongly agree

Supporting Statement: Sudbury is an environmental leader and has several climate change initiatives currently.

- Q006 • Municipal workers are paid too much.

Your Position: Somewhat disagree

Supporting Statement: Not provided

- Q007 • Private contractors are more efficient than municipal workers at delivering most municipal services.

Your Position: Somewhat disagree

Supporting Statement: When possible we should be using municipal workers to provide municipal services, however, on occasion we may require specialized equipment or services depending on the scope of work.

- Q008 • The mayor should never overturn council decisions.

Your Position: Strongly agree

Supporting Statement: Not provided

- Q010 • Municipal buildings in Greater Sudbury should fly the Pride flag during Pride month.

Your Position: Somewhat agree

Supporting Statement: The pride flag is flown at Tom Davies Square during pride month and many other community delegations also have their proclamations read and flags flown at Tom Davies Square depending on the occasion. CGS also has diversity and inclusion policies for all workplaces.

- Q012 • Every municipal council meeting should begin with an acknowledgement of Indigenous peoples' ties to the land.

Your Position: Strongly agree

Supporting Statement: Council already begins every meeting this way.

- Q013 • Greater Sudbury should keep historic street names and statues, even if they commemorate people who some would consider racist by today's standards.

Your Position: Somewhat agree

Supporting Statement: This is part of learning from our past and is a testament to who we are as a community.

- Q021 • Greater Sudbury should try to keep property taxes low, even if it means fewer services for residents.

Your Position: Somewhat disagree

Supporting Statement: Residents rely on the municipality to provide services and have expectations. We should also look for more efficiencies.

- Q022 • Greater Sudbury should rely more on fees for specific services rather than raising taxes to pay for them.

Your Position: Somewhat disagree

Supporting Statement: Again as a community we have expectations for services and some specialized services already have user fees applied. It's why we pay taxes right?

- Q026 • Greater Sudbury should apply an additional tax to vacant homes.

Your Position: Somewhat disagree

Supporting Statement: Might be worth exploring as an option to ensure vacant homes are rented and properties are maintained. Sudbury also has a high vacancy rate. This might also ensure market rent could be more affordable.

- Q028 • Greater Sudbury should encourage more multi-unit housing in neighbourhoods that are currently made up mostly of single-family homes.

Your Position: Somewhat disagree

Supporting Statement: Housing must suit the character of the neighbourhood.

- Q029 • Greater Sudbury should protect existing green space, even if doing so limits new housing development.

Your Position: Strongly agree

Supporting Statement: Not provided

- Q047 • Greater Sudbury should cover the cost of programs for low-income residents, even if this means other residents pay more.

Your Position: Strongly agree

Supporting Statement: We have a responsibility to look after all our citizens and ensure prosperity for all.

- Q055 • Greater Sudbury should install more bike lanes.

Your Position: Somewhat agree

Supporting Statement: Cycling infrastructure and alternative forms of sustainable transport are essential to quality of life.

- Q058 • Greater Sudbury should upgrade its water infrastructure, even if this means raising water or sewer rates.

Your Position: Strongly agree

Supporting Statement: Not provided

- Q060 • Greater Sudbury should increase the presence of police officers downtown.

Your Position: Somewhat agree

Supporting Statement: We also need more eyes on the street. Our downtown streets need to be welcoming. A combination of social workers, bylaw, downtown ambassadors, etc would be helpful. We need to make the best use of police resources as well and balance police presences to not create the impression of being a police state.

- Q061 • How much should Greater Sudbury spend on policing?

Your Position: Somewhat less

Supporting Statement: Review police budgets to ensure greater efficiency. 80% of police calls to downtown as an example are for social order. With an increase in homeless populations and addictions crisis, police resources have been tapped and a lot of their good work and innovation is not necessarily police work.

- Q064 • Greater Sudbury should respond to public drug use with support services rather than police enforcement.

Your Position: Somewhat agree

Supporting Statement: GSPS has a lot of innovative work happening in response to the public drug use. Education first is a good approach followed by stricter enforcement if necessary.

- Q065 • Greater Sudbury should spend more money to provide shelter spaces for people experiencing homelessness.

Your Position: Somewhat agree

Supporting Statement: Our limited number of shelters are at capacity an average of 20 days per month. We need to be investing in our housing first strategy and take a hard look at deep core housing supply with respect to our Roadmap to End Homelessness in order to achieve net-zero homeless targets by 2030. We should also review encampments which are band-aid solution. Over 100 homeless in Sudbury live tents at Energy Court while others live on the street and are exposed to the weather elements.

- Q067 • People experiencing homelessness should be prevented from setting up encampments in public spaces.

Your Position: Somewhat agree

Supporting Statement: We need to support a housing first strategy and ensure we have deep core affordable housing. We must also address the root cause of homelessness and exhaust all possible solutions to temporary housing so no one is left behind. Encampments in public spaces negatively impacts quality of life infrastructure. We must work together to create a place we can be proud to call home, protect Sudbury and have prosperity for all.

- Q068 • Greater Sudbury should do more to prevent landlords from evicting tenants in order to raise rents.

Your Position: Strongly agree

Supporting Statement: Renoviction is a huge concern. Sudbury also has a number of our of town property owners who purchase "investment" properties. Market rents need to be affordable and attainable which is a more complex issue with respect to the market trend.

- Q071 • Property developers should pay a greater share of the cost of road, water, and energy infrastructure needed to support new housing construction.

Your Position: Somewhat disagree

Supporting Statement: This why CGS charges development fees. We should also work with existing programs such as Canada Builds etc to incentivise and accelerate our housing starts. Sudbury is seeing a major boom in new construction and continues to exceed provincial housing targets.