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PRESS RELEASE - VIA EMAIL

Re: Proposed Sudbury Full Casino

The Sudbury and District Medical Society represent hundreds of doctors working to advance the health and well-being of Sudbury citizens daily. We are concerned with the negative health effects likely to be sustained with an enlarged and more easily accessible casino facility in Greater Sudbury.

We are all too familiar with the negative effects gambling has on our patients and we agree with much of the recent assessment from the Sudbury Public Health Unit:

- negative impacts of gambling introduction result in an increase in the number of problem gamblers.
- Problem gambling has adverse health impacts on individuals, families and communities.
- The impacts of problem gambling are not evenly distributed in the community, and affect some groups disproportionately including males, youth, older adults, Aboriginal peoples, and individuals and families with low incomes.
- The increased availability and accessibility of gambling in Greater Sudbury will likely result in an increase in the prevalence of problem gambling.
- Communities with greater proximity to casinos are likely to experience greater impacts.
- Much remains unknown about how to successfully treat problem gambling and emphasis should be placed on preventing exposure to gambling and mitigating harm.

For these reasons, today we are endorsing the casinofreesudbury.com campaign and will contribute to the legal appeal. Further, we encourage all of our members to contribute individually to the legal appeal fundraising campaign.

Sincerely,

Dr. Sanj Mathur – President SDMS



Dr. Dennis Reich – Vice-President SDMS