

# A FAIR WARNING

*Here's Sudbury.* An endless construction zone with unpredictable weather and a disheartening job market. We can't ignore it, and no-one is apologizing. This is the way it is today, though it's been much worse. And even though many choose to turn heads from our social and economical shortcomings, you'll always find a few nickel and gold hearted individuals who not only swim upstream, but believe in a future of solved problems, not buried ones.

*What is a Sudbury?* In the late 1800s and early 1900s, Sudbury lost most of its greenery. It was a combination of the aftermath of the Chicago fires taking away most of the natural wood (apparently we had some pretty thick trees), and horrible practices at the mines which poisoned the soils. However, the silver lining: an incredible example of community-mindedness came out of this. Combined communal efforts resulted in Sudbury's regreening being one of the most impressive stories of revegetation and restoration.

*So what is Up Here?* Up Here is an event we hope continues a cultural regreening that's happening in smaller communities like ours. We're so stoked you're here. You're contributing to a progressive forward motion that most people will simply refer to as "art". A community always needs a lot of love and effort, and we feel that as artists, it is our greatest gift to give.

*Welcome/warning.* This letter is a welcome, but also a warning. A warm welcome from countless Northern Ontarians who want to meet and thank you. And a warning that you might fall in love with a lot of these people, and with the places we're hoping you'll take the time to explore.

Sincerely,

*The Up Here Team*

# WEIRD & AWESOME THINGS

- First city in North America to have parking meters.
- A comet crashed into the Sudbury area 1.8 million years ago creating the Nickel Basin, a massive Nickel deposit that is still being mined to this day. "Some scientists" believe that this comet might be the one that is at the very origin of life on earth. "Some people" think that those scientists are idiots.
- Sudbury won a medal from the United Nations in 1992 for its greening efforts
- NASA Apollo astronauts came to Sudbury in the 1970's to study geological formations that resembled those found on the moon
- When Apollo 16 made its trip to the Moon, Commander John Young held up a moon rock at one point, and radioed back to Houston, saying "This looks like Sudbury rock."
- 2nd city in Canada for Tim Hortons density per capita (Fuck you, Hamilton.)
- 2nd largest francophone population in Canada outside of Québec (Va chier, Moncton!)
- No one really gives a shit about the Big Nickel, but we still care.
- Sudbury's national sport is Porketta Bingo. Google it.
- Scientists at the SNO Lab (Sudbury Neutrino Observatory) are looking at dark matter underneath us right now located 2 km below the surface in the Vale Creighton Mine.
- Thomas Edison once rented an office on Larch Street

# THINGS THAT YOU MAY NOT CARE ABOUT

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| <b>ESTABLISHED:</b> | 1893                     | <b>ORIGINAL NAME:</b> | Ste-Anne-des-Pins                                                                     |
| <b>POPULATION:</b>  | 160,000                  | <b>FRANCOPHONE:</b>   | 35%                                                                                   |
| <b>AREA:</b>        | 3,200.56 km <sup>2</sup> | <b>TITLE:</b>         | The Nickel City, The Armpit Ontario, The Happiest City in Canada (Stats Canada, 2014) |

# TOP 5'S

## PLACES TO EAT

### 1. Townehouse Tavern

What to try: beet sliders.  
Townehouse hosts bands 364 nights out of the year. Recently they've been trying to be a little classier and the best thing to come out of this is their burgers, IMO.

### 2. Vespa Street Kitchen

What to try: eggplant Parmesan flat-bread sandwich  
Really, get anything, but that eggplant Parmesan has me salivating right now.

### 3. Tuco's Taco Lounge

What to try: taco bar, tacos, burritos, beers and vibe  
Good beer selection, vegan, feels nice.

### 4. Deluxe Hamburgers

What to try: chicken on a bun dinner  
It's a staple in Sudbury, right across from McDonalds, their sign shouts out "Sudbury is a One Arch Town".

### 5. Fromagerie Elgin

What to try: cheese plate  
Cheese. Really. Most vegans secretly eat it. Get a plate of cheese coupled with some friends and you'll be smiling.

## PLACES TO CHILL

### 1. Bell Park

Secret spot: at the end of McNaughton Terrace, all the way East, there's an out-of-the-way swimming spot

### 2. Silver Lake Beach

How to get there: search for Silver Lake Rd and park right off of Long Lake Rd. Explore the woods for secret spots.

### 3. Lake Laurentian Conservation Area

This will get you so far from everything, and you'll have endless acres to explore. How to get there: right before South Bay Road ends, take a right at the yellow opened gate. Park at the end. Walk forever.

### 4. Grotto Park

It's eerie, and no-one can offer a decent explanation, but go here for some good views and weird vibes. Walk/bike there: right off Frederick St. (Off Van Horne).

### 5. Entrance to Downtown's Forgotten Underground Tunnel System

It might be filled with shopping carts and weird things, but it's interesting enough to hang out in front of. Take the Riverside pedestrian tunnel (in front of Little Montreal), and right when you get out on the otherside, turn right and fall down a hill.