

# Greater Sudbury to help develop tourism facilities

Railway museum in Capreol and mine shaft in Onaping Falls to receive city funding

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Two fledgling tourist attractions have received funding commitments worth \$41,000 from the City of Greater Sudbury's economic development agency.

The Greater Sudbury Community Development Corporation's board of directors decided Wednesday to commit funding to the Northern Ontario Railroad Museum and Heritage Centre in Capreol and to the Tom Morley Mine project in Onaping Falls.

The GSCDC committed \$25,000 to the railroad museum to help pay for a \$79,000 proposal to develop an

expansion plan for the Capreol facility.

The city funding is contingent on the expansion plan receiving \$54,000 in funding that has been requested from the federal government.

The \$79,000 proposal calls for an environmental assessment of land that would be acquired for the museum's expansion, as well as a feasibility study and business plan for the project.

Additional funding would be needed in the future for construction and development costs to complete the project.

The railroad museum, located at 26 Bloor St. in Capreol, attracts about 2,000 visitors per year; the GSCDC board was told Wednesday. The attraction's popularity would grow if the proposed expansion comes to fruition, a staff report stated.

Also on Wednesday the GSCDC board committed \$16,000 to the Tom

Morley Mine Project in Onaping Falls. The project calls for development of a long-abandoned adit — a horizontal mine shaft — off Highway 144 near the A.Y. Jackson Lookout at High Falls.

Tom Morley was a one-man mining operation and a legendary figure in the Onaping Falls area who died in 1942. The adit being proposed as a tourist attraction was his life's work.

The Tom Morley Mine Project would feature a series of displays and be part of the Onaping Falls Geological Tour and also could be linked with Science North's Dynamic Earth attraction currently under development, the GSCDC board was told.

The \$16,000 commitment from the GSCDC will help pay for \$113,500 in design and engineering work that must be done before the mine project can be developed into a full-fledged attraction.

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