

Future of Market Meeting - Sunday Oct. 23rd - 3.00 p.m.

Market Square. Public and Media Invited.

Presented by "Best Option" Committee on Laurentian University School of Architecture

A "best option" location would satisfy all parties to the greatest degree possible. This would include Laurentian University, downtown merchants, market vendors, city council and most importantly the citizens of The City of Greater Sudbury.

Market Property:

Negative Aspects: Loss of significant number of parking spaces.

- Unattractive site next to railway tracks and crossing - poor visibility
- Disruption of present use of site as community market
- Need to renovate old building at considerable cost
- Cannot begin work on site until after 2012 market season
- Need to incorporate market on site or another location
- Up to 3 million dollar cost to University for acquisition
- Unknown future costs to city for Market integration or relocation
- Community upset.



Ledo and Elgin Property:

Positive Aspects: New school would be located further from rail line.

- Location in highly visible prominent downtown area
- No loss of parking space – possible additional space
- Positive change in character of area – community improvement.
- Close to "arts" district, entertainment, restaurants, TD square,
- Close to Memorial Park, CPR station, downtown area.
- Ledo Hotel could be renovated for temporary use
- Entrance to new site from lights at Minto and Elgin
- Site development could proceed quickly
- Cost to LU would be less than half of Market site.



It is the considered opinion of the "Best Option" committee that the Ledo/Elgin location is the preferred choice for the new Laurentian School of Architecture. This location is downtown and exceeds the minimum building square footage of 75,000 square feet by providing approximately 94,000 square feet on footprint. If the CPR parking east of Shaugnessy is included the property is actually larger than the Market Square property. With the realignment of Elgin Street an additional site can be created for a student residence or lower rental apartment block as shown plus other possible parking opportunities.

The most obvious advantage of this location is the strategic visual and emotional effect it will have at the entry point to the downtown core via Paris and Brady Street. The beauty of new, stunning and long overdue architecture and greenscaping at this location will be a source of municipal pride.