

Ward 8 CAN
General Membership Meeting Notes
January 22, 2014
Twin Forks Playground



1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Introductions

Rachelle Niemela, Chair of the CAN, introduced the other Executive members in attendance:

Ron Spina, previous Chair

Gates Legault, Treasurer

Zac Lefrancois, Member

Cindi Briscoe, Community Development Coordinator with the City of Greater Sudbury

Fabio Belli, Ward 8 Councillor

Regrets:

Jessica Guénard-Valiquette, Secretary

Jim Niesing, Liaison – Westmount Playground Association

Jordan Binotto, Liaison – Twin Forks Playground Association

She also informed residents attending the meeting that two positions were vacant on the CAN, those of Vice-President and Communications. Anyone who is interested in filling these positions can contact Rachelle at rmniemela@hotmail.com

3. Twin Forks Playground Rejuvenation

A discussion was held in regards to what was needed to rejuvenate Twin Forks Playground. There is a new playground association that was formed in late 2013. Feedback from residents included:

- Security cameras.
- Better lighting around building.
- Citizens on Patrol could potentially utilize building.
- Basketball court.
- Skateboard park.
- Clean up tennis court.
- Host a community yard sale and have a bbq – donate a portion of the money to a local charity.

- Rosemarie does not charge to rent building for wedding & baby showers.
- A study of the ward demographics should be undertaken to see what age groups would be interested in using the facilities.
- Fabio Belli explained how the Healthy Community Initiatives (HCI) work, and that he would be putting the remainder of the funds for this year into renewing the facilities at Twin Forks.
- Clean-up of grounds (volunteers currently finding broken glass, etc. at the park).
- Crucial to get social media going to pull in younger residents.
- Tom Gunn, who runs Rosemary Playground, also asked for plowing a bigger parking area at Rosemary.

Feedback will be provided to the Neighbourhood Association.

4. New Sudbury Days

A subcommittee was struck to organize New Sudbury Days, with a date sometime in June 2014. Five people to date have agreed to help out, and Tom Gunn will be project lead.

Anyone interested in helping out can contact Rachelle at rmniemela@hotmail.com.

5. Community Gardens

Fabio Belli is interested in funding community gardens at Twin Forks playground. A few people have already expressed interest in participating. Anyone else who is interested can contact Rachelle at rmniemela@hotmail.com.

6. Community Policing

Our community policing liaison was unable to attend the meeting as new officers are now being assigned to the various city zones. It is anticipated that our new liaison will attend the meeting next month.

7. Councillor Update

Fabio Belli provided an update on the roads, snowplowing, stop signs, speed zones, and traffic calming. Residents reported that there are issues with high snow banks by the CN tracks on Auger Ave. Fabio also provided information on the 40 km/hr motion for residential streets that was recently defeated by the Operations Committee of Council. He also provided an update on Council's decision to maintain the new 4-way stop signs in the ward; there was unanimous support from residents attending for keeping the signs.

8. Citizen Concerns

Citizens identified the following concerns:

- Seniors in downtown are having a hard time with the snow – we need better snow removal at labs, medical buildings.
- Please square up the 4-way stop at Lansing/Melbourne as it currently causes dangerous turns from Melbourne.

9. Next Meeting

The next General Membership meeting is 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., on Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at the Twin Parks Playground.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.