

**Ward 8 CAN**  
**General Membership Meeting Notes**  
**March 19 , 2014**  
**Rosemarie 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

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

Jessica Gu  nard-Valiquette, Secretary

Nancy (last name)

Fabio Belli, Ward 8 Councillor

Twin Forks Playground Association Attendees

Cody

Jordan

Mike

**3. Welcome to Colleen Zilio – Ward 1 Community Gardens**

5 years ago, residents of Ward 1 wanted to start a community garden. It has been an overwhelmingly positive experience

Sudbury has over 17 community gardens

Ward 1 is a shared garden (not spots for rent), anyone who volunteers and helps out can share in what the garden produces. 15 beds. Due to health and safety reasons, new soil was brought in.

Colleen recommends that 3 people be in charge of the garden for a few years.

Best Start Hub has been a great resource for them, families that use the program started the seedlings that were eventually planted. Also has helped with watering.

They have had no trouble securing donations, community seems to be very supportive.

Some donors have included Home Depot and Anmar.

Best idea is to have a core group that does the planting and decides what goes in the gardens. They have veggies, fruit trees, some flowers, herbs. They do contribute to the Food Bank Program, Grow a Row, Share a Row.

Start up costs vary depending on what you want to do. Start small, then get bigger.

Have had minimal problems, volunteers monitor the gardens.

If in a high traffic area, be sure to build sturdy beds. Their beds were built by a general contractor to ensure safety and stability.

Union Gas and SMS rents each supplied man hours during one of their volunteer days, helping to get larger projects done.

If composting, compost should be non0meat to avoid critters, bears, etc.

They created a rainwater collection system that has been very beneficial

Would like to set up a Community Garden Network

#### **4. Twin Forks Playground Rejuvenation**

Renos are coming along well. Washrooms and kitchen are under renovation at the time. Jordan has been in and says it looks good. They have supplied a wish list.

Park (outside clubhouse):

- In addition to main park entrance sign, two smaller ones at either end of walking trail
- Additional seating/benches/picnic tables around the park
- In addition to community garden, flower beds and general re-greening
- Railing leading to rink repaired or replaced
- Skating rink & separate hockey rink complete with half-height boarding
- Increased lighting in parking lot, especially walk way leading to clubhouse, and possibly added to tennis courts
- New playground equipment and more of it
- Add a basketball court
- Refurbish tennis court
- Parking lot "makeover"

Inside club house:

- Flooring - cleaned or replaced
- Lighting - change/update ballasts
- New tables & chairs
- Stereo system
- Lockable cabinets in new kitchen
- Utensils
- Commercial coffee/hot chocolate maker
- Commercial microwave
- Popcorn maker
- Deep fryer
- Hot dog roller
- Fridge
- Stove
- Reinstate design of kitchen to accommodate 'canteen style' operation

Meeting March 26<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30 to discuss what will happen at Twin Forks. Fram family will be in attendance.

Cindi has learned that Little Tykes will add 3 extra pieces of equipment when you spend a certain amount of money.

Rachelle is suggesting a small freezer for the canteen so that frozen treats can be sold.

Cindi has indicated that she has requested better communication from Parks to us regarding the renos at Twin Forks. Hopeful that it will improve.

Baseball association is grandfathered there, to use the space during season. Cindi will speak to Lori to learn more details of the agreement.

A guest suggested outdoor speakers as part of sound system, if that occurs.

Community Response Officer (Sudbury Regional Police) indicated that they try to monitor Twin Forks, given how dark the area is and that it is prone to vandalism. Agreed that extra lighting would help. Rachelle asked about solar lighting, and Cindi will try to find out more on that.

## **5. New Sudbury Days**

Tom Gunn has stepped aside as Chair due to other commitments. Mary Morrier is new chair. Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup> is the decided upon date at Westmount to coincide with the ribbon cutting of splash park. New Sudbury Days will run from 10am-3pm. Committee will meet again March 31<sup>st</sup> or April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mary says Churchill and Cyril Varney principals are eager to be involved.

## **6. Spring Ward Clean-Up**

No concrete plans as of yet. Will coincide with City clean up day, but we are at the mercy of Mother Nature.

## **7. Community Response Officer**

Constable Adam Groleau is our liaison. Staff Sargent Jordan Buchanan introduced himself and Adam. He explained the the new changing community policing – we are part of New Sudbury and Minnow Lake area. Then intent is to have officers spend 40% of their timedoing community response.

The call loads in New Sudbury has gone down over the past year. Top recommendations for citizens: don't feed pandhandlers in New Sudbury and lock your cars in your driveways.

There was a discussion about bears. Sargent Buchanan recommends Fox 40 whistles to scare the bears; call the bear line if bears are treed.

## **8. Councillor Update**

- \$25 M approved to build "super school" on St. Charles College property - expect shovel in the ground in the spring; target opening 2015
- St. Bernadette will be redundant
- Motion for a proposed by-law for 40 km/hr default was defeated; 20 school zones are targeted now for 40 km/hr; Kennedy St. targeted for traffic calming - possibility of speed tables
- Sidewalks being plowed is an issue; pathways not being plowed; issues with contractors not plowing some roads

## **9. Next Meeting**

7 pm, April 16, 2014 at Twin Forks.