

Ward 8 CAN
General Membership Meeting Notes
May 29, 2013
Twin Forks Playground Fieldhouse

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Revitalization of Twin Forks Playground

Ron Spina reviewed the status of the project to take ownership of the Twin Forks playground and renovate its fieldhouse. The CAN is currently unable to do this under its mandate as parks and playgrounds are run by a Neighbourhood Association.

The CAN is willing to provide some guidance and be actively involved, but a separate association with elected officials is required in order to move forward.

Discussions ensued with residents who maintain the Rosemary playground in regards to the work that would be involved. Citizens also brought up questions about operational issues at the playground including signage and security.

Citizens who are interested in participating are asked to contact the CAN.

3. Executive Committee June Elections

Ron Spina announced that the Ward 8 CAN will be holding general elections at the June 19th meeting. The Chair position is open. Anyone who is interested is encouraged to contact the CAN.

4. Presentation by the Junction Creek Stewardship Committee

Sarah Woods, coordinator for the Junction Creek Stewardship Committee (JCSC), gave a presentation on the work of the organization in Sudbury. Its mission is to restore life to the creek, and has a staff of 2 coordinators who organize activities and research. The volunteer Committee is run by a Board, with an email list of approximately 650 Sudburians.

Activities that are done in Ward 8 include cleanup, trout release, and fish surveys. Other projects include stream bank bio-engineering to address serious erosion along the creek, pond construction, habitat rehabilitation, and tree planting in the watershed.

Citizens who see debris in the creek should call the JCSC, who will organize the cleanup. The JCSC also helps with creek friendly car washes to reduce amount of rust, oil and soap going into the creek and can assist with fundraising car washes in the watershed.

Current programs include frog find and turtle watch. Citizens who hear or see frogs and turtles can assist the JCSC with their research by recording the sighting on their website.

Additional information can be found on their website at <http://www.junctioncreek.com>.

5. Update from Councillor Fabio Belli

Fabio Belli provided an update on the roads projects that are planned for the next few years, reminded attendees to look for more information in his recent newsletter, and discussed options that the City is currently investigating for increasing the operating funds for infrastructure.

A number of citizens asked questions about concerns in the ward. Safety concerns about the bridge on the Sagebrush section of the Junction Creek trail (issues with existing fencing) will be addressed by Fabio. Fabio is looking into the noise caused by the train whistle and horns on Maley Drive; he is working with our MP Glen Thibeault on the issue. Fabio is also looking into the rate of speed on Josephine and whether there can be a speed reduction on the road.

6. Next Meeting

The next General Membership meeting is 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., June 19, 2013 in the auditorium at St. Charles College.