

Ward 8 CAN
General Membership Meeting Notes
October 16, 2013
Twin Forks Playground Fieldhouse



1. Call to order

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

2. Introductions

Ron Spina, outgoing Chair of the CAN introduced the other members of the Executive Committee: Ron Spina, outgoing Chair; Gates Legault, Treasurer; Derek Koziol, Communications and Rachelle Niemela, Member. He also introduced Fabio Belli, Ward 8 Councillor, and Cindi Briscoe, Community Development Coordinator with the City of Greater Sudbury.

He then introduced the evening's guest speaker, Leo Frappier, Senior Public Safety Officer with the Greater Sudbury Fire Service.

3. Guest presentation

Leo Frappier presented valuable information on fire safety summarized in the following bullet points:

- Many residential fire deaths are caused by not being prepared or negligence.
- Having a fire safety plan consisting of a drawing of the home with exit locations, smoke detectors, and an assembly place outside away from the home will aid in an emergency.
- Smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors should be tested monthly and replaced as per manufacturer's instructions. A carbon monoxide detector is required outside bedrooms on each level if a fossil fuel appliance is in the home.
- Fire extinguishers are good to have in the home and should be at least 5 lbs to be effective. They should be visually checked monthly and gently agitated to keep the powder loose.
- Following manufacturer's recommendations on appliances is very important.
- The fire department has a right to enter a home in the case of a fire and can fine owners if the smoke and carbon monoxide detector rules are not followed. Insurance companies are allowed access to fire inspection reports.

4. Introduction of Constable Andrew Zloty with the Greater Sudbury Police Service (GSPS).

GSPS officers are now attending CAN meetings in order to provide linkages within the specific communities that they service. Constable Zloty led some discussions on a number of points:

- The Greater Sudbury Police Service has been focussing on proactive crime prevention instead of reactive. They have been focussing on collecting information to assemble a database and can check recent “hot spots”. They have been attending public meetings to talk with area residents.
- If suspicious activity is noticed call the police by dialing 911 and report the activity. If fresh graffiti or dangerous driving is noticed call the police line at 705-675-9171.

5. Executive Elections

Two executive positions have become vacant over the summer as the Chair and Vice Chair have stepped down. Calls were made for nominations and Rachelle Niemela was nominated for Chair by Ron Spina. Since no other nominations were made, Rachelle Niemela was acclaimed to the position. The Vice Chair position is still available, and anyone interested in the position can communicate with the CAN to express their interest.

6. Update from Councillor Fabio Belli

Fabio Belli provided some updates in regards to Greater Sudbury and New Sudbury current issues, including the Sudbury Arena, the new splashpad at Westmount Playground, and train whistle issues on Maley Drive intersections.

A number of concerned individuals expressed an interest in starting a Neighborhood Association in order to rejuvenate Twin Forks Playground. Local area residents would like to see the park rejuvenated. Cindi Briscoe gathered contact information and will be coordinating a meeting with everyone who expressed an interest in order to start moving the project forward.

7. Next Meeting

The next General Membership meeting is 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., November 20, 2013 at the Twin Parks Playground Fieldhouse.

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.