

Ward 8 CAN
General Membership Meeting Notes
November 20, 2013
Twin Forks Playground Fieldhouse



1. Call to order

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

2. Introductions

Rachelle Niemela, new Chair of the CAN, introduced the other Executive members in attendance: Ron Spina, previous Chair; Gates Legault, Treasurer; and Zac Lefrancois, Member. She also introduced Cindi Briscoe, Community Development Coordinator with the City of Greater Sudbury. Fabio Belli sent his regrets.

She then introduced the evening's guest speaker, Lilly Noble, Co-Chair of the Coalition for a Liveable Sudbury.

3. Guest presentation

Lilly Noble led a discussion on transportation issues currently being faced in Sudbury, and in particular in Ward 8.

A number of residents expressed concerns about traffic calming; speeding on neighbourhood streets; safe cycling; and streets having no sidewalks and therefore being dangerous in the winter with the snow banks and speeding cars. There were no real concerns with transit other than some stops not having shelters and winter snow removal at stops.

City Council passed a motion a few years ago stating that Sudbury intended on being the most pedestrian friendly city in Ontario by 2015. There is concern that not enough strides have been accomplished to reach that goal.

There was a discussion around the City's proposed Active Transportation Network and on the roads projects that are being planned for the ward for the next few years. The proposed ATN is part of the Transportation Study review which is currently being done by the City. Residents were encouraged to communicate any comments to the City.

Residents confirmed that they want safe streets and good walking trails in the Ward.

On a separate topic, a resident asked if there is a snow removal by-law that prohibits private contractors to dump snow on the road and block sidewalks when they are plowing residents' driveways. Cindi Briscoe is following up on this question.

Residents were informed that David Shelsted, Director of Roads, was going to be on CBC's Points North radio show on Monday, November 25, 2013. Residents can email or facebook the CBC or call in to the program if they want to ask questions.

Note: a number of residents remained after the meeting to discuss the City's proposed Active Transportation Network maps which had been posted on the walls.

4. Future Projects

Potential projects/topics for future CAN meetings were discussed: a presentation on a Complete Streets policy for the City, partnerships with Rainbow Routes for additional trails in the ward, a discussion on cycling in the ward, traffic calming, community gardens.

The CAN would like to send out a survey to see what topics residents would be interested in having discussed at the monthly CAN meetings. This will be implemented in the new year.

Junction Creek Stewardship Committee is celebrating their 15th anniversary next year and have many events planned with some of them taking place in Ward 8. More information will be forthcoming as plans are finalized and potential partnerships are identified.

The CAN still intends to hold a New Sudbury Days in the spring of 2014 – the intent is to host a 2 day event with Day 1 being held at Westmount to celebrate the Grand Opening of the splash pad and Day 2 being held at Twin Forks.

5. Twin Forks Neighbourhood Association

There is now a new association to help revitalize and run the Twin Forks playground. The CAN introduced Jordan Binotto (President), Cody Belland (Vice-President), and Michael Morelli from the association.

The CAN discussed the current plans to revitalize the building at the playground.

6. Next Meeting

The next General Membership meeting is 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., on Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at the Twin Parks Playground.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.