

Ward 8 CAN
General Membership Meeting Notes
February 18 , 2015
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:

Rachelle Niemela, Chair,
Gates Legault, Treasurer
Jessica Valiquette, Communications
Ron Spina, Member
Steve Mantler, Member
Zac Lefrançois, Member
Al Sizer, Ward 8 Councillor
Mark Vainio, City of Greater Sudbury Liaison

Regrets:

Stefano Presenza, Vice-Chair
Nancy Deni, Chair, Community Gardens Subcommittee
Mike Morelli, Twin Forks Playground Liaison
Jim Niesing, Westmount Playground Liaison

3. City of Greater Sudbury By-law Department Presentation

Troy Rossignol, By-law Officer with the City of Greater Sudbury, spoke about the role of the By-law department and answered questions from residents. The following are notes in short form:

- 6 officers, 2 junior officers (mainly parking and signs)
- 2300 complaints in 2014
- Main areas are parking, property standards, clearing of yards, zoning
- Complaints come through 311. No anonymous complaints.
- 1 patrol each night
- For poop and scoop: phone animal control
- Snow: cannot push snow onto someone else's property or onto the road

- Grass height: 20 cm maximum; other yard complaints: do a notice with so many days to correct, then charge or go in and correct and send bill
- Preparing new bylaw re backyard fires. 1/2 hour after sunset - 1/2 hour before sunrise. Fires must be contained and away from buildings
- Fireworks: only specific days
- No change to bylaw on chickens (not allowed)
- ATVs: police handle
- No snowmobile bylaw; police can handle them under the HTA
- Noise: no specific times for disturbances, construction noise only allowed 7 am to 7 pm

For most common by-laws, visit: <http://www.greatersudbury.ca/living/by-laws/>

4. CAN Projects Updates

Rachelle Niemela provided a brief update on the CAN projects currently being proposed for the coming year, including our yearly community cleanup day, community gardens, continued updates to Twin Forks playground, and a New Sudbury community festival. There is a meeting on February 19th with the Councillors and CAN reps from Ward 8, Ward 11 and Ward 12 to start planning the event. Note that Twin Forks can now be rented out for \$40/day; a \$100 deposit is required, with \$60 back if the premises are clean and there is no damage when the event is done.

5. Councillor Updates/Citizen Concerns

- The issue of bears was again raised by a resident. The CAN is moving forward under the leadership of Mario Bozzo to investigate options.
- More garbage containers were requested along Lasalle Blvd.
- Carts are becoming a problem in the neighbourhoods. The telephone number that was previously provided for cart pickup may not be correct. Councillor Sizer will look into this.
- A resident provided feedback on the current City of Greater Sudbury budget process; the resident disagreed with the approach of raising user fees as an option for the 0% tax increase.
- There will be a public consultation session for the Healthy Community Initiatives funds, which will be held on March 24. All residents are encouraged to provide feedback either at the session or to Council.
- The following guests are planned for future CAN 2015 meetings:
 - March: Greater Sudbury Development Corporation's Economic Development Strategic Plan - #GS2025
 - April: Greater Sudbury Utilities
 - May: City of Greater Sudbury's Emergency Management Program
 - June: Mayor Brian Bigger

6. Next Meeting

7 p.m., March 18, 2015 at Twin Forks.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.