

Ward 8 CAN
General Membership Meeting Notes
January 21 , 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:

Gates Legault, Treasurer
Nancy Deni, Chair, Community Gardens Subcommittee
Steve Mantler, Member
Ron Spina, Member
Mike Morelli, Twin Forks Playground Liaison
Al Sizer, Ward 8 Councillor
Mark Vainio, City of Greater Sudbury Liaison

3. Greater Sudbury Police Service New Proposed Business Plan

Staff Sergeant Craig Maki presented the Intent of the business plan, confirmed that partnership is the key towards a better plan, and introduced Superintendent Sheilah Webber who presented the following in short form:

- Mandated by police services act
- Adequacy standards
- Legislative responsibility to consult with community
- Vision: our shared commitment is founded in our proud traditions to provide exemplary service. As inclusive leaders we ensure community safety and well-being through collaborative partnerships, innovation and community engagement.
- Mission: invested in Our Shared Commitment, our members are ambassadors for a team-based approach to safety, security and wellness as champions for effective and efficient risk focused policing.
- Values: respect, inclusivity, courage, honesty
- Staffing: 265 officers, 111 civilians, 20 auxiliary officers, 160 volunteers, 40+ part-time members, 32 summer students
- Under 60,000 calls for service (57,036), but 15% are offence related, rest are non offence (social disorder, bear, liquor license, substance abuse); number of youths charged and cleared otherwise - 719
- Impaired driving offences 177; 12,130 RIDE vehicles checked
- 2013: \$50M, 90% wages and benefits

- Community response unit: works with the CANS, zone specific; each zone has a Staff Sergeant, Sergeant and 2 Police Constables
- Our shared commitment: enforce laws and hold offenders accountable; intervene collaboratively to reduce elevated risk situations; champion community safety, security and wellness; initiate and partner to achieve change in community outcomes.
- Number of programs in place, including rapid mobilization round table; partnership of 22 agencies

4 themes:

- mobilization and engaging our community: some current partnerships: Community Mobilization Sudbury, community drug strategy, NOAH's space - Better Beginning/Better Futures, CANS, N'Swakamok Native Friendship Center
- Community safety and law enforcement
- Service excellence: police officer vs a community safety officer: alternate delivery officers
- Our members: investing in members, best tools and equipment, skills development

- Also doing residential/business surveys: since the first week in January: 110 questions
- Oracle poll: on GSPS website
- Commitment to community safety

- CAN issues:

- graffiti - youth strategy - in summer, city hires security guards to patrol parks
- Snowmobiles
- Falconbridge road: buses and speeding; new school (Holy Trinity)
- Good things: knock program, constable assigned to CANS, auxiliary officers
- Speeding: possibility of community safety zone
- 264 officers: about 140 uniform patrol;
- Ongoing and recurring problems: report issues to the police – contact Sergeant Steve Russell re traffic issues

- Plan will be a public document, hopefully ready end of February

4. CAN Projects and Brainstorming

Rachelle Niemela itemized the projects that are being planned for 2015, including the community gardens at Twin Forks, participation in a “New Sudbury Days” festival with the other New Sudbury wards. Activities are also being planned for Twin Forks, including the Junction Creek Festival. Residents are encouraged to send their ideas for community projects to the CAN.

5. Councillor Updates/Citizen Concerns

Due to time constraints, there were no concerns expressed, as discussions were held during the GSPS presentation.

6. Next Meeting

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.