



Public Meeting, September 18, 2019

Minutes

1. Welcome and Introductions

Rachelle Niemela, current Chair of the CAN, welcomed local residents and introduced the Executive members in attendance, our special guest speaker, and key community partners. In attendance were Rachelle Niemela (Chair), Gates Legault (Treasurer), Elyse Greenslade (Secretary) Mary Morrier (member at large), **John ???** (Greater Sudbury Police Service Community Response Unit), Renee Brownlee (City of Greater Sudbury).

Absent: Al Sizer (Ward 8 Councillor), Mike Morelli (President, Twin Forks Association)

2. Environmental Services

Presentation on new bag limit

2016: went from 3 to 2 bags

2019: went from 2 to 1 bags

2021: 2 bags every 2 weeks

Currently have 25 years left with landfill space

Cost of new landfill would be \$40 to \$50 million or could be up to \$100 million with higher standards

Waste to Energy plant for cost between \$200 to \$300 million

One bag limit

- 40 lbs
- 1 bag/1container (can be loose)/1 bundle

Crab apples and pumpkins can be beside green cart in compostable bags

Can get a better lock for old green carts through the City

Solid Waste Master Plan is up for review

Big Blue recycling bins are \$10

Regular recycling bins and green carts are free

Unlimited collection

- Leaf & Yard trimmings
- Blue box recyclables
- Green cart organics
- Large electronics, furniture & appliances

Styrofoam and paper can be placed in a clear plastic bag

Support programs available

- Diapers (cloth diapers \$100)
- Pet waste (digester)
- Medical
- Home visits

Look for tipping fees exemption week

Garbage bag tags are available at a cost, but residents have received 10 tags in the mail to help with transition from 2 to 1 bag

Batteries can be brought to libraries and certain retailers

Go to Waste Wise website or Waste Wizard app to search items for information on how to dispose, book item pick-up, and look-up garbage day

3. 2019 CAN Activities

Overview of activities:

- Community clean-up
- Community garden
- Art in the Park
- Splash pad – Spring 2020
- New Sudbury Days – 500 to 600 BBQ, interacted with 1,000 people

4. Greater Sudbury Police Service

Automobile theft is still problem in the area, reminder to lock vehicle and not leave valuable items in plain sight or in the car

New mobile app on Android or Apple to log crimes, obtain news alerts and look at available jobs

Concern over needles brought forward

Concern over speed on Auger – should be stop sign at Fielding

5. Parks, Open Space, and Leisure Master Plan

Discussion around feedback to be submitted to a City initiative to seek public comments on the plan. The resulting feedback was submitted via email to Jeff Pafford, Director of Leisure Services, on September 19.

General

- Importance of unstructured space and play, and affordable recreation activities; many people moving away from organized sports; would like to see going back to the “old” playground model where people did not have to pay to participate in summer playground events
- Importance of linear parks and trails and how they connect the community – more people walking and cycling
- Making it easier to have events in parks without tons of paperwork or approvals
- Faster and more accommodating responses to new features and ideas (there seems to be a reluctance to discuss anything that is outside of staff’s comfort zone)
- Addressing all age groups and not just children

Issues with Trails and paved connectors

- Supporting active transportation – more people are walking and cycling and they want the trails, paths, and sidewalks/bike lanes to be better maintained; more proactive maintenance throughout the year and not just in the spring

- Accommodating bikes with trailers – some of our trail entrances make it difficult for bikes with trailers to navigate the posts that have been installed; installing curb cuts at entrances, and signage
- Paved paths that connect neighbourhood standards and maintenance - these should be better maintained
- Line sights and safety (brush and trees) on trails – maintenance should be throughout the summer
- Cross-departmental issues like provincial cycling routes – need to break down the barriers and responses that are “it’s not my department”
- Signage in general
- More benches
- More garbage cans, including dog poop stations and bag dispensers

Additional features at our local parks and neighbourhoods

- Skateboard and/or bmx/pump park at Twin Forks – what are the standards, costs and how do we get this moving
- More garbage cans
- Basketball is a more popular activity now
- Tennis is still popular and the tennis courts at Twin Forks are really well used, but need to be fixed
- Boards for the rink at Rosemarie – only need low boards, but would be good for the kids and the balls and rubber pucks that fly onto the road
- Bicycle parking – need this in all of our parks
- Recycling and composting – need this in all of our parks
- Dog waste (disposal and bags) – need this in all of our parks
- Accessibility – need to work on accessibility in our parks and community gardens
- Benches and picnic tables – more benches, especially for families and seniors
- Shade is lacking at many of our parks
- Shade/trees and additional features specifically at Place Hurtubise Playground