



November 16, 2022 General Meeting
7:00 to 8:30 pm
Approved Minutes
[Facebook Live recording](#)

We live and work in N'Swakamok / Sudbury in Robinson-Huron Treaty territory and on the traditional lands of Atikameksheng Anishnawbek and Wahnapiatae First Nation.

1. Introductions, roll call and approval of agenda

Ward 8 CAN Executive Members in attendance:

Rachelle Niemela, Chair
James Mealin, Vice-Chair (via Zoom)
Theresa Anderson-Butcher, Recording Secretary (via Zoom)
Mary Morrier, CAN Member
Maria Bozzo, CAN Member
Regrets: Elise Greenslade, CAN Member

City of Greater Sudbury resources:

Al Sizer, Ward 8 Councillor
Regrets: Riley Adams, CAN Liaison
Special Guest: Shannon Dowling, Co-ordinator of Special Operations (CEMC)

Rachelle Niemela, CAN Chair, introduced the members of the Executive who were in attendance in person or electronically via Zoom.

The agenda was approved with the addition of the item "New CAN Executive Members" in item 5 which is the business part of the meeting.

2. Greater Sudbury Policy Service update for Ward 8

Mickey Teed, our CAN GSPS Liaison Officer, reported on two issues in the ward with the following quite notes:

- Increase in theft and car break ins in the area. Suggestions for preventing break-ins: don't keep spare keys in your car and leave curtains open when you are away.
- Increase in car collisions on Maley Drive: please drive more carefully especially with winter weather arriving.

Discussion notes (full discussion available on FB Livestream):

- Members reporting people driving too fast on our streets – Barrydowne, Hawthorne, Lansing etc
- Recommendation to report incidents on www.gspcs.ca - that way, the police will know which areas to target. CopLogic: <https://www.gspcs.ca/en/reporting/online-reporting-coplogic.aspx>
- Al Sizer reported the bollards will be put back on Lansing next year, and they are being used throughout the City to calm traffic; the City looking at three-way stop from on Lansing at Lamothe given increased traffic via Maley.
 - Recommendation for the police: more safety ads for safe/dangerous driving

3. Special Presentation: City of Greater Sudbury - Emergency Preparedness (20 min)

Shannon Dowling, Co-ordinator of Special Operations (CEMC), led a discussion around emergency preparedness and what it means.

Discussion notes (full discussion available on FB Livestream):

- Emergency preparedness examples – 72 hour kits which include important documents
- Residents are encouraged to sign up for Sudbury Alerts – local emergency communications that compliments the provincial alerting system: <https://www.greatersudbury.ca/live/emergency-services/emergency-management/sudbury-alerts/> and sign up here: <https://member.everbridge.net/453003085615700/login>
- Role of the city in emergency preparedness – Community Response Plan is posted on the city site – publicly available at: <https://www.greatersudbury.ca/live/emergency-services/emergency-management/public-emergency-response-plan/> Key areas Hazard Identification Risk Assessment (HIRA), Community Control Group, Emergency Operations Centre, Incident Management.

4. Report from the Councillor

- Traffic calming and speeding in our Ward – pilot project Community Gateway Speed limits where the City is reducing the speed limit in ward from 50—40 km/hr and in school zones from 40-30 km/hr; replacing all current street signs is extremely expensive, so this provides some opportunities to reduce speeds in a whole neighbourhood. Major entrance points will have a gateway sign – Auger has a sign. This is a pilot project to determine effectiveness. <https://www.greatersudbury.ca/live/transportation-parking-and-roads/traffic-management-and-road-safety/gateway-speed-limits-in-residential-areas/>
- Budget – need to reduce budget increases to limit to 3.7% max impact on municipal tax increases; have a \$17M+ challenge. Budget deliberations start in January with expected approval in March.
- Salt reduction program: EarthCare is providing 12 oz cup for salt as a promotional gift at public libraries to encourage people to reduce their use of salt on their property, to help reduce the amount of salt entering our water systems.
- Nov 29 is the next/first new Council meeting

5. Standing Agenda:

- Financial status and budget:
 - o \$368.77 and a little petty cash \$450 for remainder of year 2022 approximately. Activities for remainder of the year include a volunteer appreciation get together; a Holiday lights competition in ward 8 (draw for gift certificates).
 - o **Motion** to approve the proposed 2023 Chart of Accounts. Approved.
 - o Re our yearly \$2,500 operating grant from the City, we are concerned about the grant not being allocated to the CANs in the new year – if we drain our accounts (City guidelines state we need to spend all grant dollars by Dec 31), we don't have funding for most of the year (this year we received our grant in July).
- Approval of previous minutes: **Motion** to approve the previous minutes. Approved
- 311 calls status update: noted that the report is in our meeting Google drive that was publicized with the meeting announcements; there are still challenges with communications and updates

from the City on some calls logged, and some outstanding items of concern that haven't been addressed by the City after we expressed concerns about the responses received.

- Event and project updates: The CAN is asking residents to provide suggestions for projects/activities for 2023. Residents were encouraged to provide ideas on a flipchart at the meeting. A note that the Twin Forks tennis court renewal has been delayed to next year and that the Twin Forks and Place Hurtubise community garden educational signs were installed at their permanent locations this past weekend.
- Subcommittee reports:
 - o Twin Forks Community Gardens: Rachelle reported that over 250 children participated in the Cultivate Your Neighbourhood project (4 schools); 6-10 volunteers participated on a regular basis throughout the summer; several projects are complete or under way – accessibility, arbour, picnic tables, additional garden beds, pollinator garden, and more
 - o New Sudbury Days: Rachelle reported that 1,000+ people attended the 3 events (Place Hurtubise family event; Twin Forks BBQ; Westmount fireworks); plans are being discussed for more activities next year, including a music festival.
- New CAN Executive Members
 - o The following Ward 8 residents have expressed an interest in participating in our CAN:
 - o **Motion** to acclaim Patrick Auger in the Communications portfolio. Approved.
 - o **Motion** to acclaim Patrick McCoy as Treasurer. Approved.

6. Communications plan

- Patrick Auger and James Mealin will be working on updating how we communicate and engage with people. Suggestion to have public engagement events/meetings 4 times per year at different locations in the ward to see if we can get more engagement from these areas.

7. Other

- The CAN will also be working on a guiding document to compliment the City's Terms of Engagement to clarify operation issues, including additional Executive positions eg communications/engagement. Maria Bozzo will be helping us with this.

8. Next Meeting/Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm. Everyone was encouraged to chat with Councillor Al Sizer and Shannon Dowling.