



ANNUAL REPORT

2023

WARD 8 COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We humbly acknowledge that we hold our activities in N'Swakamok (City of Greater Sudbury) on the traditional territory lands of the Atikameksheng Anishnawbek, Wahnapiatae First Nation and Sagamok Anishnawbek.

We honour, recognize, and respect Indigenous people as the traditional stewards of the lands which we share and we gratefully acknowledge their historic and contemporary contributions to the guardianship of this land and recognize the contributions that the Metis, Inuit and other Indigenous people have made in shaping and strengthening our community.

This land has shown us the gifts of community and connection, and we are grateful that we are partners in building community and inclusivity in Ward 8.

ORGANIZING TEAM

2023-2024 EXECUTIVE BOARD

Chair: Rachelle Niemela

Vice-Chair: James Mealin

Treasurer: Patrick McCoy

Secretary: Theresa Anderson-Butcher

Member-at-Large: Elyse Greenslade

Member-at-Large: Mary Morrier

CITY COUNCILLOR

Al Sizer

CITY LIAISON

Shelley Ahmed

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO

Constable Mickey Teed, Greater Sudbury Police Service

Barb McDougall-Murdoch, Community Development Co-ordinator, City of Greater Sudbury

Marie Litalien, Director, Communications and Community Engagement, City of Greater Sudbury

PHOTO CREDITS

Rachelle Niemela

OUR LOGO

Gates Legault

WEBMASTER & TRANSLATION SERVICES

Rachelle Niemela

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR



Organizing partner of **New Sudbury Days**, committing 1,000+ volunteer hours



Organizing partner for the **1st Annual Festive Drop-In** at the New Sudbury Public Library



Leader of the *Cultivate Your Neighbourhood* seed start program at **Twin Forks Community Garden**, engaging 270+ elementary students, 15+ volunteers, and over 1,000+ volunteer hours committed



12'x16' greenhouse donated and sponsored by **Lopes Limited**; fencing funded by **City of Greater Sudbury** Healthy Community Initiatives Fund. Valued at \$40,000+



Supporting the work of the **Westmount Neighbourhood Association Hockey Rink Project**



Received a federal *Enabling Accessibility Fund* grant of \$10,000 through a partnership with **The Foodshed Project** to build accessible crusher dust paths at Twin Forks Community Garden. 12 volunteers and 50+ volunteer hours committed

OUR WARD CAN

VISION & MANDATE OF THE WARD 8 COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK (CAN)

CANs are community volunteers and neighbours who care about the neighbourhoods we live in and want them to be the best they can be. We work with City Staff, Councillors, local businesses, schools, and other organizations on projects that improve our quality of life. Together, we identify needs and priorities, and empower community members to make a difference.

CANs promote inclusive, respectful, and diverse membership and welcome all members of our community to participate and share their voice. Contact us for more information or to get involved.

A MESSAGE FROM RACHELLE NIEMELA

Chair, Ward 8 Community Action

A huge thanks to all of our dedicated volunteers who put in countless hours this in community activities, including planting and weeding community gardens, planning and running activities and festivals, working on capital projects, walking flyers out to neighbours, planning and running community meetings, compiling reports for the City of Greater Sudbury, and most importantly, sharing their views and aspirations of their community.

Many thanks too to the City of Greater Sudbury for supporting our projects and activities, and to all of our community partners. We collaborate with many, many groups and organizations. Without them, our small and dedicated Executive team would not be able to accomplish what we've done in the past and in 2023.

This year, we embarked on some community visioning, and you'll see in this document some of the feedback we received from local residents.

This feedback will help us prioritize our activities and projects moving forward. Thanks to everyone who participated, and if anyone wants to provide additional feedback about our ward and our CAN, we are always open to receiving your views!

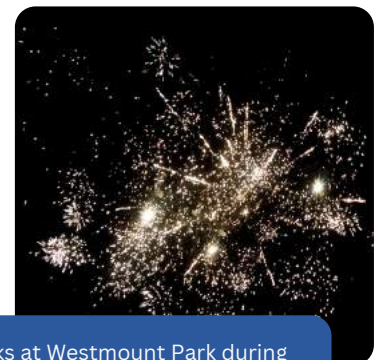
Rachelle Niemela
Chair, Ward 8 CAN



The enhanced pollinator garden at Twin Forks Community Garden



New accessible garden bed at Twin Forks Community Garden



Fireworks at Westmount Park during New Sudbury Days

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CITY COUNCILLOR

AL SIZER

City Councillor for Ward 8 • Deputy Mayor, City of Greater Sudbury

Dear Residents of Ward 8:

I'm delighted to share with you the Annual Report for the Ward 8 Community Action Network, highlighting the incredible strides we've taken together over the past year. As your local city councillor, I am immensely proud of our community's resilience, collaboration, and the positive impact we've achieved.

In this report, you'll discover the collective accomplishments of our residents, local businesses, and community partners. From successful neighbourhood events to impactful initiatives, the pages within encapsulate the vibrant spirit and shared dedication of our Ward 8 community.

While I've played a role in supporting our endeavours, it's the collaborative efforts of each resident that truly define our achievements. As we review the report, let's celebrate the grassroots initiatives that have contributed to the positive transformation of our community.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment and engagement. Together, we are building a stronger, more connected Ward 8.

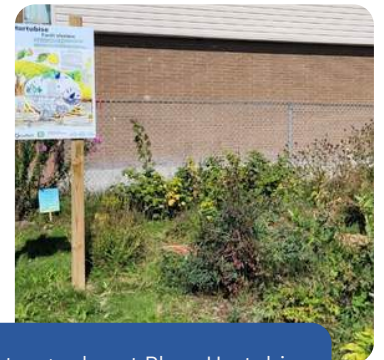
Until next time,



Al Sizer
City Councillor for Ward 8
Deputy Mayor, City of Greater Sudbury



Councillors Landry-Altman and Sizer at New Sudbury Days



The pollinator garden at Place Hurtubise. Major community partners: the Coalition for a Liveable Sudbury, Place Hurtubise Tenant Associations. Plant donations by Southview Greenhouses



The accessible paths at the Twin Forks Garden through a partnership with The Foodshed Project.

2023 VISIONING EXERCISES

WHAT DID WE WANT TO ACCOMPLISH THROUGH VISIONING SESSIONS?

In the pursuit of a more vibrant and responsive community, the Ward 8 Community Action Network (Ward 8 CAN) took a proactive approach by engaging directly with our residents. Over the past year, we conducted visioning sessions aimed at amplifying the voices of our community members. These sessions served as invaluable platforms for residents to articulate their priorities, concerns, and aspirations for the improvement of the New Sudbury community.

Through these sessions, the Ward 8 CAN fostered an environment of open dialogue and inclusivity, ensuring that the diverse perspectives and needs of our residents are at the forefront of our initiatives. This commitment to grassroots engagement not only enriches our understanding of the community but also serves as the guiding force for future projects and endeavours.

As we navigate the path forward, the insights gathered from these visioning sessions will be instrumental in shaping a community workplan that authentically reflects the desires and aspirations of the residents of Ward 8.

Some highlights follow.



150+

residents responded to our visioning questions



4 public events held where feedback from residents was gathered



498

people engaged with our social media pages

WHY DO YOU LIVE IN WARD 8?

Accessibility
at the Twin
Forks garden

Reliable
public
transit

A safe, walkable,
clean, transit-
friendly
neighbourhood

Close to schools,
shopping, church,
doctors & other
services

Clean and mature
neighbourhoods
that are great for
raising a family

Our network
of gardens, parks,
and trails

Good location.
Handy to
amenities

Family
friendly and
lots to do
with the kids

Safe, quiet - the
best part of the
city

WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT WARD 8?

Friendly
people

Everything you need is
here i.e. shopping,
sports, trails, doctors,
dentists, clinics,
schools, college

Good
restaurants
and
entertainment

Family
friendly

Proximity of
schools,
shopping, free
parking

Almost
everything is
within
walking
distance

I feel safe in
New Sudbury

The mature
area. The
community is
clean.

Good playground
facilities

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN WARD 8 THAT'S MISSING?

A multi-use building that can be used for meetings and gatherings

Benches, dog park, snow clearing on sidewalks, more accessibility for mobility issues

Bus shelters

Better sidewalk plowing in the winter

Get speeding under control

Improve and build new walking paths

Bike lanes on Lasalle

More affordable housing options

More paths for ATV/dirt bikes, and snowmobiling

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR CAN TO WORK ON?

More festivals
(music &
entertainment)
and winter
activities

Focus on
garbage clean
up year round

More
activities at
our parks

making the
Ward more
walkable

More
activities for
seniors and
teens

More
neighbourhood
organization to
identify local
issues, priorities
and concerns

Making the
Ward more
walkable and
bikeable

Better
communications
from the City
about local issues

Better
communications
about activities &
meetings

2023 ACTIVITIES

Community engagement

- 8 planning and engagement meetings
- Ward 8 CAN Annual General Meeting (March 2023)
- Assisted in planning and holding the Mayor's Town Hall at Lasalle Secondary School (May 2023)
- Facebook business page and group; Instagram
- Monthly e-newsletters to subscribers

Activities and programs

- *Cultivate Your Neighbourhood* seed-starts with 3 elementary schools
- Weekly work bees at the Twin Forks Community Garden during spring, summer, and fall
- 10+ partnership activities and outreach

Major Public Events

- Spring cleanup blitz
- Junction Creek Trout Release Festival (partnership with the Junction Creek Stewardship Committee)
- New Sudbury Days (New Sudbury West CAN and other community partnerships)
- Festive Family Drop-In at the New Sudbury Public Library (partnership with the New Sudbury West CAN)

Capital projects completed in 2022-2023

- Accessible picnic tables at Twin Forks and Place Hurtubise
- Accessible crusher dust paths at Twin Forks Community Garden
- Additional plants in pollinator gardens at Twin Forks and Place Hurtubise
- Twin Forks Garden arbour and additional accessible beds

Capital projects started in 2023 and in progress for 2024

- Twin Forks greenhouse - in progress (building and fencing installed)



The new greenhouse at Twin Forks, donated by our friends at Lopes.



The kids love taking care of the community gardens.



New accessible picnic tables at Twin Forks and Place Hurtubise

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



498

people like our social media pages



1,000+

hours of volunteer time committed



12,316

people reached on all social media platforms



8

major events and special projects



270+

students engaged at **local elementary schools**



272

email subscribers

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Thank you to the many community groups and organizations who made 2023 so successful for your Community Action Network!

- City of Greater Sudbury
- Government of Canada - Enabling Accessibility Fund
- Public Health Sudbury and District
- Greater Sudbury Public Library - New Sudbury
- New Sudbury West Community Action Network
- Ward 11 Community Action Network
- Coniston Community Action Network
- Twin Forks Neighbourhood Association
- Rosemarie Neighbourhood Association
- Westmount Neighbourhood Association
- Place Hurtubise-Keewatin Tenant Association
- Coalition for a Liveable Sudbury
- Rainbow Routes Association
- Junction Creek Stewardship Committee
- Bike Sudbury
- Sudbury Community Garden Network
- Sudbury Shared Harvest
- The Foodshed Project
- Lopes Limited
- Volunteer Sudbury
- École Catholique St. Dominique
- École publique Jean-Ethier Blais
- Holy Trinity Catholic Elementary School
- Lasalle Secondary School
- Sudbury Secondary School
- Cambrian College
- Better Beginnings Better Futures
- Our Children our Future

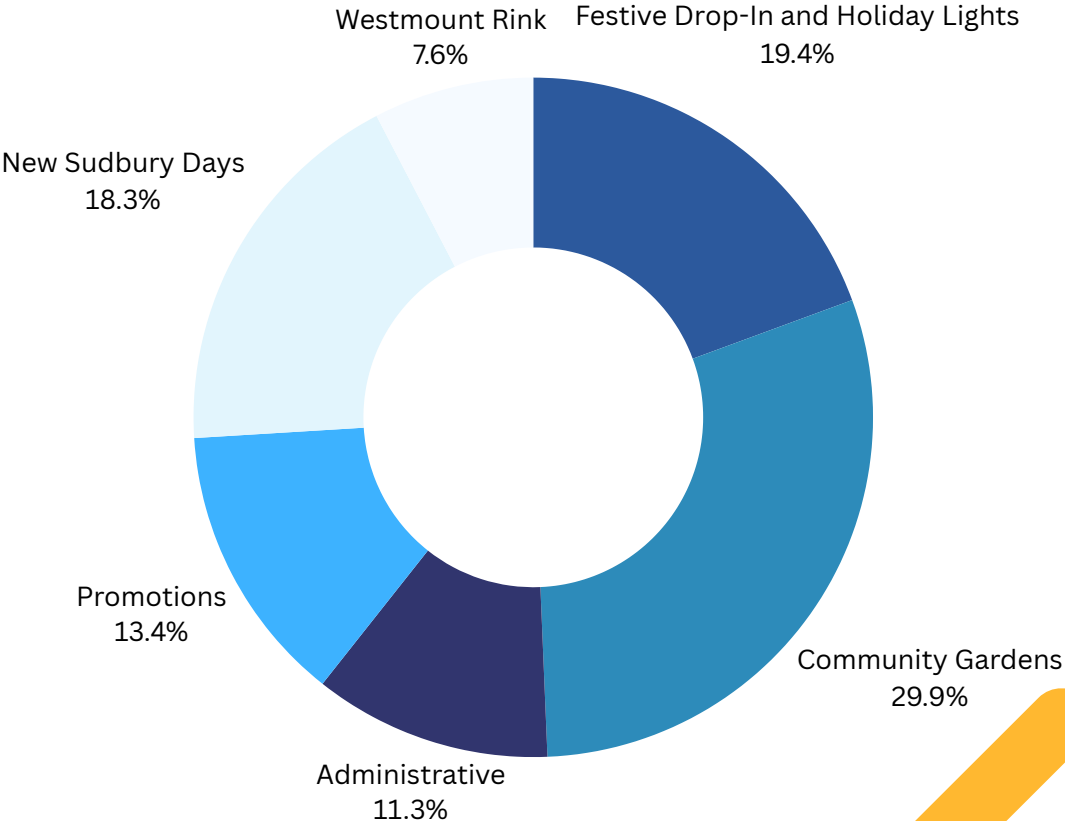
FINANCIAL REPORT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

(AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023)

CURRENT ASSETS		CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Sudbury Credit Union - Chequing Account	443.07	General Liabilities	46.42
Petty Cash	46.81		
Total Assets	489.88		
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND ASSETS			443.46

EXPENSE BREAKDOWN



2023 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Opening Balance on January 1, 2023	373.67	Bank Fees	6.75
City of Greater Sudbury Funding	2,500.00	CAN Public Meeting Expenses	93.74
Individual Donations	4.87	Community Garden (Twin Forks)	1,020.65
Transfer from Twin Forks Neighbourhood Association	318.58	Community Outreach/Engagement Expenses	94.19
Transfer from the Foodshed Project	702.43	Equipment Purchases	128.82
TOTAL INCOME	3,899.55	Event - Festive Drop-In (New Sudbury Library, December 2023)	436.34
		Office Supplies	46.42
		Promotional Materials	455.92
		Event - Holiday Decorating Contest (December 2022)	224.57
		Special Event - New Sudbury Days	625.00
		Special Project - Westmount Community Rink Revitalization	260.23
		Website & Social Media Expenses	15.81
		TOTAL EXPENSES	3,409.67
		EXCESS/(DEFICIENCY) AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023:	489.88



Interested in getting involved with the Ward 8
Community Action Network?
Visit us online at: ward8sudbury.ca