

**Donovan / Elm West  
Proposed Community Action Network  
Interest Group Meeting  
March 22, 2007  
6:30 p.m.  
Croatian Centre (571 Kathleen Street)**

**Meeting Notes**

**Welcome & Introductions**

Councillor Evelyn Dutrisac welcomed all those in attendance and thank everyone for taking the time to learn about Community Action Networks (CANs) and to discuss the merits of establishing a CAN for the Donovan / Elm West area.

All guests were asked to introduce themselves and inform the group what reasons they've decided to attend the meeting.

**Community Action Network Overview**

Chris Gore (Manager of Community Partnerships) provided an overview of Community Action Networks, their history and the projects and initiatives some of the other established CANs are working on.

**Planning Boundaries**

The group spent some time discussing the proposed boundaries for a Community Action Network. It was agreed that the CAN should include the areas commonly referred to as:

- Donovan (up to College Street)
- Elm West
- Little Britain
- Northern Heights (up to College Boreal)

The group requested a Ward 2 map showing boundaries as well as the map from the Donovan Community Improvement Plan for future discussions regarding planning boundaries (maps attached).

**Major Issues Facing the Community**

During the introduction period of the meeting, several major issues the community is dealing with were raised:

- Area needs clean up & beautification. The neighbourhood has been neglected.
- Lack of community pride. Donovan has a poor image with rest of City.
- Increased crime, drug trafficking, break-ins. Need more police presence.
- An increase of transient and rental individuals. Not taking care of properties/homes.
- Major problems with pet owners not complying with poop-n-scoop by-law.
- Snow removal issues. Bus shelters not cleaned out during winter months.
- Parks/playgrounds neglected. Donovan Heritage Park specifically mentioned.
- Not sure who to contact at City Hall. Lack of response from City staff regarding problems.

## **Critical Questions**

The group was asked what were some of the key questions remaining regarding the development of a Community Action Network.

- What is the size of a Community Action Network?  
*Most CANs are comprised of 10 to 15 individuals with several other volunteers working on specific projects under the CAN committee.*
- Is there a budget for the Community Action Network?  
*Staff have a small budget to support CAN initiatives. The Community Solutions Team did recommend an annual budget form CANs at a rate of \$2 per resident for the area that a CAN represents.*
- Need more representation from businesses, schools and churches.  
*Individuals were encouraged to recruit people from the community to attend future meetings. A CAN recruitment form is attached to give some ideas which sectors can be considered.*
- What is the meeting frequency for other CANs?  
*Most CANs meet on a monthly basis and usually take a break during the summer months. Project specific meetings will take place on a as needed basis.*
- Is there an opportunity to access Ward Councillor funds?  
*All Ward Councillors have Community Improvement Program Funds which CANs can request to assist with project proposals. Councillor Dutrisac noted that she was setting aside a portion of her available funds to assist with any CAN projects in the Donovan/Elm West areas.*
- Jim Illnitski noted that several of the concepts and issues discussed are included in the Community Improvement Plan that was developed by the Planning Department prior to amalgamation.  
*Copies of the Donovan Community Improvement Plan will be made available to interested individuals.*
- Would the group be able to organize school groups in the area to conduct a clean up in the spring?  
*This is an excellent example of the type of project Community Action Networks can complete. Information about the City of Greater Sudbury's 'Clean Up Blitz' will be provided at the next meeting.*

## **Decision to Proceed**

The entire group agreed that establishing a Donovan/Elm West Community Action Network would be of benefit to the area and help resolve some of the issues in the community.

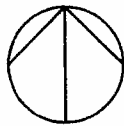
## **Next Meeting**

Visioning Session  
Thursday, April 26, 2007  
5:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. (dinner provided)  
Croatian Centre (571 Kathleen)

# DONOVAN COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT AREA

## OVERALL CONCEPT PLAN

-  **COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT BOUNDARY**
-  **COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PRIORITY AREAS** (includes railway lands)
-  **COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT AREAS**



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