

Donovan/Elm West Community Action Network
Meeting #5
November 29th, 2007 7:00 P.M. - 9:30 P.M.
Croatian Centre (Lower Hall)

Greetings from Irene Larocque and Don Brisebois, Chair and Co-Chair of the Donovan/Elm West CAN

Attendance taken and signed sheet circulated (see attached copy).

Guest speaker, Denise Fraser, Special Constable gave a presentation on Police Services, i.e drug control, railway safety issues, B & E's and dealing with problems arising with youths in the school systems. She spoke in great details on initiatives of the Crime Prevention Academy for the North (see attached document for further information).

The Crime Prevention Academy, (C.P.A.) a pilot project has been adopted by the City of Greater Sudbury. Special Constable Fraser is recruiting community members for the C.P.A. which will start January 29/08 to March /08 at Tom Davies Square. Anyone interested may contact Denise Fraser @ the Sudbury Regional Police or my email. All are encouraged to participate in the C.P.A. program free of charge (attached application).

After completion of the 8-week course with C.P.A., volunteers who wish to participate in the Community Watch Program which was previously called Neighbourhood Watch Program will be welcomed. An advertising blitz will appear in January 08 in our local media.

Irene thanked Denise for the wealth of information given in her presentation.

Minutes from October 25, 2007 meeting were reviewed and no corrections noted.

Update on School Presentations at St. David's and Landsdowne's schools:

Mike Jablonsky and Diana Mulcahey reported that both presentation were well received by the schools. The teachers and the students from the senior classes at Landsdowne offered to help clean-up in the Spring.

Councillor Dutrisac received a thank you letter from St. David's school regarding the presentation given and the tree planted on the site by the CAN Committee in September.

Update on Hallowe'en Haunted House:

Mark Rastin reported that over two hundred children attended and received an abundance of non-perishable items which were donated to the Inner City Food Bank. He thanked the committee for passing out the flyers at the school during their presentation at St. David's School.

Update on request of Sites for New Garbage Receptacles:

Diana Mulcahey reported that we can provide a list regarding where we would like to have these garbage cans placed. Waste Management have already designated areas for the lay-out of garbage cans but input is welcomed.

CAN Directory update:

Jeff Pafford reported on the CAN Directory status. Members are to read the directory and any revision can be submit to Jeff at the January CAN meeting. After final draft, the CAN Directory will be circulated in the Northern Life.

EarthCare Sudbury Presentation:

Barb McDougal Murdock, Environmental Planning Initiatives Representative, spoke on the Green Plan, Climate Protection, Waste, Water and Soil, Landscape Protection. In May 2000, they started with 38 Community Partners like Science North, hospitals, schools, colleges, university, local businesses and they now have over 100 EarthCare partners in 2007.

She spoke on a program called Efficiency Sudbury which targets local retailers. Encouraged the use of LED lights, purchasing more energy efficient appliances that carry the Star Label. Encouraged the public to apply to Eco-Energy where grants and rebates are available for home owners allowing them to make their home more energy efficient.

The Environmental Planning Initiatives library is available to the public to borrow monitors which helps to determine how efficient your hydro consumption is in your home or business. For more information call 311 and ask for Barb McDougal Murdock.

Audit for home efficiency improvement are also available.

The E.P.I. is putting in place new initiatives to decrease air pollution. For example, the Car Idling Emission Campaign Program is effective in the City of Greater Sudbury. Car pooling initiatives have been launched by the City.

Project Porch Light

Volunteers needed to distribute C.F.L. light bulbs in their neighbourhoods. Mark, Mario and Mark offered their services to distribute the light bulbs in the Donovan/Elm West area. Mark R. has offered to deliver the Community Directory at the same time as the light bulbs. This will be an excellent opportunity to continue to introduce the CAN to the area.

On December 19, 6 P.M. at the MacKenzie Library an energy presentation will be given and

attendees will receive a free C.F.L.lightbulb.

In 2010, Smart Meters will be in effect and 2012 all lights will be replaced with C.F.L. Star light bulbs. For further information call 866-585-6359 or email volunteer@projectporchlight.com
All of the CAN members present received a C.F.L. light bulb.

Update on Landsdowne and Frood creek:

Diane K. reported on the speedy response from the City on the repairs pertaining to the dangerous area around the creek making it safer for the children in the area.

Petition regarding closure of Toronto-Dominion Bank on Frood:

Irene L. suggested a petition for the non-closure of the T.D.bank. The members felt that it was already a done deal therefore a petition would be futile thus no one from this committee will pursue this matter.

Green Spaces Committee:

Don Brisebois is a member and the committee has been asked to allocate 5-Green Spaces in the City of Greater Sudbury. Don is looking for input before he reports to City council in the New Year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Meeting in December is cancelled and next meeting will be January 31, 2008. Key speakers will be representatives from Pet Save and Public Works.

Members are to

- bring a list of potential areas where they would like to see new garbage receptacles
- corrections on the Community Directory and
- where they would like Green Spaces developed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Happy New Year's To All.