

Donovan/Elm West Community Action Network
Meeting #6
January 31th, 2008 7:00P.M. -9:30 P.M.
Croatian Centre

Happy New Year from Irene Larocque and Don Brisebois Chair and Co-Chair of the C.A.N. of Donovan/Elm West.

Attendance taken and signed sheet circulated by Lori Wall, Secretary-Treasurer. See attached copy.

Pet Save Presentation, guest speaker, Jill Passot

- History given on her involvement in the program Pet Save
- Information on 2001 by-law regarding strays; shelters are only responsible for 72 hours for strays, pound keepers can put strays up for adoption
- City funding has been running for the past 5 years - City licence (\$40.00) & a coupon valued at \$80.00 is given for spaying. Spaying and vaccination are done at Pet Save at a reduced rate.
- Pet Neutering Program by Pet Save - 1/3 of the cost for spaying and neutering and adoption -NO KILL PROGRAM
- Speaker emphasized that cats are indoor pets and cost of owning a cat per year is \$500. 00 and a dog is \$1000.00 per year as long as animals are healthy. Food is very important for their diet. Some advertised brands are like feeding "pop and chips" to your pets.
- Pet Save is doing education in the school system. Problem arising with owning a pet lies in the age groups between 19 to 25 years of age because of lack of education with regards to caring for their pets responsibly.
- Farrels are growing at an alarming rate and they cannot be domesticated. This has become an International Problem.
- Statistics: 1 female cat can reproduce 4 times a year and give birth to 7,000 cats in 3 years.
- In 2003, Pet Save took in 2000 to 3000 animals.
- Pet Save has a Foster Home Program where people volunteer to spend time with the pets.
- Pet Save can be reached at 692-3319.

Mini Break

Thanks to Councillor Dutrisac for providing an excellent refreshments and home baking. It was greatly appreciated by all.

Report by Diana Mulcahey re: New Garbage Receptacles

- 8-locations were suggested.
- Diane and Evelyn will be meeting with the Advisory Committee on February 7th to discuss proposed locations of garbage receptacles.

Report by Don Brisebois re: Green Space Advisory Panel

- panel set up by council to set establish modern Green Spaces.
- Don asked for recommendations to bring back to council.
- Don reported that council is moving forward in identifying Green Space allocation

No report available with regards to Light Bulbs by Joan Arbic (absent)

Report by Mark, Marc and Mario re: Project Porchlight Bulb Distribution

Mark stated that they distributed 150 light bulbs in the Donovan, Little Britain and Elm West area. It was well received. (See attached sheet for report)

Steering Committee 2008 Priorities

Jeff Pafford, Greater City of Sudbury Leisure Services Development Coordinator spoke on Terms of References. These will be revised by Councillor Gaspirini & Berthiaume to reflect Terms of Reference as a Grass Root Committee thus eliminating Political Terms of Reference. They will be addressing funding and identifying the role of C.A.N. in the community. They will be reporting to council at a later date.

Report by Councillor Dutrisac

- “Doors Open” 125th Anniversary Celebration July 18-19, 2008. General Meeting February 15, 1:00 P.M. at McKenzie site Public Library. Volunteers are needed to participate with the Committees. Contact Diane Knoblauch at 675-5023 prior to meeting with information regarding Heritage Buildings in your neighbourhood to be toured during the “Open Door” event
- Desjardins may be giving funds to build Skateboard Park in one of our local parks
- Councillor Dutrisac would like the local businesses to fund a local Welcoming sign for Donovan / Elm West at College/Kathleen intersections. Ideal area for Green Space initiative also.
- Friday, February 1, volunteers needed to fold new directory for the Donovan/Elm West pamphlets at Civic Square. Directories will be inserted in Northern Life for distribution.
- Councillor expressed her heartfelt appreciation for all the work the C.A.N. Committee has contributed making her job easier as an alderwoman. She shared her wishlist for 2008 with the people attending the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Croatian Club is hosting Super Bowl Special starting at 4:00 P.M. Sunday, February 3, 2008. Dinner is \$8.00 per person. Proceeds going to Breakfast Club at Holy Trinity Church. Councillor Dutrisac encouraged people to support this cause.

Crime Prevention Academy will begin February 11 and continue on the following dates: February 21, 25, March 3, 20, 25,31, April 7 and 14. Good luck to all participants.

Next meeting February 28, 2008 Croatian Hall 7:00 P.M.

Porchlight Project
December 2007

150 CFL bulbs were distributed in the Elm-West / Donovan area and promotion of the CAN program was made.

With the personal interaction, it was noted that 7 out of 10 houses are already using the CFL bulbs. Homeowners were pleased to receive this “gift” from the Greater City of Sudbury and were aware of the need to promote energy conservation.

Information was also given pertaining to the CAN organization and several homeowners were interested in receiving further information on this.

8 out of 10 people are receiving the Northern Lite thus would be receiving the flyer pertaining to services available and what number to call when in need of assistance.

Homeowners were encouraged to read the yellow flyer and to have it available for future reference.

Due to the number of people receiving the Northern Lite, flyers were not distributed in the Poplar to Pine area. It was felt that some of the flyers would be thrown in the re-cycle bins.

Recommend that the 50 flyers allotted to this area be distributed randomly to the homes which did not receive the CFL light with a note on the flyer regarding the next CAN meeting thus providing a continued education process for this area.

The personal contact with the 50 individual families in the Poplar, Stanley, Maple, Ash, area was positive.

Marc Bélanger and Mario Timpano did the Donovan and Little Britain area respectively. They stated that the delivery went well even though the weather was not conducive for distribution. People were pleased and some made comments that it was about time. Two homes wanted to give old lightbulbs to Mario for exchange but Mario stated that he was giving not receiving.

Suggestion: Should we have a light bulb exchange program.

Respectfully submitted

Lucette Langlois for Mark Rastin