

February 28, 2008 CAN meeting held in the Onaping Community Center.

PARKS PILLAR

Present was Councillor Claude Berthiaume, cochair Lorne Taylor, communications pillar chair Scott Sagle, parks pillar chair Sylvie Piette, Const. Darren Carbonneau, and 13 members at large.

Sylvia Piette after the January meeting volunteered to chair the skateboard pillar. Her first job was to find out what the teenagers themselves wanted. She took a survey to the Dowling teen center. She will be going to the Levack school next week and asking the grade 6 7 8. They all want the skateboard parks in their own towns and she feels we can only do one project this year.

It was noted by Jana Lahnalampi that a strong message to be sent out that the bitterness between the communities has to be over with. We shoot ourselves in the foot over and over again because of it. People should be saying yay at least it's in this area and not in Sudbury. We have to look at what is best for the community, the best land and other factors and choose on merits rather than people complaining. This is a great start. If it ends up in Levack Onaping or Dowling and people want it in the area they should start their own committee and work for it too. This issue has to be addressed

Sylvia Piette said the difficulties she that does not know what land is available, what the city will approved. We will pick a couple sites and see what we all agree with.

Jana Lahnalampi said all we would need is to go in with all these great plans and just go in one area and people from the other area complain and the city will simply use that as an excuse to bomb it. They will say don't do it until you decide where you want it.

Lorne Taylor suggested they could do it in two ways. Portable Equipment is now being used in Onaping. There used to be some in Dowling. We could get more equipment to put on the skating rink in there. At the same time build a good big cement one. It was Mrs. Fraser's idea to have it beside the arena in Levack. Look at two projects at the same time. We sent Councillor Claude Berthiaume an e-mail because the kids were complaining that Onaping the equipment was sitting in Azilda. It is sitting there behind their storage sheds in Azilda. We should be able to get to the city and asked for that equipment. Ask for total list and find a way to divide it out fairly with the communities either by lottery or by choosing a park. We'll also at the same time look for a funded by the Mining Company or whatever dug in the ground super park. It would attract kids rather than just localized users.

A resident said he doesn't see Onaping and Levack as two different places. People walk between them. Dowling is different especially for kids. They have no transportation between the two communities. While the kids have four wheelers there is no trail between Dowling and Onaping Levack. Levack Onaping should be treated as one community. Jana Lahnalampi agreed. There should be one in Dowling and one in Levack Onaping.

Lorne Taylor said there will be two we are going to do it. The local teen center worker said she had 20 kids in the center in Onaping that night but no kids from Levack. They don't have transportation. A lot of kids in Levack want to come here but there's no transportation. She is writing a proposal to do something for recreation in the Levack school.

Councillor Claude Berthiaume said originally when we decided to put skateboard equipment we put some in Onaping and we're going to put some in Dowling. We try to put something in every community we wanted some in Azilda, and Chelmsford, to spread it around. It depends on what type of skateboard park you want. If you want cement like Meadow Lake it cost approximately

\$150,000. It's a lot of money. The portable equipment cost \$10-\$12000. The plan was when Councillor Bradley and I shared the same area. Now I'm the only one for this area. I'm game for anything.

Sylvia Piette said she's ready to get the money from the local businesses.

Councillor Claude Berthiaume said the plan was to put some equipment everywhere.

Taylor asked if there still funding for more equipment. Claude Berthiaume said that there they got a large amount of money to spread for skateboard parks across the city. He does not think there's any money there left. But he does have some money. Taylor asked about re-cementing the ice rinks because it is really rough.

Jana Lahnalampi asked if there was skateboarding in the arena at Azilda throughout the summer. Her nephew worked there. Claude Berthiaume said he did not think there was skateboarding inside. Jana Lahnalampi was thinking of increasing the usage of our facility. It would create local jobs. Caproel has something like that but they pay to use it. It's a liability issue. If the equipment is outside it is used at your own risk. The staff say that if it's inside we have to higher staffing and that becomes more costly.

Sylvia Piette said that in Azilda they used the "let there be kids" program and we will be applying to be part of it. Taylor explained that "let there be kids" is an international group done by a guy in the states who does speaking tours to get communities together to build parks. He is a motivational speaker. In Azilda used it and got \$15,000 from the city in this group has fundraising too. They rebuilt an outside park with asphalt and some nice skateboard stuff on it. It is one good option. The city will be offering two of them every year for the next three years. We have till the end of the month to apply for it for Dowling or Onaping and then look at total separate funding for digging in something in Levack. Two major projects are having the first one as a "let there be kids" project. They want to sell you park equipment and stuff. It is an aboveground project. If we can get better cement in Dowling so it's a level surface and leave that one as a equipment on top arrangement. Does that seem logical?

Some of the people said let's just have one good one in the Onaping Levack area.

Levack Onaping share the same hockey teams, the same schools, they are good at sharing. Taylor asked if anyone has any objections to trying for the big cement one in Levack in front of the arena.

Sylvia Piette said there could be a lot of traffic, it is on a corner, and it is on a slope. We would not be able to build a half pipe and usually they have one. You would have to fill it up. I hope you're not picturing just pouring a whole bunch of cement over the hill. Taylor said no they would have to hires an engineer. There's a website in Alberta showing how they built these things all over the country. You get a company like that who can design the park. We get a map of the site, show them pictures, bring them out, get an estimate and then we do the fundraising on it.

Jana Lahnalampi suggested we get somebody that knows how to build parks and have them build the cheapest. Taylor said no not the cheapest. The point of that site is you want the kids to be seen. You want them to be right out there in front of you all the time. They are in that location anyway but you would give them something to do. So they have accomplishments. So there's a feeling of success. If we keep putting them behind the barn they are going to start a fire behind the barn. We know they will paint it. At least they won't trash it. Let them be involved in it. It is weird. I've never seen kids sitting on the corner in a prominent location like that all the time. Sylvia Piette said she used to do it too. It was because we didn't have anything to do. Taylor said let's give them something to do right there. The whole summer months they have nothing to do.

Jana Lahnalampi said they used the basketball court all the time until the school was sold. It's been torn down they don't even have that. Taylor asked whether some hoops could be put up in the parking lot in front of the arena. A resident suggested the ball diamonds not used enough. A few games in the summer is all. Taylor said the soccer field is worse for use. It is not used anymore. Sylvia Piette said the area of the soccer field would be perfect.

The teen manager said she's trying to get summer programs for the teens by working with other community centers. We are now working with Valley East having community hockey games. We are having one of the refs from the Wolves.

A resident said that after we lost a high school the teenagers felt there was nowhere to go. The dances basketball games activities were all lost. Taylor said there is nothing we can do about it.

The teen manager said she put on a dance and had 88 kids, some from Dowling, some from Chelmsford, some from Levack. It was a success. They are doing it again for the March break with kids ages 13 to 19.

Good work brave girl. She said it's not that bad. Once you have their trust. Last year when I started, it was horrible. This year I don't have any trouble with any of the older ones at least. One of the citizens said they were concerned that the teenagers were allowed to leave the dance and go smoking outside. The teen manager said they are not paid to supervise and tell the 13-year-olds not to smoke. They will just go around the corner and do it anyway. She has been trying to fight it. The citizens said she's concerned about mixing the 13-year-olds and the 19-year-olds together. I don't like it but that's the way every teen center in Sudbury is set up.

Taylor said they're going off-topic. It is a valid topic and we should put it on next month agenda. There are a lot of other issues. It is a beautiful facility in Dowling but it is not kid friendly. For instance the children have to be age 19 before they can work out in the weight room.

Are we far enough to agree that we do two skateboard parks, "let there be kids" in Dowling and we fundraise and beg the cement companies and mines for support and if they do then we build one at Levack too.

A vote was taken. The only concern was location in Levack. Jana Lahnalampi said if you can get it for half price on an othe site why put it there. Taylor said no half-price stuff anymore these mines have of got the money to do it. If we do it go for the right one in the right place

Sylvia Piette said she has other things to spend money on. We can't put it all in just one skateboard park. If we can get a beautiful one for \$80,000 in another area and it would cost \$160,000 in front of the arena don't put it there.

A resident suggested there is room to put a skateboard park near the tennis courts in Levack. His suggestions also included outside the Onaping community center and near the tennis courts in Onaping.

Claude Berthiaume said the experience they've had with skateboard parks in Chelmsford is that when they had it beside the Chelmsford arena and had a lot of complaints from the local residents. It is no always small kids that are using it after all the big kids would go there. They would drive up and put their music loud. Some had beer. The next thing you know we could not control the situation. So we decided to put it inside Coteau Park were it was more isolated. When a police officer who did an environmental assessment and he said it should be more visible. Take that into consideration. You might get complaints. The preliminary work could be done with a committee deciding what you want. Then consult with the parks people.

Taylor summarized. We go for two, one in the Levack location, one in the Dowling location. The

topic is finished thank you.

Sylvia Piette said that "let there be kids" also builds other things. We need a park park. In this area of town. The "let there be kids" as a 30 to 60% discount with a company that sells aboveground skateboard equipment as well as swings and other apparatus. A resident noted that since we have become part of the city of greater Sudbury the Parks Department is taking down many swings and pieces of equipment. Some of the equipment has been put down by the public school and no one uses it.

Their used to be much more equipment in Onaping at Levack. Claude Berthiaume said some had to be replaced due to safety. Residents noted that when anything was replaced it was downgraded.

Sylvia Piette suggested a location in the soccer field. That's were a big tot park used to be. Behind the arena and beside the soccer field. It was taken down even before we became part of the Greater city. That's where we could centralize everything. It is not being used in the summer.

A resident suggested that we ask the mining companies when we go to them for the park too.

Lorne Taylor said they should not try centralizing. He's reading a wonderful book by Jane Jacobs about cities who said that we make a mistake by trying to put everything in a center. The city halls for instance have everything together. If you plopp them in different parts of the city they attract people to those different parts. The kids who want a skateboard park are bigger kids. We want to keep those youth entertained but front and center. A kiddie park in the back would work but don't put them both together outback. Others agree they should be separate. The older kids park at the arena anyway. Taylor said give them something to do even a bench at least something. Tidy up that whole area with some park like things. We definitely need more parks.

The suggestion was to have music at the skateboard park.

The youth center coordinator said some of the youth organizations have made CDs on their own with their own bands. It's not all that bad.

Next topic. Levack sliding hill.

Chantel Gorham was thanked for the cardboard toboggan event at the Toboggan Hill. Over 75 people participated. CTV and Channel 10 were there. Pictures of the event were presented as well as pictures of the chalet. Last year we asked the city to repair the chalet, it was on the agenda for city funding, the city said no. We have contacted by Jeff Pafford who said the city parks people were going to come out to look at tearing down the building. Were there any concerns from the community. Chantel phoned to say that she could live without the building. The city's proposal was to rented portable trailers for two months at a time so they would not be vandalized. The building was vandalized because it looks like a great place to vandalized. It was a party place. Councillor Claude Berthiaume said that the volunteer fire department told him it was a fire hazard and a danger. Kids are still breaking in. It should be removed completely. It is on Inco land. No one at the meeting wanted to save the building. The vote to tear down was almost unanimous. The question was should we encourage the city to bring a heated shack, fire pit, improved landscaping to make it look like a respectable place again. The city will have to renew its lease on the property. It was suggested that summer use could be BMX biking on the hill. Chances of the city repairing the ski lift for winter use are almost 0. The city has said Onaping has a privately owned ski hill and would not support a public one in the vicinity. The old ski hill was very popular and affordable.

POLITICAL PILLAR

Report by local Councillor Claude Berthiaume on the CANs committee

Lorne Taylor cochair explained that the Association of Community Action Networks was started to allow the individual CAN groups to communicate with each other. The original Community Action Network was started in this community and they've developed throughout the city. Because of amalgamation, people were not satisfied with their input to government. CANs was a solution. A committee of these various CANs in the 12 centers got together as a group and formed the association. They were asking the city what the terms of reference would be. How do we deal with the city. Who would we talk to. Is there any funding coming this way to do newsletters and such. It went to council in December 2007 and Councillor Claude Berthiaume was for it and spoke eloquently but one of the councillors was against it and the question was discussed a retreat afterwards. It was left in the hands of Councillor Claude Berthiaume plus another councillor and staff to decide on how to deal with it. It is a new thing. It will take time.

Claude said they have had a couple of meetings to look at the Community Action Network. We're supposed to do a report to council which will come up in March sometime. We may have one more meeting of the committee. The way it's going now you are not going to get \$5,000 that the Constellation report recommended. The way that it will work is more like \$1200 may be roughly will be provided.

Taylor laughed and said and that is out of a \$500 million city budget. Right.

You'd have to apply for the money, said Claude. What can happen is any project the Community Action Network wants to do in their own community they would have to apply to the Councillor of the ward for the funding from their own CF funds which went up from \$29,000 to \$34,000 this year. That's for the whole ward. That's the way it's kind of going to work. The terms of reference it looks like we will let the community action network adopted it if they want but the city will be proposing a simpler terms a reference. They're going to call it the terms of engagement.

Before the city got amalgamated there were a lot of volunteer groups across the city in the various municipalities. We're looking at the Community Action Network to get volunteers and maintain the volunteers throughout the city. Jim Gordon the former mayor through the idea up of maintaining the volunteers. That was one of the goals. We are still working on it and will report very soon to the council. That is the highlights I can report on tonight. You had it before council, at least some of the inside information. We will see what happens. Things change all the time.

Jana Lahnalampi said she would like to raise the topic of the multiuse arenas. You should get a feeling from our community of whether we want it. If we don't want it as a CANs committee do we put out a survey. Do other CANs want to get together and put out surveys as well. I've not heard one person out here say they wanted it. Someone asked what it was about. She explained that what council wants is two legacy projects multiuse facilities. Multimillion dollar projects. They have no idea whether going to get the money. It's a multiuse sports facility, soccer swimming a multi-arena near the Terry Fox area in Sudbury. It will cost millions of dollars in rock blasting. As well they want a 1800 person cultural Center. Do we want to spend a few million dollars more on that. Or do we want money spent on our local areas before we spend more money there. Anybody that I've talked to feels that way. The CANs committee will have to voice that to council.

Claude said that one of the things we discussed was the issue that CANs are not ratepayers associations. It is more to talk about projects. There's nothing wrong with expressing your opinion on this but I would not recommend you do it with CAN. But said one of the ratepayers these are projects within our community that we don't like.

Claude said the report on the legacy projects will be coming up in April. Jana Lahnalampi asked if we could do something now to get our voices heard. We are afraid of is losing our smaller arenas. Our arena is packed said one of the citizens. She was on the hockey Board last year and will be next year. We are full. We have Walden and other areas coming out to use our ice.

The fears is that they will now use the ice in the new multiuse arena. Claude said that in December the city voted to put \$250,000 to have consultants work on the project. I voted against it. It will be coming out. One of the issues I raised was arenas. I said I'm afraid that in a report a few years back it said one of the arenas in Levack or Chelmsford should be closed. Talking with the mayor and another councillors they are telling me if they closed any arena it would be the one close by the new center. They're probably closing one in Capreol since they have two ice rinks if needed and closed Carmichael. Ours would not be affected. A Citizen said that's what they're saying now. Within three years they're gone. Claude said that's why he requested they put in writing in a report that they guaranteed that our arenas would stay open. Question would that report go in the Sudbury Star? Laughter.

Jana Lahnalampi said it is a community development, are we not all one community. Claude said you can express whatever you want but it would be better elsewhere. Question would we get your hand slapped. No said Claude but they did not want CANs to become a Ratepayers Association. Taylor asked what is a ratepayers Association. Claude said it would be an independent association of taxpayers who have any complaints about the city. They would meet together and raise issues. Very political usually. That's not what we see the Community Action Network function would be..

Jana Lahnalampi said then we can all meet next Tuesday night and you don't come and we do a petition.

Taylor laughed about being concerned about the loss of \$1200. It's a pretty small bribe.

One of the other citizens noted that all the city has to do is let the arenas deteriorate from lack of maintenance. The Levack arena is in good shape, said Claude, the Chelmsford arena is more of an issue. The issue is they didn't put insulation under the pipes. The frost is going really deep. It heaves. If it breaks a pipe we are looking at a \$900,000 repair. Then it will be an issue. Will council now or in the future be willing to spend that money to fix the arena. They're saying they won't close it but if an issue comes up will the city repair it.

If the city simply keeps maintaining them, putting \$200,000 in every arena each year they would stay in perfect condition. Claude said he would recommend they be diligent. Funding is a big issue with the legacy projects. I don't know how it is going to go. They're looking at \$131 million and that could be higher. That doesn't include the cost of the lot and the water extension. The likely be \$200,000,000 before we are finished. It includes a soccer field in a bubble, a swimming pool, I don't know if councils will vote for it in the budget. Taylor asked if they could at least have a vote here. Claude said certainly. The vote to support the legacy project was one person yes on the condition that no money is taken away from our area. The rest voted no.

Zipline at High Falls

Councillor Claude Berthiaume said he's been getting a lot of e-mails against the project. He saw the young teacher who started the proposal to build it last week and said there was not a lot of community support. Claude mentioned that the community negotiated with Inco a number of years ago to remove powerlines near the Falls to improve the view. The would-be entrepreneur has another location in the Barrydown area of Sudbury. If the community does not want it by the Falls, Claude Berthiaume said he would not support it. People are against the commercial aspect of having a near the Falls. A vote was taken 5 people were for the zip line, 6 were against.

PROGRAM PILLAR

Some of the 20 and 21-year-olds wanted a room for exercise weight equipment at the Onaping Falls Community Center. When the Teen Center is open they asked to use the gym for basketball and they're allowed.

There is an open gym night for anyone that wants to come for basketball or volleyball on Monday

nights from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The youth came for the first meeting last month but have not come back. It was suggested they could use the exercise room at the Golden age seniors club in Onaping. Councillor Claude Berthiaume said at the last CANs meeting there was comment from one individuals that people of any age can use a Golden Age club but now there is an uproar. It would have to be negotiated with the executive. They want to remain a seniors club. When the executive of the club heard it they asked Claude what right the Community action network had in running their club and saying how facilities are to be used. The issue was never on the agenda of the CANs meeting but a golden age club member wanted to announce that the building is open to younger people. And encourage them to use the facilities.

The CANs group said the youth interested in the gym equipment would have to organized and do fundraising for it. An adequate gym could cost \$60,000. It was suggested that an ad in the paper asking for donations of unused home gym equipment would quickly filled the room. Much laughter. They're all kinds of bikes treadmills and exercise gyms not being used.

Others suggested meeting with the Golden age club and asking if younger people can use the facilities. It could mean more money and more members for the club.

Claude Berthiaume and said that if the exercise room is within the building they would be liability issues. Parks and recreation staff would have to be contacted. Duplicating Dowling recreation center would mean more staff and cost for creating a user pay facility.

Others agreed, the equipment could not be donated. Claude Berthiaume said people could approach the city and discuss the issue. Should we form a subcommittee?

Jana Lahnalampi noted that schools have pillars of interest to create action plans for every school in order to improve. Previously the CANs would focus on one topic at a time such as a grocery store for Levack or a skateboard park. The projects are not of interest to everyone. The pillar concept would allow volunteers to go on a pillar that there interested in. You can meet as a subcommittee and then meet as the large group. One of the pillars should be a program committee to increase programs. In particular we should increase the use of the Onaping Community Center, and get a skateboard park and a workout room here if that's what people want. There's a fantastic program in Calgary called "go girl." Different sports associations would come in for two nights a week to demonstrate what they can do. For instance an archery club comes in and demonstrate for two nights and then if the people wanted they can join that club. Same for golf. 14 to 18 year old girls drop out of organized sports and you end up with higher obesity rates.

90% of the girls in Dowling are smokers said the youth center worker. It's unbelievable. They're doing it because they want to be popular with the boys. Now they are switching from smoking cigarettes to chewing flavored tobacco. It is a big concern in the Onaping in Dowling area. We have given presentations at the youth center but the kids won't show up. We put up signs saying kids can't smoke around the building but they do anyway.

Taylor asked whether volunteers could help with the youth group. The community Center volunteers said they've asked for volunteers to help with the dances and none of the parents would come. We have invited some of the police officers to come to talk to the kids.

Gail Piette said she is from the Play and Chat group. They're not here for the teenagers. They are for the young mothers and their children. They attended a CANs meeting last year brought up two things and heard nothing more about them. They're disappointed with the CAN committee. Young people and preschools need a program that needs to be run by someone said Gail Piette. She has been a volunteer and doing it for four years. She has put in a lot of hours. Play and Chat had a bad reputation. A few years ago it was chaos. The toys were all over the place. Kids were running all over the place. There was no one to monitor it so mothers could have quality time to interact with other mothers. Her friend who came to the meeting is new to

the area and said Play and Chat is where she's meeting people.

Gail Piette has been looking after the program and has asked other mothers to take over but they said it's too much work. They started the program in the gym but it was too much work putting the toys away, then they got a small room in the Onaping Community Center.

At times the room is too small.

In the spring when the bears came out she tried to extend the program to more than two days a week. They need the money to find somebody to do the job.

Gail Piette said she's willing to work on the program but does not feel she can continue to volunteer.

The gym is perfect for most activities but they need the other room for snacks too. Gail Piette has been supplying the toys and anything they need from her own pocket. She is willing to run the program more often three or four times a week.

Councillor Claude Berthiaume asked if they had talked to the school board for funding. Jana Niemi Lahalampi said they used to be Kindicenters but that was canned in Levack. She started the original Play and Chat. Councillor Claude Berthiaume said they're still running it through some of the Catholic schools in Chelmsford. They have a program and could have money for staff.

Gail Piette said then it would have to be run out of the school but they like it where it is.

She wanted to know who to talk to. They were allowed to go to the daycare in the Levack public school last year and it worked good but eventually there was not enough room. Parents were not enjoying it it was too hectic. If they have more than 10 or 12 it becomes too busy.

Councillor Claude Berthiaume asked for their phone number and said he would try to do something.

Computers

Leona Dawe wants beginner computer courses for people in this area. The city has a person that will come to the libraries and work with you for an hour. However you're supposed to have questions to ask. How can you do that if you don't know about computers. There is lots to learn. We need someone to do the job.

Scott Sagle who runs a computer business from his home in Levack said he has now 10 computers in his basement to donate. His is waiting for the St. John's United Church to take them. The idea was to use them to tutor children using a software program that was available in the schools but is now no longer part of their program. The church could find no one to take on the project.

The team center in Dowling wants some computers. They been asking for two years. We have discussed it with Jeff Pafford and he suggested using the library in Dowling. There is room in both youth centers for the computers said the team center leader.

Scott Sagle said there is potential for computers in a room of that size. There are educational programs for beginners on computers. He said the city is sure to have copies of them. Others suggested students could teach the seniors. All the kids want to volunteer their hours for high school. The problem is they don't have access to the computers.

Taylor asked if there is an adult education program in this community. An organization that runs adult programs. The group would have a list of programs and people volunteering to do the courses and put out a flyer twice a year to get people interested. Stained glass, cooking, fitness, beginner computer courses, e-mail for seniors. In the town he came from an Alberta (Smoky Lake) it was called the Community Learning Council. They have been doing it for over 25 years. The central group doesn't teach but they keep it organized.

Jana Niemi Lahnalampi said programming should be yet another CANs pillar. Once a month we should have community action network meetings and in between them other pillar meetings.

CLEAN UP PILLAR

Jana Lahnalampi suggest of the fourth pillar improving the overall look of the community. The Plaza looks like crap and so does the garage in Levack. Every community usually has green spaces as you come into the community. Science North and Lily Creek looks nice. Our mall looks terrible. She should suggested grants to fix it up like a trading post and run it as a crafters Guild in it. One day a month the crafters would have to act as salesperson. The miners driving by would be glad to stop and buy candles for their wives.

Councillor Claude Berthiaume said that two weeks ago they passed a bylaw to ensure that businesses clean up their mess. The property standards until now only applied to residents. Now they will apply to businesses. He raised the question in Council of what would happen if the property went bankrupt. The city would do the work and the cost would be put on the taxes. The property is still with the banks. Applause from the members. It is a good bylaw. Claude Berthiaume said a many bylaws are active only when there's complaints. The city has only five or six bylaw officers they act only on complaints.

Jana Lahnalampi suggest of the old school in Levack should be developed. Councillor Claude Berthiaume said there is a new owner and it will be developed. He said he would prefer to leave it to the developer to have a public meeting and explain what's to come.

Mike Armstrong suggested the small waterfall on the entrance of Levack should be beautified with the use of flowers and trees. He was also concerned about the traffic in Onaping. The speed limit should be lowered on the regional road.

Councillor Claude Berthiaume said the concerns have been brought to the authorities.

Councillor Claude Berthiaume said other CANs groups have taken on beautification and planting.

COMMUNICATION PILLAR

Developing better communication. E-mail- face book and newsletters. We can do better. We need a newspaper. Melinda Mott asked what happened to the CANs newsletter. Taylor said the city didn't print it. They felt it was too an adversarial and controversial and it is likely the reason that they're making changes with the regulations for the Association of Community Action Network.

A resident of Cartier said they have their own Carnival, and newsletter. They have their own library. They do everything on their own. One week it is yellow paper the next weeks orange. They made money on their spaghetti supper. They have their own committee doing it. It's a small community how come this big area cannot do it. Taylor said the differences there are 1600 copies to make and the postage on top. It is too expensive. It would cost \$500 per week.

Councillor Claude Berthiaume said the newsletter was too long. And they want it to report just on projects completed. Some suggested having a webpage. The problem is seniors don't have computers. Maybe both was one suggestion. The city is still willing to do three newsletters per year but four pages only. If the newsletter is being done by the city staff then they're going to edit it. Taylor said they don't want to know that 3rd Ave was a muck up. Councillor Claude said he

saw all beforehand and had no objections.

Taylor said they would need permission from the city to put up the blue boxes deliver newsletters free and eliminate the cost of postage. Others suggested putting it in the stores and people pay \$.50 each. Taylor said runs a newspaper or a living over the Internet with his son in his former home in Alberta but there are not enough businesses to advertise locally and pay for a newspaper here.

In Cartier they are available free at the liquor store, churches, teen centers. Sometimes more than one page in size.

Councillor Claude Berthiaume suggested they try one more with the city. Others suggested that if they couldn't have letters to the editor published in it and then would not be worth it.

Many of the meeting reminisced over the old Onaping Falls newspaper and how useful it was.

Taylor said it cost \$500 per week to produce an eight tabloid page newspaper on newsprint. A newsletter is possible but the city has given us nothing, they dropped from \$5,000 to \$1200 a year. Why do anything now for the city.

Others suggested they cut the losses and former ratepayers group. Taylor said no they should stick with the Community Action Network and the city and try to get something done. At some stage we may need to do an independent newspaper. Other suggestions would be simply e-mail it to people. And produce a small number of copies for the stores and the post office. Someone asked whether the city's library photocopier to be used. The city has only offered 50 copies per month to the Community Action Network. Taylor said the city has a \$500 million budget and yet they expect volunteers to work with peanuts. The next meeting March 27 at the Onaping Falls Community Center..