



Kingsmount-Bell Park CAN

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CAN MINUTES – General Meeting

October 27, 2022; 6:30-8:00 pm Eastern Time

1. Welcome

- i. Meeting begins at 6:38 pm
- ii. Introduction of the CAN executive

2. Attendance

- i. Michael Penwarden, Paul Haynes, Denise Renaud, Katie Hahn, Deb Pero, Kevin Despot, Margaret Rondina, Karen Haynes, Gary Austin, Brooklyn Olive, Janet Lanteigne, Dana McGill, Liam McGill

3. Approval of the Agenda

- i. Motion by Michael to approve the agenda; seconded by Denise and Kevin; Carried

4. Approval of the minutes from April 28, 2022

- i. Motion by Michael to approve the agenda; seconded by Denise and Paul; Carried
- ii. added to Other Business 311@greatersudbury.ca and Greater Sudbury Police Services general tele # 705-675-9171

5. City Councillor Report

- i. Fern Cormier not in attendance – no report

6. Police Report

- i. Police liaison not in attendance – no report (not enough time to engage with police prior to meeting)

7. Treasurer's Report

- i. Current balance: \$5209.31
- ii. Income: \$2500 grant from city received
- iii. Expenses: \$30 for rental of meeting space
- iv. Anticipated Expense: approximately \$2000 bill for trees – city has yet to send the bill with exact amount
- v. Anticipated Expense: approximately \$1700 for picnic table at York Street Park
- vi. Anticipated Expense: plaques on the picnic table and trees as an advertising cost to show our involvement with the project; will work with city to develop a branding strategy; anticipated cost unknown
- vii. Anticipated Balance: 1479.31 (Current balance-expenses and anticipated expenses)
- viii. Noted that we have flexibility regarding how much money to carry over from this year without penalty



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8. Communications Report

- i. Presently we reach about 700 people through internet (ward10can.com) and social media (Roxborough Kingsmount Wembley & Environs FB Page) and
- ii. St Joe's Neighbourhood Connection FB.
- iii. We need to do more to increase our audience.
- iv. In 2020 and 2021 we hand delivered flyers door to door throughout the community to promote the KBP CAN and encourage sign up for news and notifications. It's a large undertaking and requires a large volunteer network. But it works. We will plan to do similar in 2023.

9. Project & Activity Reports

a. Traffic Calming

- i. At the intersection of Riverside & Winchester. For stop signs on Riverside on the eastern and western approaches to the intersection. Councillor Cormier had made a motion on this matter at a City Council meeting and that motion was passed.
- ii. Stop signs were requested by local residents to slow down the traffic. Stop signs are also required to make this intersection safer to cross. There are GOVA bus stops at this intersection as well as school bus.
- iii. There are pedestrians crossing Riverside from the south side, from Winchester, to commute downtown along the only sidewalk on Riverside, on the north side.
- iv. These stop signs are not just about slowing down vehicle traffic on Riverside but are a safety issue for students and pedestrians crossing Riverside at this busy intersection.
- v. Liam asked if there could also be a traffic warrant viz bollards on David and McNaughton.
- vi. Paul asked about bollards on Hyland.
- vii. Next steps: investigate with Councillor Cormier what is involved for these additional traffic calming warrants.

b. York Street Playground

- i. In May we planted 12 shade trees that have done well over the summer with watering from the city.
- ii. We also engaged community members about additional improvements to the York Street Tot Lot. Some residents indicated that the playground structure was not very accessible especially to smaller children as the ladder rungs are far apart and it is difficult for them to navigate.
- iii. We spoke to the Director of Parks Services, Jeff about a possible staircase addition on the opposite side of the ladders. That would make it easier for the little ones to climb onto the play structure.
- iv. Apparently, the play structure at the tot lot is geared for ages 5 -12 so he is not sure if he can add a staircase to make it more accessible, but he will be looking into for us. We will be looking at the logistics of adding a smaller play structure if we aren't able to make modifications to the current one.



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- v. The community has also expressed interest in having a picnic table at the park. We spoke to Jeff from Parks and we would be looking at a wooden picnic table with a cost of \$1700 plus we will need a concrete pad underneath to secure the picnic table and make it easier for lawn maintenance.
- vi. Paul – we can also raise money;
- vii. Concern – trash cans are not there year round; not maintained during winter; there is a mini bbq there; why is there no recycling? – can there be an initiative to encourage users to use the proper receptacles? Is there a way to do that and to encourage waste reduction? – why was there a cement pad there forever ago, right up against bushes? Would there ever be a splash pad there? Denise – it's a huge huge cost – the infrastructure is complicated but super expensive - its not impossible but there would need to be a lot of funding
- viii. Deb - Ask city about year round trash and recycling
- ix. Pollinator Garden: A ~10x8' space has been created for a pollinator garden. Katie and Christine Caveen spent the late summer putting plastic down to kill the weeds and then brought fresh soil in. In October the area was seeded with selected seeds from Northern Wildflowers. The space was planned to provide a variety of native plants that will be in bloom throughout the growing season. Now wait and see what grows. Next spring/summer may be looking for volunteers to help supplement the space with some seedlines.

c. Mountain + Canyon (St. Nicholas Greenspace)

- i. The Kingsmount-Bell Park CAN is proposing a formal trailhead (entrance) with signage (similar to Tanguay Greenspace) and trail improvements off the existing St. Nicholas connector. The objective is to provide a family friendly, more accessible and safe experience for users.
- ii. Paul produced three maps of the area showing its transition from rocky knob to green space and a proposed primary loop with two lookouts. (We will add a link to the photos)
- iii. The report highlighted the following points from the recent October 6 meeting with Jeff Pafford, Director of Leisure Services.
- iv. Our intentions are to:
 - 1. follow the existing network of trails that loop through the canyon to the summit and return to the St Nicholas connector.
 - 2. better delineate the trails
 - 3. maintain the parkland “naturalization” concept
 - 4. consult with Leisure Services and Rainbow Routes in advancing the project.
- v. There are several issues that we hope the project will help to resolve:
 - 1. With the lack of a signed and organized trail, new users can become lost or lose their way.
 - 2. With illegal occupation (people living in tents) people do not feel safe using the area.



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- vi. There is evidence of fire pits and outdoor fires.
- vii. Loose fencing rolls around the exterior of the tower sites present a hazard to hikers.
- viii. There are reports of dogs off leashes and dog poop bags tossed at the St. Nicholas Connector.
- ix. Trailhead sign should communicate existing bylaws regarding hours open, fires, smoking, alcohol, dogs etc.
- x. It is anticipated that a level of passive community surveillance can be maintained with more people frequenting the trail.
- xi. Leisure Services received the concept favourably particularly our two to three year expectations for completion.
- xii. Next Steps:
 1. Form a K-BP project sub committee
 2. Consult with Rainbow Routes
 3. Prepare a project brief for Leisure Services
 4. Liam McGill, Gary Austin, Janet Lanteigne, and Deb Pero put their names forward to participate with Paul Haynes on a St Nicholas Greenspace sub committee.

d. Elgin Street Pedestrian Underpass

- i. For those in Ward 10 who use the underpass to travel between Riverside and Elgin St the physical and social condition of the underpass has deteriorated over the past couple of years.
- ii. The physical condition is dirty, there is graffiti that has not been painted over by the City in years. There was a large hole, a 60cm divot, in the concrete right at the entrance off of Riverside that I reported to 311@greatersudbury.ca, which I am to say was repaired in a matter of days. I have sent a note the 311 regarding cleaning the underpass, but haven't heard back of seen the underpass cleaned. I have made a diary note to follow-up again Nov 7.
- iii. The social condition has also deteriorated with people sleeping overnight in the underpass, openly selling drugs and openly using drugs. I spoke with Greater Sudbury Police Services Communication Officer to ask what is a citizen to do when we observe this illegal activity. The Officer encouraged me to call the general tele# 705-675-9171 to report any illegal activity. I asked if I should take a picture of the illegal activity? Only if I considered it safe. But yes a picture would help the police with their investigation. The Communication Officer said the police couldn't be everywhere and relied upon citizens to report illegal activities



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10. New Business

- a. **General Meetings:** Future meetings will be in-person or zoom, not hybrid

11. Other:

a. KBP Heritage Walk (November) tbd

- i. In the absence of a police report reminded the group that in order to report:

b. **By-law infractions:** Call the CGS at 311 or the e-mail address 311greatersudbury.ca . Infractions such as tent encampments, abandoned vehicles, damage, litter, etc.

- i. Illegal activity: Call police on their general telephone 705-675-9171 unless it is an emergency we all know to call 911

12. Q&A Forum

- i. Debb Pero – waste reduction is her forte; does workshops on zero waste etc; willing to contribute knowledge; will help with the hard work aspect of the greenspace;
Janet Lanteigne – greenspace volunteer

13. Next Meeting (December)

- i. Scheduled for December 15, 6:30-8:00pm
- ii. Will be virtual

14. Adjournment

- i. Approximately 8:00 pm