

**MEETING MINUTES
WALDEN CAN GENERAL MEETING**

PROJECT: N/A

DATE: NOVEMBER 14, 2006

LOCATION: MEADOWBROOK RETIREMENT VILLAGE

RECORDED BY: AARON DENT

PRESENT: GWEN DOYLE
 AARON DENT
 MARTE HOLOUKA
 GLEN MILLER
 MARY-LOU COFFEY
 RENÉ TROTTIER
 NEELTJE KILBEY
 RALPH SHORE
 LAURIE BROWNLEE
 KAREN MAKELA – CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY
 TERRY KETT – CURRENT COUNCILOR
 ELDON GAINER – CURRENT COUNCILOR
 JACQUES BARBEAU – INCOMING COUNCILOR
 DICK JOHNSTONE – FORMER COUNCILOR, FORMER MAYOR OF
 WALDEN
 JAMES BOESCH – VOLUNTEER SUDBURY
 JEANNA DE LA MORANDIERE – VOLUNTEER SUDBURY
 CARRIE ANNE MARASSATO – CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY
 PUBLIC

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ACTION BY	DATE
11.12	Welcome of public and introduction of guests.		
10.7	HEALTH SERVICES TASK FORCE (Gwen Doyle) Gwen gave brief update on the Application to the MOH by the Lively Medical Centre. She noted that they will find out about application by mid-December. She also noted that a Sudbury representative from the MOHLTC stated that the new stand-alone nurse		

	practitioner clinic in Sudbury will not necessarily affect the chances for this application to succeed.		
11.13	<p>WALDEN SKI HILL REPORT</p> <p>Ron Carscadden gave brief report on the Walden Ski Hill. He thanked his supporters, and volunteers (30-35) that helped clean up the hill earlier in the fall. He also noted that the Ski Hill Committee will be transitioning into its own group – the Walden Ski Club.</p> <p>See attached report.</p>		
10.6	<p>HERITAGE COMMITTEE RESOLUTION (Gwen Doyle + Marte Holouka)</p> <p>Gwen gave an update on the status of the Heritage Committee report given to Ron Henderson, Director of Libraries and Citizen Services at the City. She noted that he appeared receptive to the report and is suggesting a meeting between himself and the CAN. Gwen and Marte will attend this meeting for the CAN plus 3 or 4 representatives from the Heritage Task Force.</p> <p>See attached conversation between Gwen and Ron Henderson.</p> <p>Marte gave brief update on the next steps to be taken by the Heritage Committee – formation of smaller groups looking at various issues that were part of the recommendations. Also noted first partnership between Heritage Committee and Meadowbrook – December Music Concert (Christmas Chaos) at Meadowbrook.</p>	Gwen / Marte	Dec 06
11.14	<p>PRESENTATION TO ELDON GAINER</p> <p>Dick Johnstone, Terry Kett, and Vicki Gainer all gave brief speeches about the long-time career of Eldon Gainer in Walden politics. Some key things that were said about Eldon were "...caring person...effective and stable force as a councilor..."</p> <p>Gwen then gave a brief thank you to Eldon on behalf of the Walden CAN, and presented Eldon with a card and certificate.</p> <p>Eldon gave a speech thanking the public for letting him be involved in politics for so long, and saying</p>		

	how he felt lucky to be part of the team that got so much done in this community.		
11.15	<p>VOLUNTEER SUDBURY</p> <p>James Boesch and Jeanna de la Morandiere of Volunteer Sudbury gave a presentation explaining the benefits of their group. They believe the best way for them to help us is to link youth looking for community hours with our volunteer groups.</p>		
11.16	<p>PILOT PROJECT ON CITY COMPOST PROGRAM</p> <p>Carrie Anne Marassato gave a presentation on the new pilot program in the city for the green bin composting program. She noted that it will help them achieve their 65% diversion target. The pilot program will last 1 year and members of all wards are involved. She noted they hoped to sell this compost in the future.</p>		
11.17	<p>BEAVER LAKE COMMUNITY ACTION SUB-COMMITTEE</p> <p>Brenda Salo asked for a letter of support from the Walden CAN in support of their sub-committee that was formed to look into the safety of their roads. She noted there is a lot of concern for resident safety on their back roads, as there is a lot of large gravel and log trucks currently using their roads. Also, there is concern that there is no protocol currently (OPP, Regional Police) regarding detours in the case of an accident. Also, there is no sign that is available where current information can be posted in case of an accident. The sub-committee wants to get the side roads blocked from these large vehicles, and they will be preparing a letter to the City, the regional police and the OPP.</p> <p>Walden CAN agreed to write a letter of support to this group. Moved by Aaron Dent, 2nd by Neeltje Kilbey.</p>		
11.18	<p>POLICE RESPONSE TIME</p> <p>Gwen gave brief report that there was a B&E on the weekend (Saturday morning) and that the police did not respond on site until Monday evening.</p> <p>The police noted that a B&E that has already taken place is given lower priority than a crime that is currently taking place. He noted that all police officers, even our community response team, gets used on these higher priority cases. He also noted</p>		

	<p>this is not an unusual response time.</p> <p>Terry Kett stated that it was his view that the Community Response Team were supposed to look after these smaller issues in the outlying areas. The police noted that this is not the case.</p>		
11.19	<p>WALDEN WINTER CARNIVAL</p> <p>Gwen gave update about the upcoming Winter Carnival on Feb 8-11th, 2007. She noted that the Walden CAN will help with publicity, and that we are available to help in other ways if asked.</p> <p>The Steering Committee agreed to be listed as a community partner for the event.</p>		
11.20	<p>HEART HEALTH</p> <p>Gwen stated that this group has asked to be at the December meeting to give a presentation. Steering Committee agreed.</p>		
11.21	<p>MEETING CLOSE</p> <p>Moved by Aaron Dent. 2nd by Marte Holouka.</p>		

The above is considered to be a true and accurate recording of all items discussed. Should there be any discrepancies, please contact the writer prior to the next meeting date, otherwise the minutes will have been deemed acceptable to all.

NEXT MEETING: December 12, 2006

DISTRIBUTION LIST:

1. All Present
2. Walden CAN Steering Committee Co-Chairs
3. www.walden-can.com
4. Karen Makela, City of Greater Sudbury
5. Terry Kett + Eldon Gainer + Jacques Barbeau, Councilors

Ski Hill Committee Report for November 14 Walden-CAN Meeting

Background

In March 2006 Ron and I were invited by Gary Foy to attend a community meeting that had been arranged through Walden CAN with regards to re-opening the Lively Ski Hill. We were made aware that \$100,000 had been set aside in the City budget by Terry Kett and Eldon Gainer specifically for the purpose of re-opening the hill. The goal of this meeting was to determine whether or not the members of the community were interested in pursuing this project. Approximately 40 people attended the meeting and it was clear that the community wanted the hill re-opened. A Ski Hill sub-committee of Walden-CAN was formed.

Throughout the spring members of the sub-committee met to discuss what our aims and objectives were for the hill. We understood one of the determining factors would be the tow – it had been idle for three winters and we were unsure of its condition. Working in cooperation with City staff, reflecting on the re-opening of the Adanac hill a plan was put in place to re-open for the 2006-2007 season.

An inspection of the tow was completed and it was found to be in better condition than expected. As was done at Adanac, the parts that needed repair were sent to Bristol Machine. The City is completing the necessary steps to ensure the tow meets the industry standards. The buildings were also inspected and repairs are being made to ensure their safety. A new shack has already been built at the base of the tow.

By the beginning of October the sub-committee and City staff had prepared a proposal to bring to the Priorities Committee of City Council recommending that funds be provided in the City's Operating Budget to operate the ski hill. The City would provide staff to operate the tow, tend the concession and ticket counters, supervise the hill, and provide Ski Patrol. The members of the community would form a volunteer group to do fundraising for future improvements at the hill – much like the "*Friends of Adanac*" group. The sub-committee also agreed to gather together volunteers to brush the hill in preparation for the coming season.

Most Recent Activities:

- October 28, 2006 approximately 35 adults, youth and children spent the day brushing the hill and cleaning up the chalet. Such a great turnout exceeded our expectations and signifies how important this ski hill is to residents of the Walden community.
- The tow repairs continue and we are assured they will be completed before the season opens.
- At this point we are recommending that a transition take place whereby this volunteer group will move from being a sub-committee of Walden CAN to the Walden Ski Club. Erika and Emily Demencu have generously agreed to act as Co-Chairs for the Club and form an executive. Further meetings of the volunteer

- group will take place to discuss future plans for the ski hill, working alongside the City of Greater Sudbury.
- We need to extend our thanks those who have been generous in their support, donations, and enthusiasm for this project. They include:
 - The many community members and volunteers who have offered their time and effort in the planning and clean-up of the ski hill
 - The City of Greater Sudbury for providing the necessary tools for the brushing and clean-up day
 - Chris Gore of the City of Greater Sudbury for his expertise, support and guidance throughout this project.
 - Richard Bois of the Walden-CAN for his assistance and insight he has provided the Ski-Hill Sub-Committee
 - Gwen Doyle of the Walden-CAN for her constant encouragement and her determination to keep this in the forefront.
 - Eldon Gainer and Terry Kett for the funds they set aside giving this project the head start it needed.
 - Jacques Barbeau for providing the lunch during the Brushing and Clean-up day and donating proceeds from his BBQ to the Ski Club
 - Battistelli's for providing water and pop.
 - Tim Horton's for donating coffee and Timbits.
 - Brad and Eldon Gainer for their donation of time and materials to make improvements to the chalet.
 - Gary Foy for bringing us into this project at the start by "passing the torch" after so many years of hard work with the ski club.

Prepared by
Barb Maki, Ron Carscadden, Craig Moxam

Heritage Report:

The Heritage Sub-Committee of the Walden Community Network was formally dissolved after the presentation of their completed document containing the Recommendations for the Anderson Farm.

Since then there has been a need to address many of the issues raised in the document, specifically the Friends of the Anderson Farm, the Memory Garden, the refurbishment of the Saunders Engine and the repair of the Copper Cliff Milk Wagon. Similarly, we have had the antique materials donated for the construction of a modest memorial building for the garden group. The donor wishes the building to be ready for use next planting season and that planning be completed as soon as possible.

It was felt that it was of prime importance to start the Heritage Interview Series with accompanying videotaping of citizens that have unique anecdotal knowledge of components of Walden's history that is in jeopardy of being lost.

Coupled with these present concerns, it was felt that there were sufficient long-term questions that required preparation and research to enable the Community to address the potential response of the City to our requests for Governance, rezoning, maintenance issues and staffing at the Anderson Farm Museum and Cultural Centre.

As a result, a transition Heritage Steering committee has been formed to create the terms of reference for a permanent Heritage body affiliated with the Community Action Network that will represent the Heritage and Cultural stakeholders in the Town of Walden.

Their tasks will include setting up a not for profit group, the investigation of the creation of a Historical Society, the foundation work to organize a Music and Arts series for the community and the possibility of establishing a financial Trust for the Centre.

Once this preparation has been completed, the public will be invited to join these groups and take them over as independent organizations and clubs. For example, we have already been approached to organize a Model Train and Railroad display at the Centre with space allocated for club meetings and storage.

Marte J. Holouka, Transition Heritage Chairman.