

Can Co-Chairs Report re: 2006Walden

Walden- Community Action Network: formed in Dec./05, the 8th CAN in CGS. Our Steering Committee has residents from the communities of: Den Lou, Beaver Lake, Penage Rd./Whitefish, Naughton, Lively/Mikala and South End.

We meet monthly – except during the summer.

The need for improved communication – within Walden and with the City of Greater Sudbury- was a vital issue identified at our Nov./05 Strategic Visioning Session and immediately addressed by the Walden-CAN in 2006. We held a Logo & Slogan Contest – to Brand the Walden-CAN; we developed 3 Communication Tools: a quarterly Newsletter – in print (mailed to households) and on line; our own user-friendly, inter-active website at www.walden-can.com and a Walden-CAN monthly Column, on the Thursday Walden Page of the Sudbury Star.

Our next project is to develop and produce a Walden Community Directory – in print and on line- for use within Walden and to help promote Walden as a vital, vibrant and healthy community- to live & work in.

* We have applied for Job Creation Partnership Grant re: 9 month project

A. Our KEY Projects during 2006 : each has a BLOG on our website

A Health Services Task Force re: the future status of primary health care services at Lively Medical Center; hosted a series of Information-Gathering Meetings with: young Family Physicians, our 2 Doctors @ LMC, MOHLTC (Sudbury Office) & Lead Physician re: City of Lakes FHT; April/06 recommended continued support by Walden-CAN of LMC & investigating ways to assist Mayor's Roundtable on Recruitment & Retention of Family Physicians to LMC and recruited community Letters of Support for LMC Application to MOH re: 6 Shared Care Pilot Sites & hiring Nurse Practitioner @ LMC

A Ski Hill Committee: to work with our 2 Councillors, City Staff and Community volunteers to re-open the Walden Ski Hill - officially re-opened Dec.27/06 and to be run in partnership with CGS & newly formed Walden Ski Club

A Heritage Committee to Review the Anderson Farm Museum: Final Report with 17 Recommendations presented to W-CAN, Oct./06 and a Heritage Task Force was established to work in partnership with City Staff & Council re: the next steps to protect & preserve, enhance & expand the heritage & cultural programs & activities at Anderson Farm Museum; preparing slide presentation to Council, at Public Input Budget Meeting on Jan.30th & working on Terms of Reference re: establishing an AFM Site Committee

An Environmental Committee: to identify and develop action plans re: environmental issues impacting Walden & CGR: Park Allotment in Walden Subdivisions- working with Coalition for a Liveable Sudbury, Energy Efficiency in Sudbury, Pesticide Free Sudbury, Wastewater Dumping at INCO (CVRD) and Re-establishing the Community Garden at the Anderson Farm Museum

B. Recent Requests for Action to Walden-CAN from Residents include:

Need for Action re: Safety & Security and Police Services in Walden

a. Vandalism & destruction of property at City Assets in Lively: Anderson Farm Museum, Citizen Centre -housing Walden Seniors & Pensions Inc, Walden Ski Hill
Slow response time by police not uncommon now * Letter from John Palys- owner of Lively Pharmacy re: Nov. B & E

Beaver Lake community wants action re: need for Protocol established by SP/OPP/MOT/Fire Dept. & accidents closing main highway; problems with transports on their back roads

Rumour re: closure of Store Front * Chief Davidson promised in Feb./06 the Store Front would remain open

Need for proactive, visible & available police services that we had for decades

Need for Clarification re: True Status of Services at Walden Help Centre:

Rumour re: Closure of Walden Help Centre- fact or fiction?

Recent announcement by MPP Bartolucci re: transfer of control to SRH & new funding: Does this mean increased mental health services at Walden Help Centre? Or will it be closed March 31?

Other Requests for Action in 2006:

List of Issues raised by residents at W-CAN meetings: was provided to our 2 Councillors and was provided at Solutions Team Meeting in Lively

See June 6 Month Report posted on Website

C. The Next Steps for Walden-CAN:

1. Jan.30th, Sheila Prusila, Secretary- Walden-CAN Heritage Task Force- will give a Power Point Presentation to City Council at the Public Input Budget Meeting re: Anderson Farm Museum
2. Feb.6th, Councillor Barbeau hosts a Ward 2 'Community Safety Forum/Police Consultation Meeting', 7pm, at Tom Davies Arena: A Power Point Presentation by Chief Davidson – followed by an opportunity for community input
3. Feb 8th, Maureen McLelland, Administrative Director, Mental Health Program, SRH, a Manager from NEMHC and Dr. Koka will be meeting with our Steering Committee, Terry Kett- Mental Health Advocate & Councillor Barbeau - to address community concerns re: status of mental health services at Walden Help Centre
4. Wait for Announcement from MOH about status of the Lively Medical Centre's Application re: Shared Care Pilot Site Initiative (hiring of Nurse Practitioner)
5. Wait for approval of Application re: Job Creation Partnership Grant to develop Walden Community Directory. * 9 month Project
6. Council's Implementation of Solutions Team Recommendations re: CANs...hopefully we will be asked to participate in the development of Terms of Reference etc

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