



# WALDEN - CANews WINTER Edition 2007

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## **The Community Solutions Team---A Report by Floyd Laughren**

In April 2006, Mayor David Courtemanche asked me to head up a team to look into the reasons why so many people in the outlying communities of the City of Greater Sudbury were so unhappy and to propose some remedies. It was obvious to everyone that since amalgamation in 2001, residents in the former area municipalities were feeling disenfranchised and ignored by the decision makers in the new City of Greater Sudbury. Alienation was so strong that over 11,000 people signed a petition calling for a referendum on de-amalgamation.

I agreed to take on the task and recruited a team that has gender and linguistic balance. The team consisted of one person from each of the former area municipalities. Walden was most ably represented by Jack Oatway of Worthington; he is a former educator and committed volunteer. We held consultations in 20 communities in May, June and did we ever get an earful. Many of the people who came to our public meetings were actively supporting the de-amalgamation campaign, but they positively took part in our discussions.

During the summer the team pulled together all the suggestions and then in September we went back to six of the larger communities to share our findings with the people and to make sure we had not missed any important issues.

Not surprisingly, the complaints varied from poor road maintenance, inadequate snow plowing, poor parks maintenance, the loss of local impact on decision making and in general a sense that the new amalgamated city simply did not service the former area municipalities adequately. As well there was a sense that taxes had increased and services had declined. On top of all that people felt that they did not have adequate political representation on the new City Council.

In November and December the community Solutions Team held four evening meetings with forty people to narrow down the number of issues and determine the priorities for our final report to City Council which was scheduled for January 10, 2007. Following those four evenings the team, with wonderful support from Walden resident and city employee Ian Wood, put together the draft of the report. He did an excellent job.

On January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007 the Team appeared at the first City Council meeting of 2007 and presented our report. It was well received and even representatives of the de-amalgamation movement expressed satisfaction. I hasten to add however that while we have done our job the most important task is still ahead.-namely implementing the findings of the report. City Council has expressed their support and intention to implement the recommendations, but we will have to wait and see. The difference between the report and its implementation is like the differences between a menu and a meal. The Report of the Community Solutions Team is available online at [www.greatersudbury.ca](http://www.greatersudbury.ca) . I hope you will take the opportunity to have a look at it and to take note of our recommendations to greatly expand the role of the Community Action Networks. Our team sees them as the key to local empowerment of our communities.

In Conclusion I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Community Solutions Team and as well all the people who came out to our meetings. I wish the Walden Community Action Network all the best- we often used it as an example of how the Community Action Networks could function all over the City of Greater Sudbury. All the best in 2007.

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## Walden-CAN Endorses Laughren Report!

The Walden-CAN congratulates the Solutions Team chaired by Floyd Laughren, the former and existing Mayors and Councillors of the City of Greater Sudbury, and the residents from the former Regional Area Municipalities for participating in and producing the final report entitled “**Constellation City-Building a Community of Communities in Greater Sudbury**”.

The Walden-CAN Steering Committee fully supports the final recommendations contained in the report and looks forward to working with our community partners in its implementation.

The **report provides the guidelines and direction** from which the CANs can work within their respective jurisdictions. With commitment and resolve from all the community partners, there now exists **a unique opportunity to reconnect with the residents** in order to **revitalize and strengthen our community** that perhaps has been lost through the amalgamation process.

The Walden-CAN is ready and willing to offer our volunteer services to work with our elected representatives and staff of the City of Greater Sudbury to strengthen the Walden Community which we believe will in turn, strengthen the City of Greater Sudbury for our collective benefit. **Richard Bois, Co-Chair, Walden-CAN**

### The Walden-CAN Anderson Farm Museum and Cultural Center Task Force Up-date

The Walden-CAN Anderson Farm Museum and Cultural Center Task Force formally started up on October 25, 2006, consisting of members from the Heritage Committee that met all summer drafting the 17 recommendations included in the Review of the Anderson Farm and Heritage Activities in Walden dated October 10, 2006. Chair of the Task Force is Les Burford. Sheila Prusila and Amanda Turcotte share secretarial duties and other members: Gwen Doyle, Mary Barr, Elsie Stephenson, Lynn Quinn, Allison Muckle and Reg White. Our purpose in forming the Task force was to facilitate the implementation of the Final Report of the Walden-CAN Heritage Committee in cooperation and partnership with the City of Greater Sudbury staff.

We set seven goals that we hope to complete in a six month period:

1. To review the 17 recommendations.
2. To separate the recommendations into Governance and Budget sub-categories.
3. To prioritize the recommendations in both the Governance and Budget subcategories.
4. To develop a power point presentation for the City of Greater Sudbury Public Input. Budget Meeting being held at City Hall on January 30<sup>th</sup>.
5. To develop an outline for our governance model.
6. To establish a working partnership with city staff and Ward Two Councillor Jacques Barbeau.
7. To establish a working partnership with Council as a whole.

In order to accomplish all of this, the Task Force met weekly during the months of November and the first half of December. A sub-committee also held 3 meetings with City of Greater Sudbury Staff to exchange ideas and clarify and gather information in order to meet our stated goals.

Sheila Prusila and Allison Muckle were tasked with creating the Power Point presentation that was to be presented to City Council on January 30<sup>th</sup>. **Les Burford, Chair Walden-CAN Heritage Task Force**

### Have you been on the CAN today?

Get interactive with the Walden CAN Website. Post events or garage sales on the calendar. Read the reports of the various CAN committees in the Blogs section. Read the final report of the Greater Sudbury Solutions team by clicking on the link on the Greater City page. Keep informed on the various pages and give us your input in the letters or editorials section. Watch for the Community Directory coming up later this year. Visit us at [www.walden-can.com](http://www.walden-can.com). We need your ideas and opinions.

**To have street lights fixed, please call 675-7536 Ext.206 or email [streetlights@shcc.com](mailto:streetlights@shcc.com)**  
When calling in, please give an exact location and pole # as they are all labeled

## Requests for Action re: Safety & Security in Walden!

One year ago, Walden-CAN had its 1<sup>st</sup> delegation, the **Walden Seniors & Pensioners Inc.**, requesting action & information on how to deal with their increasing problems with **vandalism at their building**. They stressed the need for surveillance cameras, increased police patrols and their members' confusion about who to call & when to call the police about disturbances.

At our **Nov.14<sup>th</sup>, 2006 Meeting**, we received a **Request for Action from John Palys, owner of Lively Pharmacy**, after a **break & enter** in the business block on a Friday night, which was not investigated until Monday after 6pm. \* **See Letter on Editorial page of our website: [www.walden-can.com](http://www.walden-can.com)**

**The Beaver Lake Sports & Cultural Club** have already formed a Walden-CAN **Sub-Committee** to address their issues of traffic control, load restrictions on their back roads and need for protocol for major accidents on highway. And that's not addressing other issues regarding current level of police services in Walden West.

During the coming months, the Walden-CAN will be working with our Councillor, CGS, Chief Davidson & Police Services Board to address these Requests for Action and other safety & security issues in Walden.

If you have any suggestions, comments or concerns about Safety & Security in Walden, please email them using our website, mail them to Walden-CAN, P.O. Box 981, Lively, ON P3Y 1M8 or call: Richard 692-5047 or Gwen 692-3021

### On Feb.6/07, a Ward 2 'Community Safety Forum/ Police Consultation Meeting will be held at 7pm, at the Tom Davies Arena Walden.

A Presentation followed by question period - An opportunity to identify policing priorities for Walden. Contact Councillor Barbeau at 692-5966 or [jacques.barbeau@greatersudbury.ca](mailto:jacques.barbeau@greatersudbury.ca)

### Walden Help Centre Future Assured??

By Terry Kett, Mental Health Advocate

18 years ago, the community saw the need for a mental health clinic that would respond to various needs of our citizens when someone walked through the door - no wait, be seen immediately - intake, assessment and treatment **in Walden**, not at a hospital or an office tower downtown. This is the community model we established and intend to fight for.

Three years ago, the closing of area clinics such as Walden's, was announced due to "budget considerations". Quickly, the Mental Health Advocates were formed and the battle was on.

Three years of persistence by a local group of mental health advocates should be paying off and a big winner should be our own Walden Help Centre. **Unfortunately this may not be the case!**

For the Full text of this Article & more information, go to [www.walden-can.com](http://www.walden-can.com)

### Walden Community Directory in the Works!

The **Walden-CAN, Walden Day Care Centre & CGS** are **working together on a project**. If our Application for a Job Creation Partnership is approved, you will be receiving a phone call or email inviting your business, corporation, community group/club, non-profit organization, school, church, health service agency, etc. to be part of our new **Walden Community Directory**.

We will be collecting & confirming accuracy of your contact data to be included in our electronic version, to be posted **on our website, [www.walden-can.com](http://www.walden-can.com)**, and later to be listed in a **print version**. This is a **9 month project**, so keep watching for further information & updates.

The new Directory will be an important Communication Tool, providing information about services, programs, facilities, parks and activities for use:

- By Walden & all communities of CGS
- To recruit families, businesses, corporations, and health care providers to live & work in Walden - a vibrant, healthy community
- To encourage economic development throughout Walden
- To inform tourists searching the web as to what's available in Walden, when planning a visit to CGS

Gwen Doyle, Co-Chair, Walden-CAN

Mary Lou Coffey, Exec.Dir. Walden Day Care Centre

On December 15, 2006 Walden Day Care held a 'pyjama fundraiser' for little 14 month old, Owen Charbonneau and his family, of this community. Owen, whose sister Alaina attends daycare, has a rare condition called Wiskott Aldrich Syndrome. It is a Primary Immune Deficiency and the only possible cure is a bone marrow transplant. Owen has been on the worldwide Bone Marrow registry for months waiting for a match.

The staff & families at the daycare made a donation to wear their pyjamas to daycare that day, and the event raised a whopping \$1,278.32. The Walden Day Care staff want to thank all our families & community members that supported this event and wish Owen and his family all the best. Ironically, on that same afternoon, **a match for Owen was found** and everyone looks forward to Owen and Alaina joining us back at daycare very soon!

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### WALDEN SENIORS AND PENSIONERS

Membership is now 162, plus 111 honorary members (members over 80 years old). The Knitting and Crafts Club is going strong on Tuesday afternoons. Also fairly new, Rumoli and Scrabble are being played on Thursday mornings (well attended but always room for more). Two of our members are working together to write a letter to CAN with concerns about the policing in our area.

### MEADOWBROOK GOES TO RAMA

Meadowbrook Village is off to Orillia to have a fun-filled day trip.

Cost: \$25.00 upon booking. When the bus is full (50) you get \$20.00 back.

The \$5.00 covers your trip and a buffet lunch.

Departure from Meadowbrook, Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30am, return time 8:00pm

Seats MUST be booked and paid for no later than Friday February 2nd.

Payment is payable at Meadowbrook Village to Kelly Anne

### BEAVER LAKE RINK - Shack Schedule for Winter 2007

Located at the Beaver Lake Sports & Cultural Club

45 Club Road, Worthington - Ice should already be ready.

Monday-closed

Friday- 4pm until 9pm

Tuesday- 4pm until 8pm

Saturday- 2pm until 8pm

Wednesday- 4pm until 8pm

Sunday- 2pm until 8pm

Thursday-closed

Hours may change due to unpredictable weather conditions.

If you are interested in volunteering or starting organized outdoor rink activities such as broomball or hockey contact:

Leslee Salo (866-2919) or Ken Elomaa (525-6319)

### BEAVER LAKE WINTER CARNIVAL

Fri. Feb. 16, Sat. Feb. 17, Sun. Feb. 18

Beaver Lake Sports and Cultural Club, 30 minutes West of Sudbury, turn left off Hwy. 17 onto Ella Rd., then immediately turn right up onto Club Rd. Come one, come all!

We promise good food and entertainment for people of all ages

Friday, February 16

spaghetti dinner (\$5) at 5 pm

opening ceremonies at 6 pm (lighting of torch, fireworks)

euchre party into evening

Saturday, February 17

pancake breakfast, 8 - 11 am (\$5)

jug curling

roast beef dinner (\$10), followed by carnival party

Sunday, February 18

pancake breakfast, 8 - 11 am (\$5)

kids' fishing derby

Also: weekend-long psychic consultations will be available.

Note: all tickets for meals & activities to be purchased at the door. For more information, call Brenda at 866-2919

### WALDEN WINTER CARNIVAL

February 8, 9, 10, 11 [www.waldenwintercarnival.com](http://www.waldenwintercarnival.com)

### FRIENDSHIP CENTRE

Our Friendship Centre (Community Living Greater Sudbury) is a drop-in centre for people who face developmental and/or physical challenges. We operate a program at the Kinsmen Hall in Lively. To help us provide leisure activities for our members, our **Annual Chili luncheon** will be held on **Friday March 16<sup>th</sup>** at the Kinsmen Hall from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Take out is available, for more information call Cathy at 692-3072. Please come out and support our fundraising endeavor.

Send comments or suggestions for the newsletter to:  
Laurie Brownlee, Editor at [albrowlee@persona.ca](mailto:albrowlee@persona.ca)

## KUDOS ...

... to the volunteers of our committees and task forces to date. Some have finished the planning stages and are now implementing their plans: the Heritage Committee and Ski Hill Task Force. Their work is not done. They still need your support!

The Great Skate on Sun. Feb. 18  
Queen's Athletic Skating Oval  
Noon - 3. Free chili & hot chocolate.  
If weather or ice conditions are poor, event will take place at Countryside Sports Complex. Limited number of skates available.

### Walden John Jamieson Friendship Tournament

Hockey at the T.M Davies Arena  
56 Houseleague teams from all over Ontario.

Atom & Peewee divisions - March 8-11  
Pre-Novice, Novice & Bantam divisions,  
March 15-18.



The Walden Art Club

invites YOU

to come and enjoy selected pieces of

Original Fine Art

and Reproductions

SHOW and SALE  
at

Meadowbrook Retirement Village

Senior's Dance

during the Winter Carnival

February 11, 2007 2 - 4 PM

RAFFLE PRIZES\*

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The Walden Art Club

\* Proceeds to Anderson Farm Stable Building Renovations