



Walden CAN Goals For 2013

Youth Programs Your Walden CAN committee along with Councillor Jacques Barbeau will work together on plans to expand the youth facilities in the ski hill area. Youth committee members Leslee Salo and Neeltje Van Roon are working on youth programming in the community. Chair Gord Key who is a skilled facilitator wishes to further expand the investment by the City for our Youth, perhaps a year round youth centre could be offered by the City in the future.

Beautification The Beautification Committee has identified several areas that can be enhanced. A major project in front of the Main Street shopping plaza is already underway. The crumbling flower beds with overgrown shrubs will be replaced by much lower and fewer beds, interspersed with tables and seating and a few bicycle racks. The small and neglected tower structure could become either a four way community clock or an electronic sign displaying upcoming events in the City. Proposed billboards showing the location of recreation facilities and family parks are in the plans. Our parks should be more fully utilized; Walden is blessed with some great ones!

The corridors along RR 55 coming into Lively, Penage Lake and Beaver Lake do need a good spruce up. The cenotaph in Lively is now receiving good attention. Annual flowers have been replaced by perennials and low shrubs as annuals do not grow well in this location.

The CAN is compiling a list of areas that can be put to better use or made more user- friendly. A list of "eyesores" has already been shared with the City.

Of course we welcome any input into this list or any suggestions for any of the projected work plans by the City. Great ideas are priceless!

Goals for 2013 cont'd...

Phosphates Ban Lawn fertilizers containing phosphates, along with laundry and dish soaps eventually end up in our rivers and lakes. They promote the growth of blue-green algae, and we know how that affects the pleasure and use of our waterways-don't drink the water, don't swim in it, don't eat the fish. It's like going to a banquet and just looking at it. There are still some people who don't see the problem here. As Joney Mitchells' song tells us-We don't know what we've got until it's gone; paved paradise, put up a parking lot.

Participation in community events We are proud to be associated with the Anderson Farm Historical Society. Members of the Walden CAN volunteer in several capacities. Its great fun and a pleasure to see so many Waldenites enjoying themselves.

Walden Theatre At the present time there is no home for the Walden Theatre. The loft over the Anderson Farm was the venue in the past, perhaps it could be again. The Beaver Lake Little Theatre under the direction of CAN member Brenda Salo has enjoyed a "bang up" year, presenting original plays to sold out audiences at the Beaver Lake Sports & Cultural Club. Live theatre draws the audience into the play in a way movies and television never do. Their next presentation is called "A Clean Finnish" and debuts on Sunday March 24th at 1pm. For tickets call Brenda Salo 705-866-2919.

So much of what the Walden CAN accomplishes is due to the support of our man at City Hall-Councillor Jacques Barbeau. Perhaps our Brenda Salo could write a part for him in the next play at Beaver Lake. Rumour has it that the scene is a steam bath. Now wouldn't that be one to steam your "wellies"!

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