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CLS Newsletter

August 15, 2016

SAVE THE DATE: we will have our first meeting Saturday, Sept. 10, 1-4 p.m. in the main library (on Mackenzie, meeting room 1, downstairs). Our fall planning meeting is always an important one as it sets the direction for the year. Hope to see you there!

Volunteers needed: want to help put up signs for walking routes for our Walk Sudbury project? Contact us – hit reply, e-mail clsudbury@live.com, or phone 691-5538.

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The section of Lorne Street between Martindale and Logan will be under construction this year and next.

There is much public interest in this work because there is a dire need for safe cycling routes along Lorne. The tender was recently posted - design details can be downloaded here too: https://www.greatersudbury.ca/business/tenders-purchasing/tenders/index.cfm?tender_id=2887&pg=tender

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Need funding for a community project? The Healthy Community Initiative Funds are

on a first-come, first-served basis. According to the City of Greater Sudbury, don't wait too long to apply as many applications are flowing in.

<https://www.greatersudbury.ca/inside-city-hall/hci-funds/>

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Have some extra veggies? Fruit for All will pick them for local food programs.

<https://www.sudbury.com/local-news/fruit-for-all-adds-veggies-341685>

Contact: Carrie at info@fruitforall.ca or 705-521-6717 Ext. 105

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Kivi Park summer celebration August 16, 5 – 7:30 p.m., Kivi Park (4472 Long Lake).

All welcome.

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The City invites the public to an Open House to learn about the Kingsway-Bancroft Storm Water Treatment Project: Wednesday, Aug. 17.

Minnow Lake Place, 1127 Bancroft Drive, Sudbury. Everyone is invited to attend any time between 4 and 7 p.m. <http://bit.ly/2aQQjkO>

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Climate Change Town Hall – August 18, 6:30 p.m., Parkside Centre (140 Durham)

With MP Paul Lefebvre. Have your say on how climate change is impacting us and what we need to do about it.

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Sudbury Bike Exchange.

When: Sunday, Aug. 21, 10 a.m. – noon

Where: The Sudbury Farmers' Market (on Elgin).

Has your child outgrown their bike? Come exchange it for a bike the right size. Don't have a bike to trade? Donations also accepted. Need a helmet? Some will be there too.

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Expressing Vibrancy

Explore some downtown streets and be a part of making our downtown more vibrant.

Volunteer for Expressing Vibrancy. Walks are being held:

- Wednesday, August 24 8am, 12 noon, 8pm
- Friday, August 26th 8am, 12 noon, 8pm
- Saturday, August 27th 8am, 12 noon, 8pm

Go on your own or get a group of friends together! There are sure to be some downtown treats after the walk.

Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/expressing-vibrancy-downtown-sudbury-tickets-25386049357>

Find out more about Expressing Vibrancy: <http://expressingvibrancy.ca/>

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New Sudbury Days Family Bike Ride - August 28

The SCU will be holding a family bike ride on Sunday August 28, starting at 10:00 am. This ride is suitable for riders of all ages and abilities. We'll be starting at the Adanac Skill Hill, riding the Rotary Trail, then going down to the Junction Creek Trail section along Notre Dame to the new Junction Creek Arboretum and back.

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Art of Resistance: A Beehive Collective Presentation.

Sept. 1, 2 p.m., Northern Initiative on Social Action (36 Elgin St.)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/106459423131580/>

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SCU Community Ride - Valley East Days - September 10

Be sure to join members of the Sudbury Cyclists Union at 10:00 am on Saturday, September 10 for the "Tour de Valley" bike ride. We'll be meeting at the s/w corner of the "Hanmer Mall" parking lot and will be having two rides. Le Tour de Valley will be a 25 km ride going through all of Valley East's Communities and we will also have a

children's ride of 1.6 km.

Everyone is welcome to take part.

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Registration open for Basic Income Guarantee conference,

When: October 5

<http://big2016npi.ca/>

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It's been hot. Here are some tips for caring for the trees in your yard and on your street.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/toronto-trees-pruning-1.3698951>

Sudbury area forests are dry. Watch for fire restrictions and be fire safe.

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We advocate for maintaining green spaces in our watersheds, protecting our wetlands and floodplains from development, and using green infrastructure. Here's one reason why:

"Cities face dramatic increase in water treatment spending when watersheds are developed"

http://www.eurekaalert.org/pub_releases/2016-07/wsu-cfd072216.php

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Sudbury Voices

Real action is needed on Climate Change, and that includes restructuring our economic system. <http://sudburysteve.blogspot.ca/2016/08/lip-service-from-neoliberals-wont-help.html>

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Advice for Greater Sudbury's upcoming Active Transportation Coordinator from the AT coordinator in Thunder Bay: "It's important to listen to the people who are asking for the infrastructure, and understand what they're saying."

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/sudbury/sudbury-transportation-coordinator-1.3687345>

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Council News

Sudbury's current traffic and parking by-law (2010-1) prohibits biking on boulevards, which we've been told makes in-boulevard cycle tracks illegal. A cycle tracks is a dedicated, separated bicycle route. MTO's Book 18, which is the province's guideline for cycling infrastructure includes standards for cycle tracks, including in-boulevard cycle tracks (between the sidewalk and the curb). The Sustainable Mobility Advisory Panel has recommended reviewing by-law 2010-1 to allow in-boulevard cycle tracks. This would not mean that cycling would be allowed on all boulevards or that boulevards would automatically be considered cycling infrastructure, but rather that boulevards meeting standards for an in-boulevard cycle track could be designated cycling infrastructure. Not all boulevards will be suitable, but the hope is that for those that are, this would open the door to relatively quick and easy retrofits to create needed bike routes.

A motion will be considered by Council in September for staff to review the by-law and bring back recommendations. Here is the motion presented by Councillor Deb McIntosh:

<http://agendasonline.greatersudbury.ca/index.cfm?pg=feed&action=file&attachment=16289.pdf>

The details of this motion and how it is followed up on will be very important.

Council gets budget preview. Improved community engagement is a goal; however, details and timing are not yet clear. <http://www.thesudburystar.com/2016/08/09/council-gets-budget-preview>

Council looks at options for improving winter maintenance of sidewalks. Further discussion to come at a Sept. 20 finance meeting.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/sudbury/sudbury-demand-better-winter-sidewalk-maintenance-1.3711908>

After consultations with Sudbury Trail Plan officials, city council passed a bylaw that will allow snow machine drivers to use some walking trails when they're sledding this winter. We do not know which walking trails. <https://www.sudbury.com/local-news/snow-machines-can-use-some-walking-trails-this-winter-354140>

Thanks to a private donation, Kivi Park is the now largest in the city and will include sports facilities as well as trails and connections to Crown land and parks. <http://www.thesudburystar.com/2016/08/11/new-park-becomes-citys-largest>

Much needed affordable housing for seniors approved in Coniston. Efforts include keeping mature trees and existing trails, and aiming for net zero energy use. Of concern, the site includes floodplain. Building on floodplain impacts water quality and flooding risks, both higher risks with climate change. <http://www.thesudburystar.com/2016/08/09/coniston-seniors-complex-gets-the-ok>

Detailed design plans for Elgin Greenway expected to come to Council this fall: <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/sudbury/elgin-greenway-downtown-sudbury-delays-1.3708693>

Will Council borrow \$100M for roads? Any mention of complete streets or a complete bike network in this priority list? Not that we can see. <http://www.thesudburystar.com/2016/08/07/city-considers-borrowing-100m-for-roads>

Councillor McIntosh celebrated new paved shoulder on part of Long Lake Rd. Long Lake is an arterial, but runs through a rural area. Paved shoulders are not dedicated cycling infrastructure. However some local and provincial cycling advocates welcome paved shoulders on rural roads and highways, and some of these shoulder are recognized as part of long distance cycling routes.

Gogama residents say their local waters are still contaminated with oil. <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/sudbury/gogama-oil-spill-clean-up-complete-1.3713738>

Simon Lake Stewardship would like an algae skimmer to deal with algae problems in

the lake.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/sudbury/simon-lake-algae-skimmer-1.3716338>

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Local News

Seven new murals are up downtown as part of Up Here. Find them and have a look.

<https://www.sudbury.com/lifestyle/seven-new-murals-to-cover-downtown-walls-352867>

Blue –green algae in Nepahwin Lake, spotted at Laurentian University beach.

Eurasian milfoil still a problem in lakes treated with weevils because native aquatic plants are not regenerating quickly enough to replace it.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/sudbury/weevils-milfoil-sudbury-1.3685225>

More clean-up and more answers needed in Gogama.

<http://www.thesudburystar.com/2016/08/03/dead-fish-point-to-contamination-gogama-fire-chiefoneplan>

Vale granted further emissions exceptions. <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/sudbury/vale-emissions-gelinas-1.3700482>

Ontario Cultural forum

Here's the link to Ontario's cultural strategic report: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontarios-culture-strategy>

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