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CLS Newsletter

Sept 12, 2016

Welcome back to Fall, to bright colours of a different – hopefully more watery – hue. For many this is our favourite time of year. For others, it's a sign that our wonderful summer must end.

There is much on the go, as usual.

You are invited: Tuesday Sept. 13th at 10:00 a.m. for the WalkSudbury Kick Off at Tom Davies Square. The event, organized by the city, will include a group walk along one of Walk Sudbury's downtown routes following the signs to reach the main library on Mackenzie.

If you are free, come out to celebrate the project, and acknowledge all the volunteers and partners that made it happen.

Thank you to everyone who came out to our fall planning meeting. The meeting notes can be read here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BzZUjiGtaTm-T2MyTHh5ejVtSnM/view?usp=sharing>

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At the September 13 Council meeting, Council will vote on a motion by Councillor Deb McIntosh intended to allow appropriate cycling infrastructure to be permitted on boulevards (such as the cycle tracks on Paris Street near

Science North).

Here is the Motion:

Traffic and Parking By-law Amendment As presented by Councillor McIntosh:

“WHEREAS Book 18 of the Ontario Traffic Manual and the draft Transportation Master Plan recommend the use of in boulevard cycling facilities as a cost effective way to provide a physically separated cycling facility;
AND WHEREAS the City of Greater Sudbury’s Traffic and Parking By-Law 2010-1 prohibits bicycles or any other vehicle from driving on boulevards;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City of Greater Sudbury endorses the use of designated boulevards for cycling facilities and that staff be directed to expedite their ongoing review of the Traffic and Parking By-Law 2010-1 and provide recommendations to the Operations Committee by the first quarter of 2017 on how to modify the by-law to allow the use of boulevards as cycling facilities as identified in the draft Transportation Master Plan.”

*Note that it is expected that a small edit will be made to read ““endorses the use of designated and **appropriately retrofitted** boulevards...”*

The intent is to be able to retrofit boulevards to cycle tracks or build in-boulevard cycle tracks, where it is possible and safe to do so. The result of this motion will be a report to Council on amendments to the Traffic and Parking By-law that would allow that to happen. If Council votes in favour of these amendments, then in-boulevard cycle tracks could be designated as cycle routes as retrofits or new in-boulevard cycle tracks are done. Each time an addition is made to a designated cycle route, there will be a Council vote in order to formally add it into the schedule (map) in the Traffic and Parking By-law.

If you have questions or comments about the motion, contact Councillor Deb McIntosh (705-929-2517; deb.mcintosh@greatersudbury.ca).

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The Sudbury's chapter of the revolutionary students' movement will be holding two movie nights this week.

The Black Power Mixtape 1967-75

When: September 14 at 4 p.m.

Where: Main Branch, Greater Sudbury Public Library on Mackenzie Street

And it's the Red Ant Dream – A Life of a Revolutionary Possibility in India.

When: September 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Fraser Auditorium, Laurentian University

There will be a discussion after each film.

<http://mer-rsm.ca/>

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Have your say: Electoral Reform Town Hall

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 14

Who: Liberal MP Paul Lefebvre

Time: 6:30- 8:30 p.m.

Where: Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 76, 1553 Weller Street in Minnow Lake

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Free Film Screening: The Permaculture Orchard

September 27, 6:30 p.m., The Open Studio (93 Cedar)

Presented by Sudbury Shared Harvest (Fruit for All) and reThink /Green.

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Save the date - Take Back the Night 2016!

When: Thursday, Sept. 29 at 6 p.m.

Where: Sudbury Secondary School.

The downtown community march will begin at 7 p.m.

This year the keynote speaker is Julie Lalonde, an award-winning feminist activist and educator.

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You're Invited! On Friday September 30th, Eat Local Sudbury is hosting their 2nd Annual Harvest Feast Gala Fundraiser at Collège Boréal's "Au pied du rocher" event space. Over 230 guests will sit down for a gourmet three-course meal prepared by Chef Jean Huneault and featuring the best local and seasonal ingredients that our region has to offer. This year's event will also feature complementary Ontario wine pairings with dinner, local craft beer tastings by Stack Brewing and Manitoulin Brewing Company, live music, a Farmer Meet & Greet and a silent auction. The event will wrap up with the presentation of the 2016 Local Food Champions Awards, which recognize the individuals, farmers, business owners and organizations in northeastern Ontario who are shaping our local food system.

Tickets are on sale now until September 21st so get yours on-line today at www.eatlocalsudbury.com today or visit the Eat Local Sudbury Co-op Store downtown at 176 Larch St.

Did you know? Eat Local Sudbury now opens early, 8:45 a.m. Monday to Friday.

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Women in Government Workshop September 30, 9:30–3:30, hosted by the City of Greater Sudbury.

To register: <http://www.greatersudbury.ca/inside-city-hall/pdf/women-in-government-registration/>

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BrokeDownTown brings together a team of creators across disciplines. The team will then craft a multimedia adventure inspired by the ghosts and approaching spectre of downtown Sudbury.

When: September 30 & October 1

<http://www.crestfallentheatre.com/brokedowntown.html>

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Permaculture/Food Forest Workshop October 1st

Come learn about:

- What are food forests and polycultures/guilds?
- Foundational principles in ecological design (permaculture)
- Layers in a food forest and basics in mimicking natural forests
- What food forests can provide for people, animals and plants: food, medicine, craft materials, fuel, habitat, soil-building, nitrogen-fixation and more
- Examples of useful plants in cold climates
- How to plant an understory around existing fruit trees (demonstration)

Pre-registration is required, but the workshop is free with a commitment to volunteer at least 5 hours with planting/maintenance of Sudbury's first community food forest (to be planted in spring 2017) or by donation (\$50 is suggested).

Please register here:

http://sudburysharedharvest.nationbuilder.com/food_forest_workshop

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Rainbow Routes is up and running this fall with a new website and plans for improving Sudbury's fitness.

Visit rainbowroutes.com for all the details.

The first hike will be held on Saturday, October 1 at Lake Laurentian Conservation Area ski chalet.

Check the website later this month for further details on the RRA hike club's first event of the Fall.

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Limited opportunity to have your say in Canadian gov't spending

Over the next decade \$120 billion is being invested in infrastructure. There is a small window of opportunity to ensure that money is spent on infrastructure that is sustainable or green, according to the Green Infrastructure Ontario (GIO) Coalition.

Submit your comments to <http://www.infraconsults.ca/> by September 16, 2016.

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City Hall News

Rooftop solar panels have been placed on the Gerry McCrory Countryside Sports Complex and Pioneer Manor.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/sudbury/sudbury-rooftop-solar-panel-municipal-buildings-1.3753062>

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On the agenda at City Hall

September 13, 6.p.m., Council Chambers - City Council meeting:

- report on Election Modernization Act. Staff will monitor the use of ranked ballots in other municipalities and bring back recommendations to Council.
- large project update – place des arts
- motion intended to permit in-boulevard cycle tracks in Greater Sudbury

For more details and links to the reports, see:

<http://agendasonline.greatersudbury.ca/?pg=agenda&action=navigator&id=951&lang=en>

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Local news

The SUN Cooperative announced the first community owned 500 kW solar power project near Wanup.

The Rainbow District School Board is talking about closing 10 primary and two secondary schools as they cope with a \$3.6-million funding shortfall. Schools that may disappear include: Lansdowne Public School, Webbwood PS, Adamsdale PS, Cyril Varney PS, Carl A. Nesbitt PS, Ernie Checkeris PS, Westmount PS, Pinecrest PS, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School and Lively District Secondary School.

<http://www.thesudburystar.com/2016/08/31/rainbow-board-may-close-11-schools>

Parents have begun to mobilize to save their schools.

<http://www.thesudburystar.com/2016/09/08/lively-parents-vow-fight-for-high-school>

Weaknesses in TransCanada pipeline could pose risk to North Bay's drinking water source

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/sudbury/transcanada-pipeline-poses-risk-to-north-bay-1.3744918>



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