

Minutes Walden-CAN
February 17, 2016 @ 7 pm
Lively CSC Boardroom

Present: Russ Harrington, Leslee Salo, Forbes Stoodley, Dale Kilbey, Kelly Haner, Sherri Moroso, Jessica Joy, Charlie Gruebele, Tom Price, Ray Bennet, Chris Moggy, Mathieu Guerin

Regrets: Councillor Vagnini, Brenda Salo, June Dupont, Sean Dupont, Gord Key

1. **Welcome** (7:05 pm) Russ welcomed everyone and asked for a short introduction from everyone for the new members present. Jessica stated that the meetings will now be recorded for minute. Copies of the draft CAN Terms of Engagement were distributed, Russ will discuss it later in the meeting. Visioning Session notes were emailed to all members prior to the meeting.
2. **Conflict of Interest Declaration**
 - There was no conflict of interest declared.
3. **Amendments to the Agenda**
 - Russ added Approval of the Previous Minutes to the agenda.
4. **Treasurer's Report**
 - As of January 31, 2016 there is \$3618.45 in the account. \$0.15 interest.
 - Outstanding bills include photocopying from the City of Greater Sudbury and mailout costs (Visioning session and newsletter). Sherri will send Leslee what is owing to the City.
 - A motion was made by Forbes to accept the Treasurer's report as read to the CAN. Seconded by Dale. Carried.
5. **Approval of the Minutes from November and December**
 - A motion was made by Forbes to accept the minutes from November and December with the amendment to add Jessica Joy to the list of regrets for the November minutes. Seconded by Dale. Carried.
6. **Reports**
 - a. **Website Update** – Dale
The website is ready to launch. Dale requested feedback from the committee regarding the contents of the homepage and what should be changed from the old website. It was suggested that an introduction be added to explain what the

Walden CAN does, as well as upcoming events. Remove the outdated information. Some things like minutes and newsletters must be kept. The website can be accessed at www.walden-can.ca. The website will be up and running within the week. Leslee mentioned that we do have a Facebook page that she updates. Sherri also mentioned that there is also a Greater Sudbury Community Action Network Facebook page. A Facebook link should be added to the homepage of the Walden CAN website.

b. **Newsletter** - Forbes/Jessica

A newsletter was sent out in the Fall. We are aiming to send the next one out in March. Forbes visited all the schools and other areas to find out what is going on in the area.

c. **Beaver Lake update** - Leslee

Leslee conveyed a question from Brenda regarding an update on the Fire station situation. Tom Price (representative for Councillor Vagnini) answered by explaining that the entire fire situation is under review, and that there is a study underway by the Underwriter's Association. Until that study is presented in April there will not be anything further done.

The Welcome Centre is off the surplus books and will not appear again (won't be sold). Councillor Vagnini and his team will be meeting with MPP France Gelin as to see if provincial funding can be brought in to help upgrade it. They also had a meeting with Paul to see if federal funding might be available as well.

d. **City Staff** - Sherri Moroso

Nothing to report.

e. **Councillors Update** - Councillor Vagnini (represented here by Tom Price and Ray Bennet).

Councillor Vagnini's representatives conveyed his apologies for not being able to attend the meeting due to an illness. He would like to have a point made that as a Councillor and group of advisors, they have assembled a list of over 100 issues within Ward 2 that need to be addressed. He would like to know if the CAN would like to get involved with any of those issues. The CAN is welcome to be involved or not as its discretion, however as Councillor he must continue to address the issues.

Russ suggested that the list may be seen as having hard items (i.e. road repairs, infrastructure, flooding, etc.) and soft items (i.e. dealing with local groups within

the Walden CANs local sphere). Tom said that the list identifies some priority #1 issues, many of which are road repairs and lack of snow removal. Some are private issues that cannot be shared. There are also softer issues such as parks and recreation that will be addressed thereafter.

Amalgamation caused the number of elected officials to be cut to 20% of what it was pre-amalgamation. Essentially we now have 13 elected members where there were 68, increasing the workload for each councillor. City Staff has increased by 20%, resulting in a 500% increase in the number of City employees that each councillor is accountable for. The number of constituents that each councillor is accountable to has increased 600%. In spite of these increases the position of councillor is still deemed a part-time job, being given no additional staff or tools to handle the increased workload. Councillor Vagnini's advisors are currently working as free staff.

f. **Greater Sudbury Police** – Chris Moggy, Mathieu Guerin

In the last 30 days for Service in the last 30 days: 14 Calls that included. 24 traffic complaints, 20 Alarms, 18 Police Assistance, 3 Break and enters, 4 domestic disputes, 4 motor vehicle collisions, 2 attempt suicide, 3 assist ambulance, 4 fraud, 3 Mischief, 11 thefts and a Robbery on Old Soo Rd. – 3 males from Toronto arrested shortly after incident *Remainder of the calls are assorted.

In the last 30 days, 14 calls were received, mostly “suspicious persons” which could be anything that residents find suspicious (vehicle parked at the end of the street, suspicious person, etc.). Investigations into those calls revealed that most of them turned out to be nothing of concern. Also included were: 1 assault, 1 break and enter, and 1 LLA (i.e. someone intoxicated in public).

A committee member mentioned that there is word going around the local highschool that there are kids drinking and driving and vandalizing homes. Chris mentioned that generally the Principals at the schools are in-tune with issues and let the police know (i.e. social media posts of concern). The education is presented in schools regarding the risks of drinking and driving. There may be a fear of calling 911 and being identified; an anonymous call might be played in court, where the voice of the caller might be identified. This might present a mixed message. Mathieu will talk to the Crown about this issue. Charlie said that he believes that most students would call the police if something serious happened.

Snowmobiling safety continues to be enforced, more in this area than in any other area in the City.

g. **Walden Y4Y – Kelly**

The youth are back in their regular space after the repairs were completed. The Happy Soles initiative was brought about to raise awareness about the fact that socks have been identified as the least donated yet the most needed item for the homeless. The youth have chosen this program to become one of the Youth Give Back initiatives, deciding that they would like to continue this initiative for another month where upon they will make a donation to the soup kitchen and present the socks to the homeless. Donations can be dropped off at the Youth Centre until the end of March.

The Youth will be helping Miss Lorrie Blais, a contestant in Miss Northern Ontario with her bottle collection fundraiser for charity., using the Youth Centre as a drop off space for used bottles. Her chosen charity is the Northern Ontario Families of Children with Cancer.

The new liaison officer for the Youth Centre will be Mathieu.

There is an upcoming snowmobile safety presentation for the youth on March 7th at 4:30pm.

The crib fundraiser was overflowing with donations, exceeding the goal many times over. The cribs from all over the city were collected and brought back to the Infant Food Bank where they were sorted and available for those in need.

Charlie presented the idea of a snow sculpture contest to engage the youth of Walden and connect them with residents our community. Proposed date would be the week after march break. Bilingual flyers would be posted around the area. A backup plan might be a movie night. Sherri mentioned that the event may qualify for funding through the Activate Your Neighbourhood program. Leslee suggested a local artist that may be interested in volunteering as a judge.

7. Visioning Session Review

Russ introduced the Visioning Session report. Leslee conveyed her thanks for those who attended the session though she was not able to. The session ran smoothly and alot of feedback was collected. Sherri mentioned that there was a session evaluation send out via email for those who could not attend and wished to provide feedback. The document is available for review by email.

The City will take note of the feedback from all the CANs and compares it to the leisure Master Plan and sees how it correlates. The City looks at potential projects and looks at ways to move them forward, including funding availability.

Russ suggested establishing a subcommittee before the next meeting and asked if anyone is interested in sitting on this subcommittee to pair down the recommendations. The sub-committee was struck and includes: Russ, Forbes, Jessica and Dale. Russ will coordinate a meeting date and location.

8. Terms of Engagement (TOE): Meeting Review - Russ

Russ was invited to be part of the team/committee to review the TOE for all CAN's. They met on Friday February 5th. The next meeting is set for March 10th. Official notes from the meeting are not yet available. There were 6 councillors in attendance as well as 6 CAN members from various CAN's.

Discussion on Councillor Vagnini's "CAN Organization"

Councillor Vagnini distributed a draft document ("Walden CAN Organization"). It is not intended to be a cast-in-stone document, its a working document that everyone can work towards a final document. Russ would like us to read it before the next meeting where it can be discussed further. If anyone has any comments or suggestions please forward them to Russ before he meets with the team again on March 10th.

The Visioning subcommittee will also discuss this document.

9. New Business

- a. Rock the Farm opportunity for Youth** - The Anderson Farm Museum & Heritage Society has a plan for the summer that entails using the hour before their Wednesday night Rock the Farm concerts for youth musical/dance/theatre demonstrations. They will be presenting this information to the schools.
- b.** Leslee pointed out that there is a copy of the Walden CAN minute book in the Lively Library if anyone wants copies of the minutes or the Terms of Engagement.
- c. Appointing Jessica Joy as interim Secretary** - A motion was made by Leslee to appoint Jessica Joy as interim Secretary. Seconded by Dale. Carried.

- d. The next AGM will be April 20th. Location is to be confirmed.
- e. Ray brought up the issue regarding the Welcome sign coming into Lively that still says “Walden”, since Walden no longer exists. Leslee with touch base with Gwen at the next Anderson Farm meeting.

10. **Next Meeting.** Wed. March 16th, 7:00pm, Lively CSC Boardroom

11. **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Forbes. Meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm

Approved by:

Russ Harrington
Chair, Walden CAN

Leslee Salo
Vice Chair