



# Garson Falconbridge Community Action Network

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## **GFCAN Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, Oct 25, 2011

7:00 p.m.

Garson Arena, Upstairs Hall

### **1) Welcome and Introductions**

**In attendance:** Laura Mucklow, Jon Charlebois, Barb McDougall-Murdoch, Jennifer Pakula, Councillor Dave Kilgour, Sylvie Forest, Constable Hally Willmott, James Dempsey  
Special Guests: Cambrian College Students, Sylvie Forest and Chad McIntyre

### **2) Review of Minutes from September 27, 2011**

Minutes were reviewed and accepted by Jennifer, seconded by Barb.

Dave Kilgour has City Legal Department looking into the arena canteen contract issues (same operator for most of the arenas) and investigating fairness in City subsidizing of some community events but not others.

### **3) Treasurer's Report**

September Balance \$8,519.03.

### **4) Old Business**

#### **4.1 GFCAN Family Fun Day**

- Barb booked the arena, community hall and lobby for June 16, 2012
- Contact list has been updated
- Rental rates to be determined; last year we paid only for staff but this year we may be charged the non-profit rental rate
- Dave Kilgour mentioned he is trying to reduce community hall/arena rental rates
- Jennifer mentioned that Vale is willing to contribute to the Fun Day event to cover some of our rental or advertising costs
- Jennifer to send contact names to Barb for people that are interested in joining GFCAN
- Dave Kilgour trying to get money for a digital sign in Garson that could be used to advertise CAN meetings (approaching Vale and Xstrata Nickel)
- Dave Kilgour mentioned the Strong Man Competition is very popular in Capreol (contact: Troy at The Gym)
- Police Youth Advisory Committee donated bikes to Donovan Days; Halle to ask whether they would be willing to contribute to GFCAN Fun Day
- Rod Basinet may be a useful contact for musical entertainment (Blues Brothers, as well as a bunch of young bands that want exposure); Dave Kilgour has contact info

## 4.2 Garson Park Trail/St. John School

- Hally gave a summary of the CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) report for the Garson Park Trail/St. John School
- Some recommendations include adding more boulders at the access points, installing a gate with a lock box at the access point near the library, additional signage and lighting – James will look into obtaining some boulders
- We may also request the Citizens on Patrol to increase patrols in that area
- Dave Kilgour said there were few complaints about ATV bylaw and that there may be less illegal use now that ATVs are permitted on road shoulders; he is also trying to support a bylaw to make ATVs off bounds for any motorized vehicle
- Parks Department oversees Garson Park; need to share CPTED report with them
- Hally requested a donation from GFCAN for a popcorn maker (\$500) for St John School to support youth activities at the school; James suggested she approach the Lion's Club
- Hally mentioned that schools are an untapped resource for the GFCAN and we should have linkages with the school parent councils
- Dave Kilgour mentioned that he wants to contribute to a project in Garson; one suggestion that was brought forward was an outdoor fitness station(brochure of this type of equipment was circulated)
- Jennifer suggested that GFCAN reps visit the area schools and inform them that the CAN has some money to spend in the community and that the schools are welcome to send a representative to the CAN meeting(s) or send us their input
- There is no one to cut the grass in Central Lane and residents should call 311 with regards to this

## 4.3 Youth Survey

- There 13 responses to the on-line Youth Survey

## 5) Other Business

### 5.1 CAN Priorities

- **Revisit CAN priorities** – spend time discussing at the next meeting
- **Greenspace** – Jon and James will review Greenspace map provided by Barb and indentify potential trails; group will review at the next meeting.
- **Community Resource Directory** – Barb showed other CAN examples, Dave Kilgour mentioned that the group who put together the Capreol phone book made \$40,000 selling ads
- **Youth** - Hally and Barb will meet to discuss a possible approach to talking to the youth in the area grade schools

### 5.2 CAN Recruitment

- The following suggestions were made: approach the schools, other volunteer organizations, eg. Sudbury Trail Plan group.
- Dave Kilgour suggested to the group that if you want people to participate, you have to tell them what you are doing, and remind them that there is a Police Officer at most meetings
- Community Resource Directory



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## **5.3 CAN Summit**

- November 29, 2011 – looking for 2-3 CAN members to represent the GFCAN

## **5.4 Firefighter Memorial**

The current memorial outside the Garson arena is in rough shape. Dave Kilgour would like to move it, with the permission of the City Park's Department. He will revisit this in 2012.

## **5.5 Cambrian College Students**

Sylvie and Chad, guests of the GFCAN informed the group of their school work, a 2 semester course looking at the community and contributors to community health. They have to write an assessment for Falconbridge

## **6) Next Meeting – November 28, 2011**

- Starting in January 2012, Council and Standing Committee meetings will take place on Monday and Tuesday evenings.