



Garson Falconbridge Community Action Network

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GFCAN Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2011

7:00 p.m.

Garson Arena, Upstairs Hall

1) Welcome and Introductions

In attendance: Laura Mucklow, Jon Charlebois, Barb McDougall-Murdoch, Jennifer Pakula

2) Treasurer's Report

Current Balance \$8,523.98

3) Old Business

3.1 GFCAN Family Fun Day

- Please send Barb your contacts from the Family Fun Day. Barb is compiling a list of the Contacts for the various clubs, services and organizations featured at the event.
- Jon reported dealing with the Garson Arena Canteen operator and the inconsistencies with the agreements allowing groups to have BBQ's (given the canteen contract with the City). Scouts for example were going to do a BBQ for the Gem and Minerals Show, they had an agreement with the canteen owner for \$150 for the permission to hold a BBQ. He showed up to set up the canteen (in competition) and told the Scouts that for \$250 he would leave.
- Jon will find out the \$ sales from the Lions Club BBQ at the Family Fun Day. It may end up being less expensive for the CAN to cover this cost and offer a free BBQ, as opposed to paying \$150 or more to the canteen operator.
- Councillor Kilgour is looking into the issue of community events and community use of halls with respect to the costs involved with an event such as the Garson Family Fun Day vs. other 'grandfathered' community events throughout Greater Sudbury with support from the City.
- Barb to look into the availability of the Arena/Community Hall for June 9th or 16th for the 2012 Family Fun Day.

3.2 Garson Park Trail/St. John School

- Barb informed the committee of the meeting with Police at the beginning of the summer for the CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design). She is waiting for the report from GSPS.
- St. John School was the winner of the City's Ugliest Schoolyard Contest and began work on transforming/regreening the schoolyard at the end of August.
- The back of the schoolyard property was fenced in August.

- Barb also informed the CAN of the meeting at St. John School with a number of stakeholders including the City Parks Staff, Councillor Kilgour, and representatives from Rainbow Routes, Junction Creek Stewardship Committee and VETAC. The suggestion was made to develop a Trail Plan for Garson Park.
- The question was raised 'how much of a plan do we need'.
- Barb to find out what the mound of gravel is for at the corner of Central Lane/Birch Street.

3.3 Update of GFCAN Contact List – There is a need to compile a new GFCAN mailing list. Barb will work on compiling this.

4) Other Business

4.1 CAN Priorities – The suggestion was made to re-examine the CAN priorities and discuss how to move them forward. Laura suggested that we come up with one project/idea, implement it and try to raise awareness for the CAN, reminding the group that there is money that can be spent. Laura indicated that trails and walking paths were among the top priorities at CAN Visioning Sessions.

- The CAN would like to develop a Community Resource Directory. We would compile info on local businesses and services available in Garson/Falconbridge. A suggestion was made that those in our area could be featured free of charge, with a charge for any business outside of Garson/Falconbridge. Barb and Jon will draft a letter and prepare a template for businesses/organizations to fill out. We will work on this this fall. The document can be sent out as either Ad-Mail or given away at the library and Family Fun Day.

4.2 Visioning Session – Through the CAN Terms of Engagement, there is a recommendation to have a visioning session once every two years. The CAN decided that since the CAN priorities have not changed, that the CAN can re-visit the priorities that have already been identified, focus on recruiting new members and moving forward with set priorities.

4.3 CAN Recruitment – is a standing issue. The GFCAN needs to recruit more members, with a focus on engaging people in Falconbridge. Since youth engagement was also a priority of the CAN, Jennifer suggested that the CAN can try to get youth out by having a pizza night to talk to youth and find out what their priorities are.

4.4 CGS Arena Renewal Strategy – Barb reported that the CGS is conducting a public consultation process through 'Open Houses' and surveys (on line and print) with respect to the City's Arenas. There was an Open House held at the Garson Arena on September 22nd. Citizens are able to complete surveys until October 7th.

4.5 Other Business – Barb was asked to find out whether there is a map that shows City-owned green space in Garson vs. land owned by Vale (or others). Jennifer will inquire with Vale about ability to obtain permission to use trails behind Tim Hortons to Maley Drive. Jon reported that Vale said no to using the old rail bed in Garson. Jennifer will look into this as well.

5) Next Meeting – October 25th, 7pm