



Kingsmount-Bell Park CAN

Ward 10 • Kingsmount-Bell Park Community Action Network

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C.A.N MINUTES – Ward 10 – Kingsmount Bell Park CAN – General Meeting

March 1, 2023; 7:00-8:16 pm Eastern Time

1. Welcome

- a. Meeting begins at 7:00 pm

2. Attendance

- a. Katie Hahn, Paul Haynes, Denise Renaud, Michael Penwarden, Maria Gorski, Brooklyn Olive, Kevin Despot, Tanya VandenBerg, Christine Caveen (joined at 7:20)

3. Approval of the Agenda

4. Approval of the minutes from December, 2023

- a. Previous meeting cancelled

5. City Councillor Report

- a. Fern Cormier not in attendance – no report
- b. Discussion: CANs are regularly asked to participate in citizen surveys to gather feedback on issues such as waste water, urban forest master plan, winter sidewalk maintenance etc. These surveys are found at Greater Sudbury portal - <https://overtoyou.greatersudbury.ca/>

6. Police Report

- a. Police liaison not in attendance – no report (not enough time to engage with police prior to meeting)
- b. Discussion: Continue to report crimes; lock car doors; light on front of house; secure house; leash dogs; 311 Greater Sudbury; encourage residents to report things that are wrong

7. Guest Speaker (Cancelled) Greater Sudbury Public Library: Junction East update

8. Treasurer's Report

- a. \$30 rental for meeting at St Peter's United Church
- b. Paid invoice to City for shade trees \$1991.06
- c. Current balance: \$3184.35
- d. Income: \$2500 grant from city received for 2023
- e. Expenses: \$30 for rental of meeting space
- f. Anticipated purchases: picnic table for tot lot \$1700; add plaques to trees



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9. Communications Report

- a. From the mail bag: Howey Drive resident doesn't fall within the existing Minnow Lake or Kingsmount-Bell CAN boundaries, Should K-BP consider expanding boundaries? Subject deferred to future Community Engagement session; Correspondence about landlords and by-law issues, These are referred to city councillor; CAN Chairs meetings are discussing Community Engagement and election protocol

10. Project & Activity Reports

a. St Nicholas Greenspace

- Community Consultation: Rainbow routes will undertake community consultation; looking forward to starting this process in the spring. Staff will present a draft survey to the sub-committee prior to next General meeting

b. York Street Playground Little Free Library

- Christine Caveen has approached the CAN about working to install a Free Little Library at the York Street Playground
- Christine will take the lead on this and has an old colleague who may be able to assist in construction as part of a high school shop class
- Would like to have a library for adults and one for children
- Would like to see it maintained by herself and volunteers (including ideas such as themed books; supporting the pollinator garden etc.) – Katie has volunteered to assist with this
- Any interested volunteers can contact Christine (christinecaveen@gmail.com)
- CAN sees this as a project that we could support financially as a little community hub for garden/focal point
- Should we ask if GSPL would like to be involved?
- **ACTION:** Christine will communicate with some people to figure out how to get it rolling
- **ACTION:** Brooklyn will follow up with park department about the library

c. Northern Wildflower Community Garden Giveaway

- We applied for and received a \$50 voucher from Northern Wildflowers to put towards buying seeds for our pollinator habitat
- A big bag of mixed wildflower seeds has been purchased and we will plan a day this spring for planting – it will depend on what we decide to do about the garlic mustard
- Mentioned the invasive garlic mustard plant and talked about organizing a day to pull it; can talk to Junction Creek Stewardship people
- **ACTION:** Michael will talk to the Junction Creek people to ask how they addressed pulling garlic mustard along the creek



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11. New Business

a. K-BP CAN Visioning session

- A work in progress; next step for our CAN is to host a Community Engagement/visioning session
- We need to understand what our residents want and discuss as a group how to move forward
- The South End CAN recently hosted a visioning session at the legion which included a meal; 70 people attended;
- **ACTION:** As a group we will keep this idea in mind and aim to host something in the fall; currently not sure if city will be involved or if they will have a toolkit or anything for us to use

12. Other:

- Open discussion: City of Ottawa has information available about planting gardens to help absorb stormwater run-off
- Brooklyn advised that if you contact 311 you can try to get a tree in your front yard
- <https://overtoyou.greatersudbury.ca/> doing a survey about winter maintenance of sidewalks
- Illegal activity: Call police on their general telephone # 705-675-9171 unless it is an emergency we all know to call 911

13. Q&A Forum None

14. Next Meeting May 10 – in person, location to be determined

15. Adjournment

- 8:16 pm