



Kingsmount-Bell Park CAN

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MINUTES – Ward 10 – Kingsmount Bell Park CAN – General Meeting

May 10, 2023, 7:00-9:00 pm Eastern Time

In person at St. Peter's United Church, 203 York Street

- 1. Welcome:** Paul Haynes offered regrets from Chair, Michael Penwarden, and chaired the meeting.
- 2. Attendance:** Gates Gilbert, Suzanne Paquette, Karen Goddard, Marg Rondina, Karen Haynes, Gary Austin, Janet Lanteigne, Katie Hahn, Paul Haynes, Kevin Despot, Frederico Dudet, Paloma Dudet, Daniel Barrette (Rainbow Routes) .
- 3. Approval of the minutes of March 1:** Approved by Paul Haynes, seconded by Kevin Despot
- 4. Approval of the Agenda of May 10, 2023:** Approved Kevin Despot, seconded by Gary Austin
- 5. City Councillor Report**
 - a) Councillor Cormier was not in attendance. He was contacted by email, but did not respond. Paul reminded of construction in the area; construction on Bridge of Nations, completion of paving and landscaping on Hyland, and construction at Nelson pedestrian bridge.
 - b) Kevin reported that the bridge will be a prefab and it will only be down for a few days. If the CAN receives notification of construction, it will post the information.
- 6. Police Report**
 - a) Not in attendance. Note: It is the responsibility of the CAN to contact and request police presence. Previously we have relied on staff to make the connection. In preparation for the meeting our staff liaison, Brooklyn Olive, was contacted and asked to provide the contact information for our designated police constable. No reply as of the date of publication of minutes.
 - b) We are encouraged to continue to report crimes; call 311 Greater Sudbury, secure house; lock car doors; keep a light on.
- 7. Guest Speaker**
 - a) Rainbow Routes - Daniel Barrette: Daniel Barrette, Hails from Hailybury, attended University of Ottawa and graduated with a degree in engineering; Employed with the Civil Engineering firm of JL Richards & Associates Sudbury for 7 years; Outgoing Executive Director, Rainbow Routes for 7 years. Dan talked about his experiences with Rainbow Routes and the opportunities for the St Nicholas Greenspace (Mountain + Canyon).
- 8. Treasurer's Report**
 - a) Denise Renaud has resigned her position as Treasurer. Katie Hahn has kindly agreed to look after the books until such time as a replacement is found.
 - b) Katie provided the following update on our financial status.
Current balance of \$3,178.50 – will have \$30 withdrawn for church hall rental.



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9. Communications Report

- a) We have a website and are building a subscribers list, and use existing Facebook groups to communicate to the CAN neighbourhoods.

10. Project Reports

1. **York Street Playground:** Katie provided a project update: We would still like to add a picnic table to the park. If anyone would like to volunteer to take over this that would be helpful – otherwise there are currently no actions. There has been a lot of positive response about the trees from the community, although it will be a long time before we get any actual shade from them. Another thing to look into could be the addition of some sort of shade sail or structure.
2. **Little Free Library (LFL):** Christine met with Taryn Green who has a LFL on Boland. She gave me info on how to register it with the Little Free Library official site. <https://littlefreelibrary.org>. There's lots of great info there on how to start and maintain a LFL. She also gave me some tips and I am now following a couple of local LFL on Instagram. Christine communicated with the City. Someone (from Leisure services I believe) got back to me. He thought it was a great idea but can't give us the go-ahead until they have official guidelines in place for putting such structures in the playground. He was going to talk to his supervisor about it. He was also going to reach out to the city liaison for our CAN. He still hasn't gotten back to me. I will follow up when I am back in June if he still hasn't contacted me by then. Christine hasn't had further conversations with my former colleague (woodshop teacher at Hanmer HS) regarding the construction of it. By the time we get the go ahead from the city it will be too late in this school year for him to start on this project with his students. Maybe in the fall?

The group calculated that the K-BP has had several LFL in the past several years including on York, Park at John and Paris, Homewood, Winchester, Riverside, and Jim Jerome Playground.

3. **Northern Wildflower Community Garden Giveaway:** We have been keeping an eye on if the seeds we planted in the fall are coming up. So far it's a bit early in the season to tell. There are definitely some seedlings starting to show up that look like the ones we planted – there is also a bunch of grass. We will have to maintain this space through the summer by pulling all the unwanted plants that show up. We currently have a bag of seeds that can cover 500 sq ft. These are 'easy to grow' seeds and can be planted anytime now. We will use some to supplement whatever doesn't come up in the garden we planted last year. The rest can be used to spread the garden backwards. For this we are looking for donations of plain, brown cardboard and soil (a couple bags from a bunch of people will go a long way). If there is any interest in helping us with supplies or labour please contact Katie at khahn85@gmail.com. Additionally, Christine has identified invasive garlic mustard at the playground. This needs to be pulled and disposed of properly to control the spread. Christine will be hosting a community 'garlic mustard pulling' event sometime in June. Keep your eyes posted for the date. We will ask owner of Chris's Independent Grocer about some soil.



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4. **St Nicholas Greenspace:** Community Consultation Paul presented a draft of the brochure that included a map of the area showing the basic trail network as well as a map that showed the area prior to regreening. Not everyone associated with the name "St Nicholas Greenspace" or had visited the mountain-canyon area.

Project update:

- i. Sub Committee has met twice and has advanced a draft brochure that outlines the project and history of the area and a survey questionnaire to gather the opinions and ideas of residents. However, the community consultation process has slowed.
- ii. Leisure Services, an important partner in the process, will be launching the new community-led projects process soon. The guidelines are intended to better support community groups, provide clarity on steps, set expectations and help to build a positive framework for groups working with the City.
- iii. It would be prudent for us to review the framework before getting too far ahead. In addition, the St. Nicholas Greenspace community consultation process should seek further input at the proposed 2023 K-BP Visioning Session.
- iv. The CAN will hold weekly walks and talks in the greenspace. Walks will begin at the St Nicholas Connector.
- v. Attendees were unanimous in support of continuing with the community consultation process. It was suggested that the CAN contact schools for possible outreach.

11. New Business:

Paul offered the following thoughts on the importance of the K-BP CAN Visioning session

- a) Since the formation of the CAN in the fall of 2020, the executive has recognized the importance of engaging residents in identifying how the CAN can best serve residents and prioritizing activities. Such a visioning session was restricted by COVID.
- b) Our CAN was initiated during COVID for matters of safety and security. Needles on Front was one of our first discussions. So we immediately became involved in issues of safety and security.
- c) We live in an exceptional neighbourhood for walking. So naturally we should be in the business of maintaining and improving our walkability, our sidewalks and trails.
- d) We live in a neighbourhood with many heritage assets-from older century homes to mid century modern. Should we be in the business of creating awareness of these heritage assets and heritage preservation?
- e) We are privileged to have abundant greenspaces. Should be in the business of nature conservation?
- f) Ultimately, what business the K-BP CAN chooses to be in will be up to its residents.
- g) Note: K-BP population data in 2021 Canada Census indicates a shift in residents moving in and out of the area in recent years. Many of us have new neighbours who are eager to learn more about their neighbourhood.



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- h) It is our hope that we can plan a visioning event this year. The Southend CAN held an event earlier this year, as have three others, Azilda, Garson and Ward 12 (Flour Mill, New Sudbury area). We will look to these CANs for how sessions were conducted and lessons learned.
- i) Elections: There is also the need to hold CAN elections every two years. The people who have held executive positions to date have stepped forward to fill these positions until such time as elections are held. May be held in conjunction with visioning?

12. Other Business

- a) Kevin raised the issue of street sweeping: They never did Windsor Crescent; rain is washing the sand down (into the sewers); Sweeping program has been inconsistent; Many streets in the area including Winchester, Kingsmount and Laura have not been swept. It creates a safety issue for cyclists of all ages. The path between Lancaster and Boland is in very bad shape and now full of ruts; dangerous for bikes..
- b) Karen: There is a lock on the playground rink at York beside St Peter's United Church. Why is it staying locked? Does the city plan to keep it locked?
- c) The response to all questions is to call 311. Experience with calling 311 has been positive to date.
- d) Kevin: Roxborough Greenbelt has organized a community potluck for June (25) in the meadow
- e) Paul: Neighbourhood swap has been organized for Saturday, May 13

13. Q&A Forum: Above

14. Next Meeting: Late August-Early September

15. Adjournment: 8:43 pm