



# Kingsmount-Bell Park CAN

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## GENERAL MEETING

**Saturday, February 8, 2025, 11:00 am** Eastern Time

In person at St. Peter's United Church, 203 York Street, Side door (off parking lot)

Chairs: Paul Haynes, Michael Penwarden

Attachments: Kingsmount-Bell Park CAN Annual Report 2025

## MINUTES

	Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
1	Welcome		
2	Attendance	Councilor Fern Cormier, Shelley Walushka, CGS Manager of Community Initiatives and Partnerships, Executive members (5) and General members (19)	
3	Approval of the Agenda	Motion: Kevin Despot	Passed
4	Approval of the Minutes, November 9, 2024	Minutes were not available for this meeting.	
5	Treasurer's Report	Annual income: \$2500 CGS CAN support, in kind donations General meeting expense: \$55 hall rental (covered by CGS), \$50 refreshments	
6	Appointment of New Directors	Nomination of new executive members: Patricia Buchanan – treasurer, Alice Haasdyk – secretary, Tony Norwell – member at large Motion Paul Haynes Second Ruby – no dissent	New executive members accepted.
7	Police Report	No police representative present.	Deferred
8	City Councillor's Report	Councilor Fern Cormier provided report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bell Park – Additions to the park will be completed this year including shade structures in the parking lot adjacent to the St. Joe's hospital site and wayfinding signage for identification, naming landmarks and parking will be installed throughout the park.</li><li>• Storm water improvements on Facer st and Ramsey road to be</li></ul>	



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	<p>completed to protect the watershed (started earlier than planned).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• David St construction is mostly complete and will be finished by early to late spring.</li><li>• Paris St bridge and Nelson st bridge projects are complete.</li><li>• Capital plan has 2 years left and most of the plans for major arterial roads in Ward 10 are complete. The focus in the next 2 - 4 years will be local roads.</li><li>• There is no formal update on the upcoming sale of Bell Mansion. There are several parties that are interested in protecting the building including the majority of city councilors. The city as well as many other parties recognize the importance of the Bell Mansion as a heritage building. Fern is hoping for partnerships with community groups to keep the building as a community asset.</li><li>• The developer of Scotia Tower downtown is the same as that of the St. Joe's hospital. Credits to the development of the Scotia Tower from the city are contingent on removal of the old hospital. Currently zoning is approved and the developer is finalizing the sight line agreements. Once complete they will be able to apply for the demolition agreement. The current plan is to develop the full plan at once (all 3 towers). The staging area for construction should not encroach on parkland as it is to use the area adjacent to the parking lot (the space that previously housed the hospital incinerator).</li><li>• CGS has regulations that, if something is deemed a construction site, there is a minimum set of standards including fencing and weekly inspections. As per provincial legislation, the city cannot order demolition of a building unless it is at risk of collapse.</li></ul>	
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9	CAN Review Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• S. Walushka reported that the CAN review that was part of the strategic plan was completed in 2024 and the report, including recommendations for the future of the program, is to go to council in March/April. Executives will be notified and invited to the presentation of the review results/recommendations. Currently planning can go forward with the financial support in place as the funds have been approved in the budget (\$2500).</li><li>• Private/corporate funding that is received by the K-BP CAN will continue to be funneled through the city for a receipt to the donor.</li><li>• Any adopted changes will be phased in over time.</li></ul>	
10	Annual Report:	Report in full is attached to the minutes.	
10.a	Heritage	<p>P. Haynes reported on behalf of the committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Heritage committee is active in the preservation of Bell Mansion.</li><li>• Heritage walks continue monthly and will continue in the next year, perhaps with some interior visits to homes/buildings. A partnership with Rainbow Routes for the Walk the Bell Gift initiative occurred.</li><li>• S. Walushka reported that CGS Leisure Services department is planning the 100 year anniversary of the Bell gift that occurs in 2024.</li><li>• The committee is discussing raising money for heritage to be spent on street sign toppers or plaques that are story telling about the history of the neighbourhoods.</li><li>• Ontario Heritage week is the 3rd week in February and the mayor will proclaim Heritage Week in Sudbury on February 19th @ 2:00 at city hall and will include a walk from city hall to the public library. This is a joint initiative between the K-BP CAN, CGS and the Sudbury Arts Council.</li></ul>	K-BP CAN is offering to support and become involved in the Bell Park anniversary celebration as needed.
10.b	Playgrounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Money received from Project Impact for the pollinator garden for more</li></ul>	Shelley has some examples for signage



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>plants and multilingual signage at the York St playground space.</li><li>Garlic Mustard is an Invasive weed found in the area such as the Boland path and York St playground. The committee is hoping to start an event to remove the plants in the public land.</li></ul>	in other gardens in the city and offered her assistance and support. Sudbury Horticultural Society consultation may also be a possibility for support in signage of plants. Shelley to consult with CGS horticulture department to provide support in strategies for removal of Garlic Mustard as well as supplies.
10.c	Public Relations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The K-BP CAN communicates through email and website. There is no facebook group as there are other neighbourhood groups on facebook (Kingsmount, Wembley, Roxborough and Environs).</li></ul>	To request communications, members are encouraged to access the website and provide an email address for notifications.
10.d	Trails and Natural Parkland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>St Nicholas connector – trail is washed out and repair is needed. It is a water main way but a voluntary trail has developed over that is not an official trail at CGS and therefore not a maintenance responsibility of the city. Risk management at the city would likely recommend to erect a fence and prevent use of the trail rather than declaring it an official trail. Instead, if a donor helped with fixing the trail it would be possible to ensure that it is useable and safe without becoming a city maintained trail.</li><li>Trailhead and signage for wayfinding and consolidating as much foot traffic on the main trails is being considered for the St Nicholas/Dead Man's Canyon green space.</li></ul>	The committee will consider advocating for a donor to take on funding for the trail remediation and volunteer labour to complete the work.
10.e	Trees and Community Gardens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>13 potted trees were planted in the fall on private property in the</li></ul>	CAN is interested in being involved in



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	<p>neighbourhood. an additional 13 people applied for the program and are on a waiting list. The program cost approximately \$2100. The CAN is planning on continuing this program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Gardens - St. Peter's church is planning to expand the size of their garden but have not requested city property to expand as the production was significant in the past year and expanding the garden on the church property will be adequate. This is a benevolent garden that donates all produce to Safe Harbour house downtown (a shelter for those identifying as female) as well as an all gender shelter also located downtown.</li><li>• Shelley reported that, due to disease, the city ash trees have to be removed – most have been cut down, stumps need to be removed. Forestry has a plan to replant the trees 1:1 in the vicinity but not necessarily the same location of removed trees. Many of these trees were found in Bell Park and the civil cemetery. Work is to be done in the spring and there may be opportunity for volunteers to assist with tree planting. 1500 trees are to be planted in addition to those to be planted under the urban planting program.</li><li>• 30 by 30 task force – 30% of vegetative space over the next 30 years – includes maintaining existing trees and shrubs/plants on government property (protection and designation of existing plants)</li><li>• Paul noted that street canopy continues to be minimal on both private and public property&gt; The urban forest masterplan is to address this concern. There is no current bylaw for prohibiting removal of trees on private property. Instead there is a focus is on education and communication with property owners. On public property, CGS – does not remove trees unless a</li></ul>	<p>planting replacement trees. The committee will continue to liaise with Shelley to determine when the volunteer assistance will be useful.</p>
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		safety hazard or not viable.	
11	New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Coalition for a Liveable Sudbury is circulating a petition requesting CGS to commit resources to implementing the CLS energy and emissions plan and climate adaptation plan. Petitions are available to sign or to pick up and circulate. Contact <a href="mailto:clsudbury@live.com">clsudbury@live.com</a> or <a href="http://liveablesudbury.org">liveablesudbury.org</a>.</li></ul> <p>Community Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Seedy Sudbury – College Boreal February 9 @ 10:00 – 3:00</li><li>Earth Day Neighbourhood Clean-up at St Peter's Saturday, April 12 @ 10:00 – 11:30 – all volunteers welcome. The Girl Guides and Scouts will also be helping. Bags and gloves provided, city will pick-up filled bags.</li><li>City-Wide Clean-Up May 3rd – sign up at the city</li></ul>	
12	Next meeting: May 10 11:00-12:30		General members are encouraged to contact <a href="mailto:info@ward10can.com">info@ward10can.com</a> to participate in the CAN as a volunteer or a sub-committee member or to join the email distribution list.
13	Adjournment		