

April 21, 2020

Re: Petition – Meatbird Lake, Anderson Farm & Centennial Park, Lively

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At the City Council meeting of April 13, 2021, Councillor Vagnini submitted a petition to the City Clerk regarding various concerns in relation to Meatbird Lake, Anderson Farm & Centennial Park in Lively.

Please be advised that this petition has been forwarded to the General Manager of Growth and Infrastructure, the General Manager of Community Development and the General Manager of Corporate Services for review. The departments that receive the petition are responsible for communicating which of the following five paths they may choose:

1. The Senior Management Member may direct administrative action be taken to resolve or respond to the matter in question;
2. The Senior Management Member may seek further information from the originators of the petition, which might include a meeting etc.;
3. The Senior Management Member may report back to Council with a report for information or action;
4. The Senior Management Member may bring back a report recommending a new policy or new financial resources; or
5. May advise that no further action will be taken at this time.

For further information please contact:

General Manager of Growth and Infrastructure – Viv Gibbons at 705-674-4455, ext. 4290, or via email at: viv.gibbons@greatersudbury.ca

General Manager of Community Development – Jacinda McLean at 705-674-4455, ext. 4330, or via email at: jacinda.mclean@greatersudbury.ca

General Manager of Corporate Services – Kathryn O’Leary at 705-674-4455, ext. 4328, or via email at: kathryn.oleary@greatersudbury.ca

Cont'd ... Re: Petition – Meatbird Lake, Anderson Farm & Centennial Park, Lively

Yours truly,



Brigitte Sobush
Manager of Clerk's Services/Deputy City Clerk

cc: Council Members
Tony Cecutti, General Manager of Growth and Infrastructure
Viv Gibbons, Executive Coordinator to the General Manager of Growth and Infrastructure
Steve Jacques, General Manager of Community Development
Jacinda McLean, Executive Coordinator to the General Manager of Community Development
Kevin Fowke, General Manager of Corporate Services
Kathryn O'Leary, Executive Coordinator to the Chief Administrative Officer

April 5, 2021

Attention Mayor Bigger and Council

Please find enclosed a petition that encompasses the following;

- 1) Meatbird lake
- 2) Anderson Farm
- 3) Centennial Park

Here are some comments from our conversation on March 31, 2020.

- 1- Meatbird Lake- As I said in my conversation with the Mayor, if we altered anything on our area lakes, the ministry would come down hard on us and demand clean up, but Vale is getting away with polluting our lake with the seepage from their tailings. I found out that Vale is presently doing testing of the lake. Has the City done any testing or are you relying on the honesty of Vale? Maybe we as individuals of the town of Walden need to take action against Vale as the City of Sudbury does not seem to care about the possibility our community is losing this Lake. Vale should be forced to clean up our lake or build a recreation facility with a pool to replace it.
- 2- Centennial Park-The Mayor said in our conversation that Council was thinking Centennial Park would be better off being run privately, either by an individual or a corporation. If you do this, I can assure you there will be an uprising. Enough of the selling of our land by the city. Another friend of City Management getting rich at our expense. I would like to see a budget report for the Centennial Park.
- 3- You mentioned that the city only put 5 million towards Place Des Arts but who pays for that expense? I have heard they have requested 260K per year for operation expenses, is this true? I would like to see a copy of the original request to the city. Did they not say that this facility would be self sustaining?

I am also enclosing some addition comments form local Walden residents.

- 1) The construction of an indoor pool for our community. Similar to Howard Armstrong, Espanola and Elliot Lake Pool and Recreation centres. Vale should be forces to cover that cost if we lose Meatbird.
- 2) The 4 million Dollars for repairing Tennis Courts. Lively Tennis Courts are in a mess and in great need of repair. Are they being allocated the dollars to do this?
- 3) The need for a barrier along the part of the walkway going down the hill between Lively and Battistelli's grocery Store. This is a dangerous part of the road for pedestrians.

- 4) Confirmation that Lively ski Hill is not on agenda to close. The city closed it once and this should never happen again. The ski hill has been part of our town for many years and enjoyed by many.
- 5) Confirmation that Anderson Farm will be maintained and NOT SOLD
- 6) Beaver Lake Welcome centre will be maintained and left open.
- 7) We would like to know why Camp Wassakwa was closed? Would also like to know what the city is planning to do with that land?
- 8) Would like an answer to: Are you planning on closing the Dow, Gatchell and Onaping Pools?

These points are extremely near and dear to the residents of the Town of Walden! We as residents look forward to a prompt response to all of the above.

In closing and finally, I would like to sit in on the negotiation between the city and Vale. I do not believe either the City or Vale have the residents of Walden in their best interest.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

PETITION

We the

Residents of Walden And The Greater City of Sudbury

(Please identify the petitioners in general terms. For example, residents of Ward #, residents of Street Name, residents of Community Name, residents of the City of Greater Sudbury)

Briefly state the matter or argument in support of your petition. (This statement must appear at the top of each page on which you collect signatures.)

(1) Poor compensation for the loss of Meatbird Lake. We need a pool/recreational facility as compensation for our loss.

(2) Lack of funding for Anderson Farm.

(3) Centennial Park Campers being removed from camp grounds.

State the specific request for action you wish Council to undertake.

(1) Vale has destroyed Meatbird and Simon Lake. The compensation that Vale is offering the city for Meatbird is extremely poor, considering Vale has polluted it. Between Vale and the City, we would like an indoor pool/recreational facility built for the families of this area, similar to that of Espanola. It appears this has been promised to Walden for many years.

(2) If Anderson Farm is not maintained, our fear is that the City will try to sell it to a contractor like they tried with the Play Ground on 6th Ave.

(3) Our Walden residents have been camping at Centennial Park for years and this camping and picnic area is all that is left for our area.

Please be advised the original petition is available for viewing
at the Clerk's Services Department, 200 Brady Street, 2nd Floor Sudbury

Name and contact information of the Petition Spokesperson or Principal Petitioner.

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Petition Statement (Title)

Walden Concerns

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