

Request to Establish Community Action Networks in Dowling and Levack

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Report Summary

This report provides a recommendation for the approval to establish two new Community Action Networks (CANS) in Levack and Onaping.

Resolution

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approves the creation of the Dowling and Levack Community Action Networks, as outlined in the report entitled "Request to Establish Community Action Networks in Dowling and Levack" from the Chief Administrative Officer, presented at the City Council meeting of February 21, 2023.

Relationship to the Strategic Plan, Health Impact Assessment and Community Energy & Emissions Plan (CEEP)

CANs support the City's Strategic Plan priorities of creating a healthy community and strengthening community vibrancy by creating opportunities for broader engagement in the community. They support the City's Population Health and Well-Being priorities and encourage resiliency of individuals in neighbourhoods, play for all ages and healthy streets. The CANs' mandate and objectives also indirectly support the goals established in the City's Community Energy & Emissions Plan.

Financial Implications

CANs receive an annual Community Grant of \$2,500. The creation of these CANs results in additional cost of \$5,000, beginning in 2023. This cost will be funded within existing CAN operating budget for 2023 and will result in an increase to the operating budget in 2024.

Background

A group of residents from both Levack and Dowling have expressed interest in forming a CAN. As outlined in the process for forming a new CAN, community outreach and liaison with the Councillor has been completed by the interested residents. In-person meetings were held with interested residents and several community members have volunteered to hold the executive positions required to formally establish a CAN.

Both groups have identified engagement as a priority and intend to work with the community to identify

needs, create meaningful opportunities for families, and implement projects and events in their areas.

There are currently 18 CANs in Greater Sudbury:

Azilda	Minnow Lake
Capreol	Onaping Falls
Chelmsford	South End
Coniston	Uptown
Copper Cliff	Valley East
Donovan Elm-West	Walden
Flour Mill	Ward One
Garson-Falconbridge	Ward Eight
Kingsmount - Bell Park	Ward Twelve – New Sudbury

As part of the Community Engagement Strategy Development Project, to be completed in 2023, Communications and Community Engagement Division staff will undertake a review of the Community Action Networks Terms of Reference and associated policies. This process will include public engagement and Council will receive results and recommendations in the fourth quarter of this year.

NEXT STEPS

Upon City Council approval, the Levack and Dowling CANs will be officially established, and the following actions will be taken:

- The CANs will formally elect members to executive roles, which includes Chair/Co-Chairs, Secretary and Treasurer.
- Staff will educate and train the CAN Chairs and executives on the Terms of Engagement (Appendix A) and the Standard Operating Procedures (Appendix B).
- CAN Chairs will be partnered with a more experienced peer who will act as a mentor.
- A staff liaison will be assigned to support the CANs in their activities.

Resources Cited

City Council Report, December 12, 2017: Request for Decision Revised Terms of Engagement for Community Action Networks

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