Civic Engagement Review



Recommendation

- The City of Greater Sudbury review the current methods of community engagement including the types of committees, advisory panels, and task forces, and report back to Council in the Spring 2014 with options for consideration.
- Options to take effect with new term of Council.

Rules of Engagement

- Why do we consult?
- When do we consult?
- How do we consult?



Why We Consult

- Access to a valuable community resource
- To provide appropriate service/program/support to the community
- Consumers know what they want
- Verify our direction/policy as correct
- Connect Council/ community/staff



Why We Consult

- Transparency simply the right way to do things
- Accountability for tax dollars
- To educate and enlighten the public
- An engaged community is a healthier community
- Avoid assumptions about services/programs
- Obtain feedback re: allocation of municipal assets & resources

When We Consult

- When there is controversy (NIMBY issues)
- Varying from regular policy/direction
- Development of new policy/programs/facilities
- Public or Council requests it
- To gain community buy in and support
- Ideally a consistent process in our operations
- Obtain new ideas and perspectives





How We Consult

- Identify Stakeholders
 - End users
 - Potential champions
 - Residents/neighbours/NIMBYs
 - Special interest groups
 - Council / other levels of government
 - Sponsors



How We Consult

- Develop the Invite / Promote the Process
 - o Determine best promotional/media vehicles to use
 - Provide background and enough information so that the meeting purpose is clear
 - Provide sufficient lead time
 - Personal contact with key players
 - Often best to speak to grassroots level
 - Political terminology maybe inappropriate, create barriers

Success Stories

- Constellation City Report process
- Community Action Networks
- Elgin Street Greenway
- Bridge of Nations
- Official Plan Review
- Development of Minnow Lake Dog Park

IAP2 Public Participation Spectrum

Developed by the International Association for Public Participation

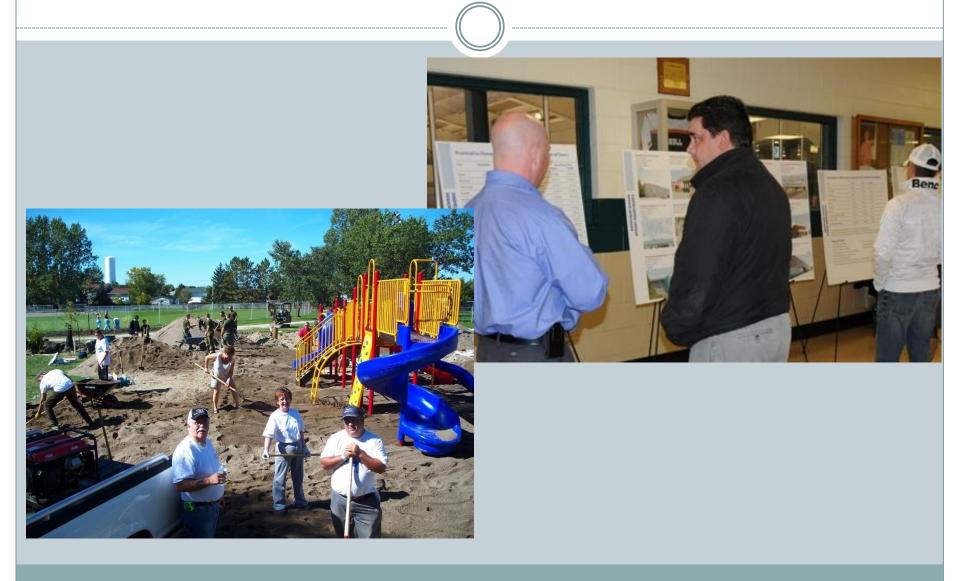
INCREASING LEVEL OF PUBLIC IMPACT

INFORM	CONSULT	INVOLVE	COLLABORATE	EMPOWER
Public Participation Goal:	Public Participation Goal:	Public Participation Goal:	Public Participation Goal:	Public Participation Goal:
To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problems, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.	To obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions.	To work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered.	To partner with the public in each aspect of the decision including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solution.	To place final decision-making in the hands of the public.
Promise to The Public:	Promise to The Public:	Promise to The Public:	Promise to The Public:	Promise to The Public:
We will keep you informed.	We will keep you informed, listen to and acknowledge concerns and aspirations, and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	We will work with you to ensure that your concerns and aspirations are directly reflected in the alternatives developed and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	We will look to you for direct advice and innovation in formulating solutions and incorporate your advice and recommendations into the decisions to the maximum extent possible.	We will implement what you decide.
Example Techniques to Consider:	Example Techniques to Consider:	Example Techniques to Consider:	Example Techniques to Consider:	Example Techniques to Consider:
Fact sheetsWeb sitesOpen houses	Public commentFocus groupsSurveysPublic meetings	WorkshopsDeliberate polling	 Citizen Advisory Committees Consensus-building 	Citizen juriesBallotsDelegated decision

Examples of Community Engagement

- Public consultations
- Advisory Panels
- Task forces
- Focus groups
- Open houses
- Community Action Networks (CANs)
- Neighbourhood Associations
- Participatory budget processes

The Face of Community Engagement



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Community's Roles

- Community should have a say in decisions about actions that affect their lives
- Public participation includes the promise that the public's contributions will influence key decisions made by City Council.
- Create civic engagement through community pride and cohesiveness when participating.
- To represent and determine community needs.

City of Greater Sudbury Role

- The public participation process communicates the interests and meets the process needs of a transparent and responsible government.
- The public participation process actively seeks out and facilitates the involvement of those individuals who could be potentially affected by the decisions being made by City Council.
- The public participation process ensures that protocols are established in defining how the community participates.
- The public participation process provides the community with the information they require to participate in a meaningful way.

Next Steps



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Thank You

