

Advisory Panel on Children & Youth 2011-2013 Update



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Who we are

A committed partnership of elected representatives, local experts and citizens working together to build a sense of civic responsibility to improve the quality of life for children and youth.

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Key objective

To act as a support to the Mayor and Council on matters relating to children and youth by providing advice on the development of policies and programs to address the needs of all children and youth in the City of Greater Sudbury.

Key policy interests/themes

- Full service community schools, community use of Municipal Space and potential for shared spaces/ facilities.
- Accessibility of City Services to children, youth and families, especially those who are “at-risk”.
- Support for children and youth at risk of becoming involved with the law.

APCY 2011-2013- Priorities and Activities



#1- Monitor issues that are coming before City Council and be available to provide an expert opinion as these issues relate to children, youth and families.

Councillors Cimino and Belli bring forward issues from Council for discussion

- **Smoking by-law in City parks-** support for Council stance
- **Stroller policy on transit buses-** support for SMAP recommendation
- **Transportation Study, Official Plan Review, Elgin Street Greenway:** participated in consultations to bring child and youth perspective forward
- **Fluoride in drinking water-** support for evidence-based decision making, support for SDHU position
- **SDHU Healthy Kids Strategy-** support for SDHU recommendation to develop a single standard guideline for food and beverages served or sold where children play and learn. (Impact for municipal facilities)
- **Junior Citizens Daycare-** no position- but ask that Council keep in mind equity, accessibility and quality and ensure the continued availability care for low income shift workers.

APCY 2011-2013- Priorities and Activities



#2- Liaise and collaborate with other planning tables

- APCY receives updates and reports and works with Healthy Community Panel, Sustainable Mobility Advisory Panel and Partners for Children and Youth.
- On a trial basis the APCY is serving as the Executive Committee of the Best Start Network, eliminating the need for a separate committee to do this.

#3- Ensure that the Children First Charter continues to be used and referenced in City Council and in other organizations in Greater Sudbury

- Provide ongoing promotion of the Children First Charter
- Develop tools for Council or other groups to use to review their policy decisions to ensure that they support healthy child and youth development and healthy families. (Ongoing)

APCY 2011-2013- Projects



Safe and Active Routes to School

- APCY is examining opportunities to promote walking, biking, or transit use for getting to and from school.
- This would have positive impacts on children's health, the environment and would save costs.
- Municipal implications- are safe and appropriate routes available for children to walk or cycle?
- APCY is monitoring the progress at a pilot school and will report back.

Ride the Bus on Us

- A very popular and successful partnership between APCY, Transit and GSPL and social agencies, to promote transit to youth.
- 25,000 in 5-ride cards distributed to youth during the summer.

APCY 2011-2013- Projects



Full Service Community Schools

- Request for City Council to endorse the APCY's Vision for Full Service Community Schools.
 - Vision has been endorsed by all four school boards, the Sudbury District Health Unit and other community partners.
- What is a Full Service Community School?
 - Hosts a range of services for children, families and neighbours- during the school day, as well as during out-of-school hours.
 - Works with community stakeholders to help determine services
 - Works with community partners who deliver services.
 - Uses publicly funded schools to help meet the complex needs of families in our communities.
- The City role and opportunity
 - Support and promote the vision, and local implementation
 - Consider policies to use school facilities as venues to deliver City Services- examples use school gym/rooms to deliver recreation and leisure programming; build and maintain City playgrounds on school property.

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Going forward...

The APCY will continue to meet for the rest of this Council's term and will:

- Monitor emerging issues related to children and youth and provide advice/ recommendations as requested
- Move current projects forward and report back as requested.
- Support new and ongoing community efforts to foster and promote Greater Sudbury's capacity to support children, youth, and families.