

Valley East Community Action Network

Presentation to the City of Greater
Sudbury Priorities Committee

May 20, 2009



Presentation Outline

- Opening Remarks
- VECAN Overview
- VECAN Committee Structure
- Successes
- Future Goals



Snapshot of VECAN

- VECAN
 - encompasses 2 Wards
 - is one of the largest geographical areas
 - covers an area with a population in excess of 30 000 residents
 - diverse demographics i.e. residents living in mobile home to \$500 000 plus homes
- VECAN consists of a steering committee of 10 active community members and a number of sub-committees



Committee Structure

**Valley East
Community
Action Network**

Valley East Days

**Kids and Cops
Program**

Valley East Trails

**Racing Against
Drugs**

Seniors

Intra-Valley Transit



Valley East Days Committee

- Scheduled for September 11, 12 and 13 , 2009, this Committee , is progressing well in organizing family oriented events.
- This will bring together community agencies and members to participate in several activities including: a Seniors (Zoomers) Fair, a parade, a local farmers` market, baking and photo contests, large kids play area, and displays of local talents including two theatre groups.



Kids and Cops Program Committee

- This event will increase positive interaction with youth and police officers via fishing program on June 27th , 2009 at Whitson Lake`s Kalmo Beach.
- 75 kids from the ages of 10 -14 will share their interest in the environment and love of the outdoors with police officers, MNR and EMS personel



Racing Against Drugs Committee

- For the second time , VECAN will be co-hosting this event with the local RCMP Detachment in conjunction with community agencies.
- In April 2010 , we are expecting 1500 Grades 5 students from the GCS area to participate in this drug and violence prevention program



Valley East Trails Committee

- This committee is working diligently to build a connecting nature trail from the Capreol Nature Trail to the Langdon Park in Val Caron



Seniors Committee

The on-going issues this committee is working on are:

- establishing a web-site link to the ParkSide web-site
- investigating affordable housing and affordable long-term care in the Valley
- monitoring the Intra-Valley transit issues
- organising the Zoomers Fair for the Valley East Days



Intra-Valley Transit Committee

- This new committee is investigating the viability of this service and it's continued usage after December 2009



Other VECAN Activities

- Presently developing a Newsletter for circulation in the Fall of 2009
- Re-designing the VECAN web-page
- Providing on-going support to the Valley East Youth Centre
- Organized a Community Safety Forum and introducing the Citizens on Patrol Program(COPS) in Valley East.



Long –Term Goals

- Developing a Peace Park to honor veterans , fallen police officers, fire -fighter and EMS personnel
- Work with GCSPS to help the GCS in obtaining Maclean`s Magazine Top 10 Safest Communities in Canada Listing
- Develop a working rapport with local business in Valley-East to encourage their participation in community affairs
- Identify and promote local heritage sites

