

Major Accomplishments



- Rebuilding of Howard's Nature Trail/Sentier de nature
- Organizing Valley East Days by bringing 20 Community Groups into the process
- Facilitated the partnership between the Youth Centre and the CGS, leading to the renovation and staffing of the facility
- Intra Valley Bus Service Pilot Project
- Organizing the Racing Against Drugs Event
- Founding of the VECAN Senior Council

Accomplishments Continued



- Thank You, Howie, Letter Campaign to commemorate Howard Armstrong's vision for the Recreation Centre
- Continued to increase active membership in executive and sub-committees
- Support Our Troops Campaign with Multiple events at the Mall and the Cenotaph
- Chairing the CAN Terms of Reference

Accomplishments Continued



- Participated in the City's website focus group
- VECAN Senior Council members are active on local, provincial and national seniors groups
- Conducting a bilingual seniors issues campaign
- Three Civic awards to VECAN members
- Hosting the municipal All Candidates Meeting for wards 5 and 6

Ongoing Events



- Celebration Valley East Days
- Optimists & VE Youth Centre Bicycle Rodeo
- Semi-Annual Cleanups
- Kids, Cops & the Canadian Tire Fishing Days
- Summer Youth Dances hosted by Valley East Youth Centre
- Racing Against Drugs 2010
- Community Arts Project with the Youth Centre
- Sub-committee Educational Campaigns

Priority Projects



- Local Economic Development & Recognition
- Valley East Wall of Fame
- Community COPS program
- Valley East Youth Centre
- Hanmer Playground Complex
- Peace Park Near Howard Armstrong Rec. Centre
- Langdon Park and Capreol Link Trails
- Whitson Lake Waterfront Parks
- Intra Valley Bus Service
- Senior Services and Residences

Local Economic Development & Recognition



- Residential development will create need for more services in area
- Opportunities for retail development, restaurants, leisure alternatives
- Encourage establishment of new ventures that complement local lifestyle, without creating undue stress on existing businesses
- Local employment base

Valley East Wall of Fame



- Recognition of local volunteers and residents who should be honoured for their contributions
- Space offered at the Hanmer Mall to Display Pictures of Recipients
- Foster community pride and encourage others
- Committee to be founded in fall 2008

Community COPS program



- Large geographical size of community makes policing difficult
- As population increases, there will be an increase in need
- Being pro-active, get the system in place before major issues arise
- Recruitment drive fall 2008

Valley East Youth Centre



- Has greatly improved with the support of the City and members of the community
- City is providing three part-time staff and an annual budget of \$40,000 per year
- Existing building has been renovated with new floors, paint, furniture, blinds and computer lab.
- Location and past reputation still an issue
- Need to increase local profile and community involvement
- Long term goal of possible relocation

Hanmer Playground Complex



- Development of community park at Hanmer baseball field by Lions Den
- Play structure similar to one developed in Azilda with expanded skateboard park
- Off Leash park area for a safe Pet Play Zone
- Expansion of Lions Den facility to include outdoor access cantina and youth centre
- Designed by the community for the community

Peace Park Near Howard Armstrong Rec. Centre



- To honour fallen Soldiers, Firefighters, Police Officers and Paramedics
- A community designed park built by volunteers with professional guidance
- Funded through community donations and grants.
- To be maintained by the City once complete
- Location to be determined

Langdon Park and Capreol Link Trails



- Continue with goal of having a continuous non-motorized trail from Capreol to Langdon Park in Blezard Valley
- Work with City and groups to develop new trails and expand existing ones.
- Developing the aesthetics of Howard's Nature Trail/Sentier de Nature by planting 200 trees and adding benches this year, with additional works planned
- Plans for Langdon Park include:
 - 2008 establishing walking trail and signage
 - 2009 Washrooms and gravel parking
 - 2010 paved loop trail with wheelchair access and steel pavilion

Whitson Lake Waterfront Parks



- Look at improving Kalmo Beach area to enhance usage and safety
- Outdoor concert area, performances, rental space, seniors playground, etc.
- Assist in the development of a waterfront park in the Laurentian neighbourhood on the southwest end of Whitson Lake
- Community input sessions for design

Intra Valley Bus Service



- Great service long needed in the community
- Ridership is low and seems to be for a few reasons.
 - Does not connect properly, time wise, with City bussing
 - Access to tickets and bus passes
 - No publicly posted schedules, difficult to find run
 - Often running early in slow times
 - Lack of awareness of service
- Planning community round table to find solutions

Senior Services and Residences



- Conducted a seniors survey to discover the needs of our aging community
- Major issues identified:
 - Access to local services
 - Housing and home care
 - Transportation
 - Want to remain in the community



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