

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report seeks City Council approval to establish the Kingsmount/Bell Park Community Action Network (CAN) in Ward 10.

CANs bring people together to build a strong and vibrant community. They represent the collaborative efforts of citizens who care about where they live and want to make their neighbourhoods the best they can possibly be. CANs enable citizens to participate in their community, identify community needs and priorities, and take action by implementing projects and initiatives with a positive impact.

BACKGROUND

In early 2019, City staff were contacted by a resident interested in starting a CAN in the Kingsmount/Bell Park area of Ward 10. Community outreach was done through networking, email and social media. After some delays due to COVID-19, a virtual meeting was held in July 2020 with interested residents. The group has held a number of community meetings since that time, and have worked with Ward Councillor Fern Cormier and City staff throughout the process. Several community members have volunteered to hold executive positions required to formally establish a CAN.

The group has identified a number of community projects to prioritize, including community engagement through neighbourhood events, urban tree planting, historical hikes and trail improvements. Volunteers are passionate and eager to get involved, having already begun working on improvements to the Roxborough Trail by spreading wood chips donated by the City.

There are currently 15 active CANs in Greater Sudbury:

Azilda
Capreol
Chelmsford
Coniston
Copper Cliff
Donovan Elm-West
Flour Mill
Garson-Falconbridge
Minnow Lake
Onaping Falls
South End
Uptown
Valley East
Ward One
Ward Eight

NEXT STEPS

Upon City Council approval, the new Kingsmount/Bell Park Ward 10 CAN will be officially established, and the following action will be taken:

- The CAN will appoint members to the executive roles of the CAN, which includes Chair/Co-Chairs, Secretary and Treasurer.
- CGS staff will educate and train the new CAN Chair and executive on the Terms of Engagement (Appendix A) and the Standard Operating Procedures (Appendix B).
- The CAN Chair will be partnered with a more experienced CAN chair who will act as a mentor.
- The City will designate a staff liaison to work with and assist the CAN in their day-to-day activities.
- The City will perform a review of the CANs as part of the development of the Community Engagement Strategy.

RESOURCES CITED

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

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