

MEDWAY NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKING GROUP

MEETING #11—MINUTES

Tuesday, April 28, 2015 • North West London Resource Centre • 6:30pm-8:00pm

	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN
1.0	Welcome and Introductions	<p>Attendees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Josh Cara Sabrina Nelson Tandy Jon Bjarni 	
2.0	Neighbourhood Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 5 ACT-i-Pass <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The ACT-i-Pass program is a FREE pass to sport and physical activity programs for all grade 5 students living or attending a school in London. With the ACT-i-Pass, students receive free access to select SPECTRUM programs, the YMCA, the Boys & Girls Club, as well as city swimming pools and skating rinks. ○ ACT-i-Pass registration for the 2015-16 school year is now open! If you know any grade 4 students please encourage them to register online at www.inmotion4life.ca/actipass. If you have any questions regarding the registration process or the program, please forward your inquiries to me and I will be happy to answer them! • University Heights Park Winter Water Source <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We received a quote back from the city of approximately \$27,000. ○ This quote is pricing the winterization of their highest standard winterized facility, one that would include amenities like drinking fountains etc. ○ We are currently in the process of acquiring a second quote for winterization at a lower standard. This could bring the suggested cost down significantly. Depending on the final quote, the city could potentially contribute some funding for the project. • Ice Rink Water Costs Revised <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Due to the rising costs of water over the years, the city is investigating the feasibility of increase the reimbursement of water costs for ice rinks, which is currently set at \$200. The final decision on what the new maximum reimbursement will be is yet to be made. • Bike Path through Thistledown Park and Wilfrid Jury <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bernice Yanful (Public Health Nurse) and the school travel planning committee at Wilfrid Jury identified a need for a bike path through Thistledown Park connecting to Wilfrid Jury PS. The attached concept map shows a 2.0 meter wide asphalt pathway could be connected between Thistledown Park and the adjacent school. A 2.0 meter asphalt pathway will cost approximately 	

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\$80-90/linear meter by the time you excavate, pave and restore the site with topsoil/seed. The attached sketch shows approximately 400 meters of new pathway, which means a budget of approximately \$35,000 to install. The overall pathway could be shortened depending upon community needs. They might also look to install some deciduous trees between property lines and the pathway.

- Bernice reached out to me to see if the Medway working group would be able to support their efforts. They are looking for financial support more than anything else.
- As discussed at our last meeting, we cannot provide any financial support. However, we are willing to help fundraise and write letters of support if needed.

- **Medway Working Group Description**

- There has been a request for the development of a descriptive paragraph that could be used to introduce the Medway working group in grant proposals, emails to partners, and Medway Working Group information cards (see [attachement](#)) etc.
- Based on the feedback from our meeting, the following paragraph has been developed:
 - *The Medway Working Group (MWG) is a resident driven initiative with the goal of promoting healthy eating, healthy physical activity, and safety within the Medway neighbourhood. The working group acts as a community resource by connecting people, supporting healthy events and activities, and identifying the needs of the neighbourhood, while developing and implementing action plans within Medway. The ultimate goal of the Medway Working Group is to create a diverse, supportive, safe neighbourhood where the health and wellbeing of all are priorities.*

- **University Heights Farmer's Market – Insurance**

- HEHPA-CYN will cover the insurance costs for this year.
- HEHPA-CYN requires that we shop around for the cheapest quote they can find.
- It may be helpful to connect with members of the Westminster Working Group (Westminster.london.on@gmail.com) who have recently acquired insurance for their own Farmer's Market. I believe they were able to find a very reasonable quote.

- **Nor'West London Optimist Garage Sale and Community Showcase**

- I have attached a flyer for the event
- The Nor'West Optimist Club, in partnership with the Hyde Park Business Association (HPBA), will be hosting a Community Garage Sale in the West Park Baptist Church parking lot on Saturday May 30th from 8am to 1pm.
- Residents, vendors, and organizations are welcome to rent out a

If you have any edits or suggestions, please forward them to me and I will adjust the paragraph accordingly. We can then review the description as a group at our next meeting.

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		<p>parking spot to sell items, promote initiatives and connect with the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Our Working Group has a parking spot reserved and we will be showing the same type of presence as we did at the Nor'West Bike ○ If you personally would like to rent out a parking spot you can do so by contacting nwoptimistsale@gmail.com. 	<p>I will not be available the day of the Garage Sale. Please let me know if you are interested in volunteering and send along your availability as well.</p>
<p>3.0</p>	<p>Working Group Housekeeping</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Terms of Reference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ACTION ITEM: Please view the comments and revisions made to our terms of reference ○ If you have any questions, concerns, or revisions you would like to see, please send them my way and we can address them at our next meeting as a group. ● GRANTS!! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kraft Project Play Funding Opportunity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kraft Project Play is helping to build a better future by building better places to play: because stronger communities start with better places to play. A community can be any geographic area such as a municipality, First Nation or a neighbourhood. ○ The grand prize winner will receive \$250,000 for their recreational facility upgrade and the three secondary prize winners will each receive \$25,000 towards their recreational facility upgrade. ○ The Community Project must fall under one of the four designated entry pillars: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Soccer ● Basketball ● Tennis ● Open – any other recreational facility (i.e. playground, skate park, splash pad, etc.) ● Applicants are to submit their story by providing an answer within the spaces provided, with a maximum of 4000 characters, and minimum of 250 characters (including spaces), to each of the following three questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tell us about your community's passion and spirit for sport, recreation and active living. ● What Community Project would most benefit from the prize money? Please specifically identify how the \$250,000 would be used to upgrade your recreational facility. 	<p>Who would be interested in getting the ball rolling on this grant application? The deadline is fast approaching!</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What impact would this project have on your community? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Top 4 Finalists are chosen by a judging panel based on the criteria noted within the Official Competition Rules. The winner is voted on from the public. ○ The deadline to submit entries is on closes Friday, June 15, 2015 at 11:59 p.m. ET. For more info, go to www.kraftprojectplay.com ○ I was thinking we could use this grant for the winterization of the water source at University Heights Park. ○ SPARKS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We have recently learned that ice rink liners are eligible items for the SPARKS grant. If we were to receive this grant, we would purchase all the liners at once and store them for future years. ○ Approaching Hardware Store (Rona, Lowes, Home Hardware) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ I was told that this time of year is great to approach local hardware store for donations of winter related equipment. It would be worth our time to visit local hardware store to see if they have supplies they would like to donate for our Ice Rink, or perhaps for potential sponsor ship. ○ Approaching local Hardware stores in our neighbourhood, such as Rona off Wonderland Rd., is our best bet. • Comment Box <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The box has arrived! ○ Attached is the sign and comment card that was created for the box. Please review the items and provide feedback before our next meeting if you have any. ○ I am still waiting to hear back from Sherwood Library about housing our comment box in their space. I should have an update for you by our next meeting. • Social Media & Online interaction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ While discussing our Terms of Reference, we identified a need to be more active on Social Media as a way to engage with the community. ○ Suggested ideas of how we could engage the community on social media include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Posting agenda items, minutes, action plan etc. on Facebook ○ Creating Facebook forums for gathering public commentary/suggestions 	<p>Anyone interested in taking ownership of this?</p>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Use polls to determine priorities of the neighbourhood ○ Community event calendar (potential link to North West London Resource Centre calendar?) ○ At our last meeting, Nelson offered to help take on some ownership of our social media accounts. 	
4.0	Active Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nor'West Optimist Bike Rodeo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ On Sunday May 3rd, members of our working group had a booth at the Bike Rodeo to support safe and active transportation, but also to raise awareness of the Medway Working Group! ○ 65+ children and their companions passed through the rodeo to get safety checks on their bikes, test their skills and learn about safe cycling! ○ We met many new residents and handed out a bunch of freebies to kids! ○ We connected with members of the 1481Limberlost Social Committee and have been invited to sit at one of their meetings. ● Active Transportation Survey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Students from the Human Environments Analysis Laboratory are currently entering the Medway Active Transportation Survey data. ○ I will be analyzing and summarizing the data gathered from the surveys and the mapping project in the coming weeks and will present them at our next meeting. ● London Bicycle Festival: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Springbank Gardens, Saturday June 27th from 10am-4pm <i>The following information is what I received from Shawna Lewkowitz, the Event Coordinator:</i> ○ What: An opportunity to bring cyclists and the community together. It encourages non cyclists, novice cyclists and seasoned cyclists to build confidence while cycling, to view cycling as a fun and healthy activity as well as a simple way to take vehicles off the road. Many activities are planned for the day including, a kid's expo, art show, bicycle shops offering tune-ups, vendor displays and live music with local artists. ○ Bike Parade: We want to encourage as many people as possible to cycle to the festival. We are asking community groups to organize and lead a ride as well as advertise this festival and ride to their neighbours and members. To add some spice and fun, we suggest each group come up with a theme and encourage their group to dress-up to match that theme. The ride then becomes more of a parade and TREA will be offering small awards for different categories (to be announced later). ○ We suggest (although it isn't mandatory) that you pick a central meeting spot along the Thames Valley Parkway or close by, that can provide an enjoyable ride for everyone including families. 	

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Encourage people to ride or drive there with their bikes and then you can start your bike parade from there. It doesn't have to be on the TVP but keep in mind safe riding routes and different comfort levels of riders in your community. You could also do a 2 staged ride - one beginning in your neighbourhood, taking city streets to a central meeting place where you connect with other riders from your community to continue on to the bike fest.

- Timing: Right now we would like the parades to come into the bikefest around 1:30pm with awards being handed out at 2:00pm. This is subject to change.
 - A parade of cyclists can be large or small, we would really just like your help in organizing a parade in your community.
 - If you are interested, please fill out the attached [form](#) and return to shawna@syncreo.com by May 31st (earlier is better). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me,
- **Cycling Master Plan**
 - I connected with Andrew Geisen, Transportation Technologist and Shane Maguire, Division Manager of Roadway Lighting and Traffic Control with the City of London regarding the following active transportation concerns:
 - *Intersection at Coombs and Sarnia:*
 - **Concern:** cars are not able to turn left onto Sarnia from Coombs due to traffic (especially during rush hours and right after school dismissal), drivers are turning right onto Sarnia. Drivers then stop on Sarnia and turn right onto Brescia Lane causing congestion, poor visibility and hazards for pedestrians and cyclists. Drivers also fail to watch for pedestrians and cyclists when they exit this intersection. Residents also believe that the crosswalk is ineffective at this location.
 - **Response :** STILL WAITING
 - **FYI:** Sarnia Rd is set to undergo reconstruction for 2016. Now is the time to advocate for any road changes that we would like to see incorporated into their plans!
 - University Heights P.S. Parent Council are advocating for this intersection as well. We will join forces!
 - *Bike Boulevard on Wonderland Road:*
 - **Concern:** Very unsafe. We understand that it would be very costly to update the "best practice" like facilities along Wonderland, but we are hoping for some changes to be made (i.e. more signage, road markings etc.).

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Response: The Cycling Master Plan process is the best way for the area residents to advocate for cycling facilities and routes, it is also a great education tool. There will be many upcoming opportunities for public input so stay tuned to the website for further information. www.london.ca/residents/environment/EAs/Pages/London-on-Bikes.aspx www.londonbikes.ca • Action: Concerns can be voiced at website on their Network Input page and by completed their survey. We can discuss this further at our next meeting. I will also keep my eye out for other opportunities to voice our opinion with London Bikes. 	
5.0	Wrapping Up	<p>Next Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our next meeting will be taking place on May 25th at the Canada Games Aquatic Centre in a meeting room on the ground floor from 6:30pm-8:00pm. • We would like to permanently move our meetings to Monday nights at the Aquatic Centre. If there is any opposition to this meeting space, please voice your concerns at our next meeting and I can try to inquire about other meeting spaces in the neighbourhood. That being said, the Medway Arena/Community Centre meetings rooms are unavailable and the North West London Community Centre is too small of a space with no designated area for children supervision. The Aquatic Centre seems to be one of our last options. 	



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