



**2016**

## **COMMUNITY PLANNING AND PARTNERSHIPS (CPP)**

### **ANNUAL MEETINGS**

The 2016 Community Planning and Partnership (CPP) meetings were held across the Board on November 21 (North Bay), November 23 (Parry Sound), and November 23 (Almaguin Highlands) respectively.

The meetings were well attended by community partners, parents, staff, and members of the public. The following list of community organizations were represented:

Almaguin Adult Learning Centre
Canadore College
Community Living North Bay
Community Living Parry Sound
Conseil scolaire public du Nord-Est de l'Ontario (CSPNE)
District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board
Hands TheFamilyHelpNetwork
Municipality of Whitestone
Nipissing Parry Sound Catholic District School Board
North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit
One Kids Place
PADDLE
Parry Sound Badminton Club
Parry Sound Tennis Club
Phelps Local Services Board
Town of Mattawa
Township of Georgian Bay
Township of Joly
Township of Machar
Township of McKellar
Township of Nipissing
Township of Strong
West Ferris Day Nursery
YMCA North Bay

YMCA Parry Sound
YMCA Simcoe/Muskoka

## **Summary of Discussions**

Stakeholders had an opportunity during the CPP meetings to share their thoughts, ask questions and concerns with staff. Along with questions related to the content in the presentations, the following additional items were discussed:

- PADDLE has leased space at Chippewa Secondary School for the past 10 years and have invested in capital renovations. It was requested that the Board consider the limited financial resources of the organization in the scope of plans moving forward.
- Encouragement for the City to follow through with it's plan to address the challenge of finding additional parkland opportunities within the older built up planning districts (Old City, Pinewood) and commit to preserving school sites as neighbourhood parks.
- Increased community collaboration to provide equal access and creative solutions for at-risk youth.
- Trustees are actively engaged in advocating at the Provincial level regarding equity for rural and northern realities facing the Board.
- Importance of seamless childcare options for families and students.
- Challenge in rural areas to access services for residents, particularly adult training and education needs and the significance of maintaining these services for all.
- Municipality of Whitestone is observing an increase in its pre-school age population.
- Accessibility is a key consideration for many community partners.
- Parry Sound Community Living requested to be involved in the Board's plans moving forward.
- The Parry Sound Tennis Club currently holds an agreement with the Board regarding facilities at Parry Sound High School and requests to be considered in Board's plans moving forward.