



Hudson Advisory Committee Newsletter (HAC)

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The Hudson Advisory Committee is a committee of nine volunteers that meet on the last Wednesday of every month at the Lost Lake Community Center at 7 pm. The committee welcomes residents to attend the monthly meetings for input.

Sioux Lookout Library News

The Sioux Lookout Library has joined the Joint Automation Server Initiative, called "JASI", which is a cooperative project of member libraries. Our library pays a membership fee to share an automated library system and a single set of servers. JASI is the technology used to check in and out books at the library's front counter. It also allows users to go online and search all libraries to see if books are available for loan. Books can be placed on hold through this system. For Hudson residents, this is a time-saving opportunity to browse our library's collection without leaving home. Our library also has a new collection of new very small portable devices called "Playaways". These are pre-loaded audio books (ie. No cassettes, no CD's or downloads required) that come with the player and digital media as one unit. These can be borrowed just like a book. The device is battery-operated and you use your ear-buds to listen to the recording. The entire device is just slightly larger than an iPod Nano.

Homework Time started at the end of September and is offered every Wednesday from 3:30 – 5:15 p.m for kids from Kindergarten to grade 8. The book club meets monthly to discuss a particular book. All adult and children's programming is ongoing and for information please contact the library at 737-3660.

The Sioux Lookout Public Library has also provided a variety of books for adults, youth and children in the Learning Centre at the Lost Lake Drop-in Centre. Books are rotated periodically and are on the honor system for loans. You do not need a library card to access these books, and they are available whenever the Drop in Centre is open.

MUNICIPAL OFFICIAL PLAN UPDATE — PUBLIC MEETING

The Municipality's Official Plan is currently being updated. A Public Meeting will be held at the Community Center on November 30/09 at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and refreshments will be served.

An Official Plan is a statutory document which sets out the land use policy directions for long-term growth and development in a municipality. The Plan is periodically reviewed to ensure that it continues to meet the changing economic, social and environmental needs of the municipality. Occasionally, it is necessary to amend the policies and/or designations contained in the Official Plan in order to facilitate new development or redevelopment proposals. Opportunities for public review and input are provided prior to the Municipality adopting any Official Plan Amendments.

The purpose of the Public Meeting is to review the existing Official Plan, provide information on the process of updating the Official Plan, review planning issues and identify opportunities to be included in the updated Official Plan.

HUDSON LAND RELEASE UPDATE

Hudson Advisory Committee continues to work with the Manager of Development Services for the Municipality of Sioux Lookout to receive regular updates on the progress toward residential land release in Hudson. Weather this summer caused delays to aerial photography that will be used to assess land features, development options and assist in surveying requirements. As part of the requirements of the MNR land release process the Municipality is still in consultation with numerous identified parties. The Committee anticipates meeting to review documents with the Municipal Manager in late January.

Keep active this winter by cross-country skiing and snow-shoeing on the many trails the Hudson area has to offer.

DID YOU KNOW!
That one engine and one coach left Sioux Lookout every Tuesday and Saturday backing up to Hudson. It picked up several boxcars here and went back to Sioux, the trip took 3 hours and cost \$.25 cents. The Hudson Back-up was a great way for a group of teenagers to spend Saturday afternoon!

DON'T FORGET

LUNCH ON WEDNESDAYS

AT THE DROP- IN CENTRE

\$5.00 MEMBERS

\$7.00 NON-MEMBERS

\$20.00 to Join