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Giant Party Kicks Off ANC in Thunder Bay

What better way to kick-off the ANC project in Thunder Bay than with a Giant Block Party!

On Wednesday, July 13th, the Simpson/Ogden Neighbourhood in Thunder Bay threw a party where over 400 people enjoyed free entertainment, food and activities.

Jodi Carlson of the Thunder Bay ANC project says that the event was planned to highlight ANC, project materials, and provide a chance to meet ANC staff and volunteers as well as to mobilize the neighbourhood and promote volunteering, all while having a great time!



The event also highlighted resources already in the neighbourhood with various neighbourhood organizations and a business owner setting up displays.

No party is complete without music and giant vegetables! Musical performances by Jim 'n' I, John Fletcher and Friends, and Mushkowzee Ekwe' Wak kept the crowd entertained while giant vegetables were on hand to promote the Regional Food Distribution Association. Amy Harris and Norman Semple of the National Film Board also provided a video booth to film neighbourhood stories.

Partygoers were asked what they like about the neighbourhood, what they would like to change, and their ideas for making changes. Based on local input, ANC plans to establish a strategy for change for the Simpson/Ogden Neighbourhood.

All in all, Thunder Bay's launch of ANC proved to be a giant success!



- [Watch a news report on the party!](#)
- [Read the July 13, 2005 article from the Thunder Bay Chronicle Journal](#)
- [Read the July 14, 2005 article from the Thunder Bay Chronicle Journal](#)

Related Links

- [United Way of Thunder Bay website](#)

Resources

What Works in Renewal - Developed by the Neighbourhood Renewal Unit in the UK, this website provides an independent, evidence-based view of what works, and what doesn't, in neighbourhood renewal, and includes guides, project summaries, case studies & more. Visit the website [here](#).

ABC's of Asset Development - The Asset Based Community Development Institute website showcases the Institutes findings on capacity-building community development through extensive and substantial interactions with community builders, and by producing practical resources and tools for community builders to identify, nurture, and mobilize neighborhood assets. Visit the website [here](#).

ANC Updates – What's New

Strong Neighbourhoods Task Force releases report

The United Way of Greater Toronto and the City of Toronto recently released The Strong Neighbourhoods Task Force Report: Strong Neighbourhoods- A Call for Action.

The Task Force got underway a year ago after the release of [Enough Talk](#) and [Poverty by Postal Code](#).

The Task Force's research continues to draw attention to the issue of poverty in the inner suburbs and the lack of community services in these communities. The report recommends that investments in neighbourhoods be strengthened and increased and that residents and citizens play a key role in neighbourhood renewal.

Read the report [here](#).

ANC Policy Dialogue Maps Government Activity and Plans for October Forum

In one of their earliest sessions, participants in the ANC Policy Dialogue identified a lack of resources describing in concrete and detailed terms how to initiate a government project involving several departments. This month's meeting focused on mapping the steps government partners took to move the ANC project forward - from concept to contribution agreement. Such mapping exercises are being used to chart ANC's evolution and derive lessons applicable to similar ventures.

Next month, the Policy Dialogue will focus on planning for the face-to-face Policy Forum scheduled for October 25, 2005. It will discuss key issues to be explored in the Forum. Government and community partners in ANC will be joined in the Forum by a number of Canadian and international resource people with expertise on government/community collaboration for neighbourhood development.

Learn more about the Policy Dialogue [here](#)!

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