

## Minutes 15 Jan 2009

Attendance  
Roger Smiley  
Charles Kennedy  
Sarah Cloutier  
Tom Scott  
Helen Rosseau  
Evelyn Budd  
Rainer Bloess  
Lynn Leduc

Call to order 19:40

Guests

Jeff Miller resident

Stephanie Cesaer-Young Eastern Ottawa Youth Resource Centre

Anil Jhalli – EMC Now

### **Old Business**

- need repairs to the entrance signs - details to be received from the city
- BCA responsible for repairs

### **Chair Person Report**

Bridge discussion – included Lower Duck Island – to be revisited at next meeting – east end councilors trying to get it removed

- if city adds new locations it will add 3 to 10 years delay.
- decision in the hands of the NCC and they will have to make a stand

ARC – studying schools in the area and usage. BCA Chairperson has resigned from committee and Emily Carr needs another representative. The government mandated representatives are required to tell trustees what the schools would like to see. This is a four month exercise. Need to tell what the high schools can do and what are the implications to the feeder schools. Strong possibility of Emily Carr changing it's focus.

Resignation of Caroline Harris McDonald. Looking for new members for the BCA

### **Coordinator of the Youth Homework Club and Drop in Evening**

There was a restructuring of the Dropin evening with the reopening on September 5, 2008. A survey was completed to find what is required from the community. They are looking for the youth to be more engaged with the community and family. There are 3 main workers Ishaf Farouq, Scott Cassidy and Seria Etienne. Looking to focus on visual arts and musical programs. Culture shock was mentioned as a group that gives free hip hop classes which they would break into two age groups. They are looking for senior interactions possibly with AMICA. Their schedule is now Monday and Wednesday

evenings for a homework club and Friday nights for the dropin. They are looking for a location to hold the hip hop classes on Wednesday evenings. The demographics have changed with there being less visible minorities and having a more diverse blend of all of the community. They are trying to get parents involved and are looking at offering parent information sessions. The BCA Chairperson offered to Stephanie the opportunity to coordinate the Friday evening of the Funfair for the youth. There is an average of 25 to 45 youth involved in the Friday evening dropin and they are looking at hiring a youth mentor who would actively recruit other youth. Another offering is Beyond Basketball which would offer training ie WHIMMIS to the youth and is geared towards readying the youth for employment. They have received United Way funding which has them sustainable for the next 3 years. They are looking at facilitating the youth to apply for the youth action grants that era available. Evelyn Budd mentioned that one aspect for the fundraising could be by delivering the BANAR. Their main fund raiser is coming up shortly which is a dinner and live/silent auction. Another of their fund raisers is at the annual Silver City garage sale.

### **Treasurers Report given by Roger Smiley**

Councilor Bloess gave the BCA and the seniors a grant. All money has been received for the outdoor rinks. There will be a full financial report at the AGM 19 February 2009. There will be a full Funfair budget report next month at the AGM.

### **Parks and Recreation**

Paul VanBruinssen is still working as a volunteer helping with the flooding and some coordinating. There is one youth per rink that is being paid slightly more that is responsible for the coordination of the workers. We have ongoing volunteers Roger Wright, Paul Graham, Paul VanBruinssen that are working to flood and help maintain the rinks in combination with McDonald Equipment. The rinks are being well used.

### **MPP**

Phil McNeely mentioned that his bill for energy rating of homes looks to pass. Sarah Cloutier's concern of the cost to the seller was brought forward and Phil mentioned it would be looked at. It was mentioned that there is a rebate from the province of \$150. The issue of the audit being demanded of sellers, but that there was no requirement to follow through and complete any of the recommendations makes the audit an unnecessary burden on the home seller. Phil mentioned that there was a large amount of support of the energy rating of homes, and there was a requirement to train more energy audit workers. A recommendation of putting the cost of the energy audit on the buyer of a home and not the seller was suggested by Sarah.

Reference the Interprovincial Bridge, Phil put forward that he has looked at supporting Madeleine Meilleur and recommended looking at the Lower Duck option as well. Phil is also looking at trying to get a new medical facility in the East end of Ottawa (Orleans).

## **BANAR**

Evelyn is still looking for groups wanting to deliver the BANAR and that they should contact her. Helen Rosseau put forward a motion that if the Pathfinders volunteer to complete the 12 outstanding routes for the upcoming BANAR they would be paid \$200.00 and Les Guides who have already volunteered to deliver the other two routes will get \$30.00. Seconded by Charles Kennedy. Motion passed.

## **Councilor's Report**

Rainer Bloess thanked BCA chairperson Roger Smiley for coming out to the different functions and supporting the Kettle Island option for the Interprovincial Bridge. Rainer mentioned that the reviews for the new locations would add unwanted costs to the bridge and could possibly kill the project.

The transit strike options to support the community mostly address people with cars. The city is trying to come up with options to support the problems of the poor, the students and shutins. The city has requested an independent mediator to look at the safety issues required by other jurisdictions ie provincial and federal safety standards.

Lynn Leduc reminded the committee the committee that the volunteer awards deadline for submissions is coming up 27<sup>th</sup> of March.

## **New Business**

Roger brought up that the AGM is next month and that new recruits were needed. He has a report from the Scouts for their past years activities and would like a report from each member of the committee as to their past years accomplishments and duties.

The seniors would like a location to play bocce ball, preferably a court. Tom Scott mentioned that he is looking locating the keys to the horseshoe pits that have been misplaced or removing the safety devices from the pits. Tom Scott will be requesting from the city screening at the ends of the outdoor rinks. This will save pucks and protect property.

Meeting was adjourned at 21:35