

**Blackburn Community Association Meeting**  
**Agenda – October 20<sup>th</sup> , 2016 at the BH Community hall**

7:30 p.m. – BCA meeting

1. Call to Order - Laura called meeting to order.
2. Minutes Approved – Delayed for now due to missing items.
3. Presidents Report - Laura Dudas–
  - a. Party in the Quarry 2017 – 5 communities involved. Announcement in December.
  - b. Strategic Priorities and 2017 Budget – Preparation planning will be presented in November meeting with additional details and feedback desired before the AGM on January 19<sup>th</sup> 2017. **Budget priorities need to be sent to Laura for the planning 2017**
  - c. GRDO - information about budget line item and funding request – Laura – We collaborate and support through funding and support.
  - d. Arena - Opening November 12<sup>th</sup>. Grand Opening Event for the Blackburn Stingers with games and activities. Coffee and donuts - and exhibition games. **Volunteers and support needed online and at that event.**
  - e. Arena - Storage issue. – currently BCA and funfair etc... use storage under the bleachers. This space will be under construction and we will lose our space. Additionally the space that will be offered to the BCA will have a cost of 10\$ per square foot of space. Thousands of dollars would be required. **We will continue this discussion at future meetings.**
  - f. **Marijuana compassion club.** Opening any time. Facebook response was overwhelmingly positive about it coming into our neighbourhood. Personally the comments that have come to the BCA directly are not positive. Regardless of how it is being used, it is still an illegal business and should not be “welcomed” into our community.
    - a. How is the space and marijuana be used. IS there selling and smoking it there?
    - b. Regulation is coming – but currently this shop is illegal. There is no law that allows pot to be sold at a location and carried away or smoked on site.
    - c. Call the police if you see anyone smoking pot.
    - d. The tenants who share this space are extremely concerned about the proximity of the shop and its effect on their businesses.
    - e. Landlord was told it was a pharmacy and it may be legitimately associated with a legal distributor. With a licence from the ministry.
    - f. Until it is open we cannot determine what kind of business it is.
    - g. **October 24<sup>th</sup> Police services board meeting – please attend this meeting for further information and notify the clerk if you would like to speak.**

3. Residents and Guests

Erica Fraser – Bus route issue. #128. Issue with connection to other downtown busses. Express bus service charges should be waved. Express bus stops added at Montreal Rd coming off the 174.

Jean Clark – Deterioration of bus service over the years. The level of service has reduced and the cost has increased. Inferior service comparably over the city. **Possible Portfolio for this in the future. AGM??**

### **Transportation Rep??**

4. Satinder Sahota - Volunteer crew – Emily Murphy Focus at this point

Community clean up event had 3 attendees.

Halloween event on Monday October 24<sup>th</sup>.

Paint night November 11<sup>th</sup>, \$40 per ticket. Silent Auction items welcome.

5. Darlene Arela - Santa Pancake breakfast – Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup> at community Hall. Banar add for promotion sent in. Santa needed, suit provided. Girl guides volunteers. Community Christmas tree. Volunteers needed. Norms hockey team will help. Jody Mitic will be Santa.

6. Sub-committee reports:

- Cancer Chase outcome - Bill \$14,108 final amount raised. Over 1000 more than any year previous.
- Banar – Evelyn – November Banar going out End of October. Thank you for contributions.
- Environment sub-committee update – Meeting held which pulled together many short and long term ideas – request for previous years budgets so they can start determining focus and planning.

7. Treasurer’s report – Business as usual.

8. Coucillors Report – Jody Mitic

- Speed board on Innes coming - east of rondel.

- Rondel should likely be done by October 29<sup>th</sup> or before Halloween.

- Benches being installed around the community. Additional can be considered.

- Garbage Container on East park corner of Innes being moved to improve driver visibility.

Directors reports

9. Ali Yassine - Snow plow - paper hand outs – Motion put forward by Ali for the purchase of the proposed equipment and needed maintenance and other costs. \$6,600.00 François seconded. Grant Proposal suggested for future ideas down the road. Lights, head lights, additional added tail lights. Property insurance costs? Our insurance doesn’t currently cover theft. Icemakers would have access. What are other communities doing? Vote in Favor – Majority Vote Opposed – None Motion Passed.

10. Norm – Community outreach – attended community event at Gloucester high and recruited student volunteers.

11. François – 87 memberships sold so far. Possible name change from “membership” to donation or contribution to rebrand this method of community connection. **Further discussion required.**

12. Brent Lawrie– Fun Fair **First 2017 volunteering meeting will be in Novemeber 7<sup>th</sup> 7:30 @ good shepherd church, Contact Brent Lawrie.** Canadian themed. French English music, native representation, history. Applications have already begun to be submitted.

13. Blackburn Hamlet Preschool - fundraising campaign mentioned and bca members and community encouraged to support their efforts. BCA is supporting by provided reduced cost access to rental space and promotion and other various methods.

13. Adjournment – Motion by Ali