

Blackburn Community Association

Agenda – June 15th, 2017

7:00 p.m. – Meeting – Library

1. *Call to Order* Laura Dudas (round table Intro)
2. *Minutes from previous meeting* - approval passed.
3. *Treasurer Report* – Al Ross \$8000 arrived for harvest moon event. Beautification project - \$5378 including the Glen O project.
4. *Mosquito control - Jean Martin and Francine Laflamme to attend*

Flyer and presentation description of the SWAT team requests. Drainage ditches found on Oakhurst and Beachmont. Poorly or not maintained. City of Ottawa has a mosquito control system in place using approved pesticide and other methods. Possible repair of drainage system and treat the stagnant water as part of the existing program. The NCC was spoken to by F.Laflamme regarding the drainage system and a request was made for the location to be looked at. Kanata North pilot project was discussed. Mosquito Traps – GDI – have been set up to track the needs of Blackburn Hamlet. NCC policy that does not permit pesticide use on NCC land may be a possible barrier to this request.

- Separating the drainage and infrastructure issues from the mosquitos and including the councillor and the city on repairing and/or maintaining. Finding out who owns this system and getting it to taken care of. **BCA follow up on finding out who owns this land and structure – LAURA and JEFF to support.** Environment committee expressed concern about mosquito suppression measures that affect biodiversity and the possible negative impacts on the environment.
5. *Harvest Moon event* - Sept 9th, Barrington Park. \$8000 check arrived for that.
6. *Community beautification* Liability questions by Amica to be dealt with by Laura.
7. *Older Adult Plan benches and new bench coming* 3 benches have been installed that have been designed for seniors specifically. Some with extended platform for future projects including a library. Key areas that were identified by local seniors. Please go out to see and use these benches. 4th bench is coming by Ecole St. Marie on South Park.
8. *Volunteer Appreciation Dinner (date being confirmed)* Sept 30th. At the Community hall. Nominations requested. Nominees do not need to be a BCA member. Any community member can be put forward.

9. *Glen O buddy bench and butterfly garden update (Chelsey)* School has gotten a lot of involvement from the kids and families regarding the Buddy benches, BCA agreed to top up the funds for the final costs. Butterfly garden also pulling together. Lots of BCA acknowledgment. Grand opening booked for September
10. *Canada Day event (Ian)* 7:30-10:30 Possible Bouncy Castle and activities being planned. Meeting to finalize details will be next week. Minutes and decisions will circulate via email. Looking for a future sponsor for the fireworks. \$3000-5000
11. *Councillor's report* – Not in attendance.
12. *Cancer Chase* Bill Horne – Sept 24th. Permits underway. Sponsorship Chair – Belinda Joy – Looking for volunteers and donations from businesses and individuals.
13. *Fun Fair – Great fun FAIR* – Weather was excellent. Less income came in but attendees enjoyed everything. BCA sponsored field games went very well. Expenses of \$500 spent. Prizes and activities geared to encouraging outdoor activities. **BANAR delivery date needs to be shifted to accommodate city requirements for promotion. OR possible promotion of funfair road closures to be included in April banar. \$16,000 raised.**
14. *BANAR* Shifting volunteers groups around for key issues that are critical for dates. Looking for new groups or a person willing to coordinate a group to deliver.
15. *Membership* – 67 memberships so far. New membership committee lead in training. Lisa Margenson
16. *Website* – possible webserver switch coming after Kaitlyn has been trying to get it working better. Further reports to come.
17. *Senior's Action Committee reports* SIN in the City. Friday October 6th, 2017. @ Community centre. 16 vendors with services or businesses related to seniors needs. Looking for volunteers. Community Centre booked for that date.

New Business

18. Neighbourhood watch - Future activities will have promotion to encourage sign-up of members of the community. Volunteers needed and leadership needed for specific areas.
19. *Adjournment- Motion by Ian seconded by Evelyn Budd*