

Blackburn Community Association Meeting

Minutes – April 21 st , 2016 at the BH Community hall

7:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order

2. Minutes from previous meeting – delay in posting on website but will be up in the next few days.

3. Treasurer's report –

- \$2098 so far this year.

\$11,000 on rinks, not covered by grant but not an issues.

Submitted an application for parks and rec funding. Some issues were found but we have resubmitted the application. Issue centred around the expansion funding we have been setting aside, the city only allows 71,000 budget. We need to explore the possibilities to press for hall expansion or find out alternative ways to use the money to best benefit the community. Excess reserve funding – ongoing discussion. Discussion about how to manage the funds. Possible future meeting will need to be held.

Suggestions for how to approach the issue.

- 18 month plan

- sub-committee form with the task of making a plan

- spending favoured overall, but with a plan or committee formed

- look for new people to spearhead this committee or join the committee

- make a list of projects

- find funding projects that the city is actually interested in partnering with us and see if there are options that we could focus on rather than the building.

(What are the parameters we are have for the funding. Timing, partners, amount, how long, sponsors, to post for a committee.)

- Darlene (assistant treasurer) will be familiarizing with the software and she will take over as treasurer. Anyone who has deposits to the BCA account, or anyone needing a check, needs to start contacting Darlene and CC Ross so he can monitor her progress. (find online)

4. President - Laura Dudas–

Photo Radar – city council has been discussing this issue. Laura is a photo radar advocate for areas that have issues. Strategic placement could be beneficial. May 4th, Transportation committee will be having an open forum. Laura would like a BCA

members to attend and voice a pro-radar position to advocate on our communities behalf to hopefully lead to us having access to this technology and safety measure. Laura will draft a letter to notify Mitic of the BCA position and Chelsey will attend the meeting (confirmation needed). Additional members welcome to attend. 5 Min window given to each group to speak.

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner – Yola and Trisha cannot run it this year. Belinda volunteered to help run the even in September – Will Connect with Laura.

Canada Day 2017 – Laura connecting with other Innes Ward community association for a large future event. Details to come in future meetings. (continuing possible conflict with councillors with Petrie Island event)

Chamber of Commerce – We are now officially members. Great connection for sponsorship and promotions. Laura will continue to connect with them to leverage our membership.

5. Joe Potter

Pickle Ball. Seniors geared easy to learn sport. Pickle ball court similar size to half tennis court. Wiffle ball with paddles hit back and forth over midway net. Only one pickle ball facility in the East end -Fallingbrook. Indoor in community centres also held around the city. Cost – roughly \$15,000 for 2 court set up. Sound issue could bother local residents. Possible trial installation at arena with painted lines. Purchase of nets and some posts may be required. Shane Silva will coordinate with Joe and various members. Follow up at next meeting.

6. Mitic Report –

I am pleased to announce that I will be opening up my Innes Ward Office at the Blackburn Arena this spring! One of my election promises was to move the current Councillor's office at Centrum (which is out of Innes ward) into a location in the ward. I look forward to meeting with residents at this location and will let you know what the office hours will be.

As I mentioned in the April edition of the Banar, the Blackburn Arena is undergoing much needed lifecycle repairs. Although, the arena will be unavailable for spring and summer activities, come September it will have a new ice pad, boards and roof.

We have heard from residents concerning traffic and speed along Bearbrook. As a form of traffic calming, I am having flex stakes on Bearbrook from Innes to Northpark. We will also be installing school pavement markings on Bearbrook from Innes to Centrepark.

In recognition of Seniors Month, I will be hosting a Seniors Bingo at Amica Residence on June 8th from 2:00-4:00. Stay tuned for details!

The hydro cable replacement on Glen Park scheduled to commence on April 25, 2016 and continue until September 30, 2016. Along with my concurrence for the work, I have asked that:

- All property owners abutting or near the work areas must be notified in writing between 5 and 20 working days prior to the start of construction of the scope and duration of the proposed installation. Should be some door to door flyer delivery but Hydro would be the best information source of the exact notification.
- Road closures should be kept at a minimum due to the activity at the community centre and athletic field at the west end of Glen Park.
- Increased safety monitoring in regards to heavy equipment and trenching. Most of the works is scheduled during the summer break when there is increased children and elders activity. Efforts should be made to park/store extra equipment off the residential streets
- Reinstatement of landscaped areas and driveways will be same or better than pre-construction conditions.

7. Cassie Brass – Suggestions

Youth Centre Drop in – hoping it might start up again for the new youth to the community. Chelsey will connect with Cassie.

Art Class – she will be contacted by Laura for details of the already running art group.

8. Chelsey Wynne

Community safety event – BBQ, June date to be confirmed – in the evening. Funding partnership with the development. Will not be promoted in the community, but BCA members are encouraged to attend to connect with residents.

Obscure city of Ottawa link will be addressed

Secondary School Review – Gloucester high school meeting. Structure of secondary school programs. Restructuring in the language programming. BCA approached to join in the discussion about what will be changing. OCDSB – Consultation ongoing until May 18th. Google hang out April 28th. Long-term discussion with feedback only for now. No major changes expected fall 2016.

9. Ian Chamberland.

2016 canada day. All applications are in except fireworks approval. Everything looks good. Cost of fireworks has increased. Will be beside the community Hall.

10. Justine Payne –

Tree Planting Update - Finishing up the last of the plans with Barb for the spring clean-up on The Sunday May 8th, following the garage sale. If anyone is able to volunteer that would be great! Barb and I are confirming roles that we still need filled. And if anyone knows any high school students looking for volunteer hours for their program they can contact Justine.

Trees that didn't take vandalism or cold killed them. We are looking for replacement from the city. – Follow up required.

11. Ali Yassine

Ball Hockey Day - turning into a larger event involving all Innes Ward. Various community associations at the bearbrook outdoor rink and possibly the orient park rink. Dates – last weekend in May or the 2 following weekends in June. Full day Saturday event. Local businesses could be involved with food, drinks etc... Prizes needed for the event. Mens, womens, and kids division, Coed?

Rink – terrible rink year. Serious issues with snow removal. Cost of snow removal will increase. Options need to be discussed. 1. BCA – as an expenditure buying a riding snow blower. (upfront cost \$5,000) Maintenance, insurance, storage? Trailer, do we need to plate it, can we drive it. Who will take over long term. A detailed plan including all these factors needs to be considered. Ali – will discuss with city manager he is in contact with and make a plan. And present more details next meeting.

12. - Brent Lawrie–

Fun Fair - All equipment was moved to dressing room 1,2,4.

Permits applied for. LCBO application and paid for. Softball tournament. Sponsorships and showcase is doing well. Rides need to be slightly adjusted due to construction.

Small events. Signs getting updated and out. Parade is going forward. Movie night is being set up. Portable stage. Businesses are being encouraged to bring their own tents if possible. Tent is booked, 1100. Fireworks. Meeting for FunFair committee member meeting April 25th. Contact if you need to attend.

Logo needed for T-shirts and water bottles etc...

Fun RUN – Brent Lawrie– registration is online. Flyers and promo is going. Start and Finish sign. Volunteers needed to monitor course and traffic issues.

13. Kaitlyn Demasi -

Website – Launched and live. Thanks to Sherri-ann. Google calendar. Events or request to have access to the calendar can be sent to her.

- Newsletter, digest, meeting reminders.
- Paypal will not be ready for funfair.
- Blog – open to anyone. Great site for board members to post citizen journalism.
- Hits info will be available starting in May. Google analytics.
- Add space on the website available. Looking for sponsors.
- French translation volunteer needed – Ali?

14. Ryan –

Neighbourhood watch – starting on his street. If you know of anyone who would be suitable on your street, recommend them to Ryan or approach them about taking on a leadership role in that area.

15. Bill Horne – Cancer Chase. Sept 25th. 30 Signs made through donation.

www.Cancerchase.com May 12th, first community meeting. Contact Bill for details.

16. Shane Silva –

Seniors spring social. Free event for seniors. 1-3. Refreshment. Registration is slow, we are looking for new venues to promote the events including word of mouth and encouragement.

17. Annick Trembley – MPP Lalonde

18. New Business and Events.

June 25th - Strawberry social –, senior and family

August 25 – corn roast and bbq. In the conservation area part of the park.

19. Hall Rates – meeting was delayed to the next meeting.

20. Adjournment – Motion made by Name?, Seconded Name?

Next Meeting – Thursday May 19, 2016 7:00 Hall rates meeting 7:30 BCA meeting