

Blackburn Community Association Meeting
Agenda – Sept 15th , 2016 at the BH Community hall

7:30 p.m. – BCA meeting

1. Call to Order - Laura call to order – Jeff chairing the meeting.

2. Minutes Approved – May 19th – Ali assain, Brent 2nd

3. Strategic Priorities Discussion – Laura Dudas

- Paper hand out

4. Presidents Report - Laura Dudas–

Projects on the go. 2017 – Canada day party moved to Sept 9th, 2017 rain date Sept 10. Filed for application of funding to province and city. Partnered with Lafarge on their site. Shuttles, fireworks. Pinegrove, chapel hill north, and south, pineview, chateau neuf, Bradley estates. Possible shuttleing using school buses with shuttle stops through-out these communities. Cycling also being promoted. Volunteers will need to be recruited, contact Laura Dudas.

BCA – great summer with lots of opportunities to represent the BCA out at community events.

Volunteer Dinner – a thank you to our committed volunteers from the past year. Saturday Sept 17th, 2016. Certificates, gifts and t-shirts given to the awarded volunteer.

5. Guest Speaker – GRDO –

Sports and development programs for low income families, specifically focused on children.

7 different programs are being offered in this community.

Swimming program – largest cost program. Space given on Tuesdays at Bob Mcquarry. GRDO requests funding to pay for the busing to drive the children enrolled to the lessons at that facility.

Motion to pay for the cost of the bus or a portion of the bus to be put forward. Cost is approx. \$1008.66 Jeff Miller – Seconded by Belinda. Motion passed by a vote.

6. Guests – environment - Shari, John, Sarah, Allison Hamlin (liason),

- Derek KZ, 5 years running a wrestling program at Louis Riel HS. Bought a wrestling mat and opening it up to the community. Taking kids 12-18 currently. Willing to expand age range if needed. Multiple coaches on hand. Program for boys and girls. Facebook information. Monday and Wednesday nights 6:30-8:30. Cost for enrollment is \$200 for a year. Plus equipment. Plus insurance. 15 kids currently enrolled.

7. Treasurer's report – Strategic movement around available finances – now 33,000, May 2017 150,000

8. Councillors Report – Jody Mitic -

Through Councillor Mitic's cash in lieu (CIL) budget, we are installing benches in various locations throughout Innes Ward. Locations were identified by our Parks staff and the order has been placed with installation hopefully before snow falls. There are 3 parks in Blackburn Hamlet that will benefit from new benches:

Agnes Purdy Park - 2 benches near the play equipment will be replaced with 2 new benches with three armrests each, with accessible length concrete bench pads

Harold Diceman Park - 1 bench to be added along the pathway coming in from Diceman (same type of bench as above)

John Kemp Park - 2 benches facing horseshoe pits that are older will be replaced with 2 new benches (same type of benches as above)

- The Blackburn Arena current lifecycle repairs are continuing (floor, roof), floor was poured on Monday, arena should be open early November

- The Blackburn Arena expansion plans are being finalized and after consulting with the community stakeholders in the next month (BCA, BMHA), we will be having a community consultation.

Don't forget about Councillor Mitic's First Responder and Community BBQ this Sunday, 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Blackburn Firestation.

Speed board ordered for Innes Road.

9. Tammy Okeefe. – appreciates the new benches going in. Would like to see us continue to discuss about additional benches to be put in.

9. John Balint- mentioned a few areas of concern including bike paths and dust from Lafarge, dirt and dent holes from truck use, and yard maintenance and weed cutting in particular parks.

9. Chelsey Wynne – 3 high school closures – moving students to Gloucester High in fall 2017. The school board is asking for feedback regarding the next phase. **Survey will be posted on Facebook and email to include as many residents to participate.**

13. Kaitlyn. – please get the emails updated with Kaitlyn. Issues with Gmail accounts.

14. Satinder – Facebook has had more problem comments recently. Report any issue comments to admin and not to Facebook.

Group join requests are building up, must reply the automatic message.

Business posts were allowed during August. Feedback was given and ppl didn't mind/business liked the option. Going forward we will have 1 business day per week Mondays.

12. Ali Yassine

Ball Hockey Day - didn't happen due to lack of interest. Focusing back

Pickle Ball - city came to look at the rink by the pool. Waiting for feedback and timing.

Snow plow - costs of plow expected to go up. Alternative option would be a tractor, blower, plow, attachments installed. J&S willing to store the tractor and will assist in locating a person for

maintenance. Insurance coverage and licencing requirements still up in the air. Ali will store the tractor in his garage in the winter. **Additional information at next meeting.**

13. Brent Lawrie– Fun Fair Loss of generator and rain both caused loss of income. Still made a substantial profit of 13000 plus to be distributed back to the community. Operation fund up to 17000. 2017 application for funding has begun. Partnering with the Gloucester giants. Canadian history possible theme for the parade. **First 2017 volunteering meeting will be in Novemeber, Contact Brent Lawrie.**

14. Kaitlyn – available to update emails

16. Bill Horne –Cancer Chase- Sept 25th, update – registration picking up now. Silent Auction with approx. 50 items will be available at the event. Looking for a new sponsorship chair for the upcoming 2017 race.

Volunteers needed for trail marking and tent set up at the hornets' nest on Saturday 3pm

17. Shane Silva – Seniors update – Information night called Sin in the Hamlet on October 1st, at the community hall. Vendors coming to give info to the seniors of our community. Anyone welcome to attend. Free event. Donations of refreshments and gifts welcome. **Volunteers welcome for set up at 5 and clean up after.**

18. Hall Rental – Auramina - events are updated on the online calendar or the website. Contact info is found there also. Updated until Summer 2017. Hall Cleaning for 2 weeks in July 2017.

19. New Business and Events.

Shane – 5 yr old Girl in the hamlet in need of a service dog because of kostmann syndrome. Wondering how the bca or community members can find a way to support this family. Such as a go fund me page or a community support network.

Satinder – Blackburn volunteer crew – new group focused on helping individuals in the hamlet. Emily Murphy focus first. Clean up day and bbq Sept 28th, 4-6pm @ Emily murphy.

19. Adjournment –