

Blackburn Community Association
Meeting Minutes
November 21, 2019 8:00 pm
Community Hall

1. Call to order 8:00pm
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Minutes from previous meetings
 - October 17, 2019
 - Motion to approve Chelsey Wynne. Seconded by Ian Chamberland. Approved.
4. Innes Ward Councillor Update (Laura Dudas)
 - City Council supports a 7.7% budget increase.
 - Additional \$2.9M allocated for sidewalk clearing 24x7 and 4 new ice breakers. Also includes clearing catch basins.
 - OCtranspo is adding 40 buses to improve reliability. 19 new buses will be delivered in December. Train dwell times and software updates have improved services.
 - There will be a Family Skate held pm December 15 from 3-5 at the Blackburn Arena.
5. Brian Coburn Extension (Jacob Mueller)
 - Jacob attended the recent open house for the Brian Coburn Extension and presented his feedback and thoughts on the consultation.
 - The city is still working through the Environmental Assessment. Another consultation will likely be held in the spring.
 - There was limited participation due to the time the meeting was held.
 - The initial options were more expensive than originally expected and would be similar to the cost for Option 7.
 - The leading options are Options 1 and 7.
 - Tthe impact on existing corridors (such as the berm between the existing Bypass and Blackburn Hamlet) will only be known once detail design work has started.
 - From a long term perspective, Option 1 would have the greatest benefit to the Hamlet by providing two access points to a dedicated transit corridor.
 - None of the options deal with congestion from Anderson/Innes interchange to the 417 until the future Walkley connector is built.
 - Option 7 would have an impact on Mer Bleue Bog and Mud Creek due to debris, garbage, salt and oil runoff.

6. Santa Breakfast (Chelsey Wynne)
 - Lots of volunteers have signed up, including Belinda who is going to help run the kitchen.
 - All the supplies are in the hall storage so setup the night before should be relatively fast.
 - We need one or two people to staff the Membership table.
 - Signs should be posted next week.
 - Setup on Saturday starts at 6am.

7. Splash Pad (Ian Chamberland)
 - The contracts are signed!!!
 - The location is in the park on the west side of the Community Hall.
 - Due to Arena construction, planning will be done in 2020 and construction will start in the Spring of 2021.

8. Picnic Tables (Ian Chamberland)
 - 2 tables have been ordered – 1 accessible and 1 regular.
 - Will be asking for \$2,00 in next years budget for 2 more tables.

9. Arena Construction (Ian Chamberland)
 - Construction starts in May 2020.
 - BCA needs to empty both lockers and the container by the end of February.
 - We will need to store our equipment off-site in a secure location for up to 2 years. Don to discuss storage options with Ian.

10. BCA Storage (Ian Chamberland)
 - Ian met with the City to discuss permanent BCA storage options as we will not have any storage space in the Arena after expansion has been completed.
 - An area has been identified for us to install a shed after the Arena construction is completed.
 - The BCA has 18 months to determine the size and type of storage we can afford.

11. Canada Day (Ian Chamberland)
 - Now that Ian is organizing the FunFair, we need someone to take over as Canada Day organizer as soon as possible.

12. Funfair (Ian Chamberland)
 - NCC handed over ownership of Hornets Nest to the City. Looking at Hornets Nest or Tauvette park for the next two funfairs as the area around the Hall and Arena will be under construction.
 - Looking for volunteers to sign up.

13. Budget Meeting Date (Lynn Lefevre)

- The 2020 Director and Committee Budget proposals must be sent to the Treasurer by December 6, 2019.
- Once all proposals have been compiled, the budget will be circulated to all BCA Directors (no meeting required).

14. Rinks (Mark Lister)

- The first storage facility has been built at Bearbrook. The remaining 2 (Norman Johnston and Michael Budd) will be built next year.
- Still working on moving the water feed at Norman Johnston.

15. Volunteer Recognition Date (Lynn Lefevre)

- Possible dates are February 8, 22, or 29. We need to pick one and reserve the hall.

16. Bike Repair Station (Dave Garand)

- As you may have guessed, this project has now been deferred to the spring due to the sudden onset of ski, snowblower, window scraping season.
- Communication was painstakingly slow between the Safer Roads Ottawa program with the City as well as with Lafarge resulting in having to delay due to the cold weather.
- I had provided 3 options, one by the library, the other at the SW corner of Innes and Glen Park (by TD) and the NE corner of Innes and Bearbrook.
- The City prefers the NE corner and provides the following rationale:
(It) would give more space to install in the right of way. It would not impede snow clearing activities or risk being damaged by snow clearing equipment. If you look at the pdf Innes@Bearbrook.pdf you can see the congestion of the right of way. The work required is minimal surface mounted features and will be covered by MC Category A Exemption.
- The exact location on the corner has yet to be precisely marked and agreed upon by the City but would likely connect to the sidewalk and not be too close to the art piece.

17. OC Transpo Feedback (Dave Garand)

- I had planned to create a feedback form to gather some general service issues from the residents through our website and shared on the Facebook page. After having raised it a couple of times on the Facebook page, I was surprised to see a lukewarm response and thus will no longer proceed with this. Since then, OC has proceeded with some changes that look like they are helping. However, there is ongoing concern at Blair including bus platform size and overcrowding, inadequate park and ride or drop off space and poor coverage at the train platform.

18. Rodeo (Dave Garand)

- I'm hoping to run another kid's bike rodeo this spring so long as Patti is available as project manager. If it's a go, I would like to see more community partners take part as well as see tables from the Ottawa Mountain Bike Association, Bike Ottawa and Project 529 (bike registration service), Safer Roads Ottawa and perhaps the Ottawa Police. Lafarge is offering to come by with a cement truck and talk of blind spot safety as well.

19. Adjournment (Next meeting BCA Annual General Meeting on January 16, 2020, 7:30pm in the Community Hall) 9:30pm.

Attendees

Ali Yassine
Chelsey Wynne
Lynn Lefevre
Mark Lister
Kevin White
Kendra Brett
Ian Chamberland
Don Kelly
Evelyn Budd
Reese Graham (Councillor Dudas Office)
Jacob Mueller

BCA Board

President: Ali Yassine
Vice President: Chelsey Wynne
Secretary: Lynn Lefevre
Treasurer: Lisa Margeson
Parks: Ali Yassine

Rinks: Mark Lister
Membership: Satinder Sahota
Website: Kevin White
Community Safety: Don Kelly
Social: Ian Chamberland
Community Communications: Kiel Dixon
Environment: Kendra Brett
Education and Youth: Vacant
Community Relations: Vacant

Standing Committees

Senior Action Committee: Melissa Cinquino
Community Beautification: Vacant
Splashpad: Ian Chamberland
Transportation: Dave Garand

Operational Groups

Banar: Evelyn Budd
Fun Fair: Ian Chamberland
Canada Day: Vacant
Community Hall: Auramarina Sawyer
Cancer Chase: Don Kelly