

Blackburn Community Association

Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2020 7:30 pm

1. Call to order 7:35pm
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Minutes from previous meetings
 - March 19, 2020
 - Motion to Approve by Ian Chamberland. Seconded by Lisa Margeson. Approved.
4. City Councillor Update - Laura Dudas
 - You can find the latest information on Ottawas COVID response on her Lauradudas.ca website. If you have specific questions or concerns, you can contact the Councillors office via email.
 - Heros of Innes was launched today to recognize people and businesses who have gone above and beyond to help the community. Would like the BCA to share this new initiative.
 - The Arena expansion was scheduled to break ground on April 6, but has been delayed due to the provincial essential services order. Construction will resume once the restrictions are lifted. It is expected that this will affect the timeline for the both the Arena and the Splash pad projects.
 - Transit is running on a modified schedule due to reduced demand. Some routes have been adjusted recently to ensure that essential workers can get to work on time. If you know of any other routes that are not meeting the needs for essential workers, contact OCTranspo and the Councillors office.
 - The LRT Stage 2 construction is continuing. It is not known yet what delays will occur due to COVID restrictions.
 - Montreal Road station connectivity to the surrounding community is separate from the station construction. The connectivity design will be modified as a result of feedback from public engagement. The deadline for submitting comments is April 24. Concerns were raised that people's lives have been disrupted and not everyone will have the opportunity to provide feedback by the deadline. After the City produces a report on the feedback received, there will be another consultation that will collect public feedback. The BCA will be posting a reminder message regarding the deadline on our Facebook page.
5. BCA Activities
 - Virtual Bike Rodeo - Dave Garand
 - Talked to Patty Lynn who was managing the original Rodeo.
 - Trish (the trainer from last year) referred to Ottawa Safety Council for comments on the possibility of holding a virtual event.
 - Also checking with CAN Bike and Bike Ottawa for their feedback.

- At a minimum we could post a series of safety tips on the BCA website and facebook page.
- Chelsey would like to collaborate on this.
- The Comms team will continue to be the owner of the official messages that we post.
- Kevin mentioned that we have access to Youtube live streaming as part of our IT package.
- Looking at the possibility of hosting online music learning/content.
- We will be hosting a virtual coffee and chat night on a Discord server.
- Chelsey, Brent and Daniel will hold another discussion on opportunities next week. If anyone else is interested, they are welcome to join the discussions.
- BCA and youth volunteer opportunities - (Norm Robillard via Ian and Chelsey.
 - How can we offer youth engaged by helping fill gaps in community services?
 - Norm would be interested in helping coordinate activities that are allowable under current restrictions. Errands, Groceries, Yard maintenance, support for Just Foods/Fruit Farm.
 - Many people in the community are unable to leave their homes. Online ordering of essentials and food is not a simple process, especially for those with limited Internet access.
 - Is there a way we could setup a program where we properly outfit volunteers who can take orders, fill them at Metro and deliver them? Lisa mentioned there is a service called nextdoor.com that is covering some of these needs.
 - Volunteer Ottawa and United Way are also taking a lead in helping groups serve this need.
 - Brent to reach out to Emily Murphy to see if there are any needs in their housing units.
 - Will continue investigations and discussions over the coming weeks, including an open ended "how are Hamlet residents doing" question on Facebook.

6. Financials and Revised Budget

- BANAR
 - discussion regarding whether the June issue will be online vs paper. We will decide closer to the publication date.
 - Not all residents know about the online version. We will be sending an email blast to remind people about the online version.
 - If we do online in June, we will need to also post a sign at the four corners (Brent will coordinate the sign).
- A draft budget showing the impact the lockdown is having on our financials was circulated and includes one version if we are able to hold events, start cleaning parks in Mid Summer and resume hall rentals. Another version assumes all these activities will remain restricted for the rest of this year. BCA Directors are asked to review the income and expenses for their areas and provide feedback to Lisa and Mark.

7. Stage 2 LRT Update - Dave Garand

- An Orleans community consultation held last week that included community organizations, bike and transit groups.
- The focus is on the linkages to the stations. Our interest is mainly the Montreal Road station as it is closest to our community.
- The cycling path from the station to Bearbrook Road will be a raised buffered path.
- It is not clear what walking infrastructure will be provided from the station to Bearbrook road.
- Everyone is encouraged to review the project information on the City of Ottawa website and provide feedback before the April 24 deadline.

8. By-Laws & Funding Update - Brent Lawrie

- An update was provided on the status of the bylaw review and on the Funding committee discussions. More discussions will be held to refine both.

9. Storage Update - Brent Lawrie

- Our Trailer and Tractor are currently stored in a resident's garage.
- We have requested a 20'x40' space behind the Arena for our storage (4 x small containers or equivalent).
- We will be purchasing one container to park at Just Foods this year and will move our items out of temporary storage once it has been delivered. This needs to be paid on delivery and we will need a couple of people to assist when container is delivered. If needed we can delay the delivery of the container to the fall as it will not be required for this years funfair.

10. Email List Satinder Sahota

- Satinder will be sending an email out to the mailing list. Anyone who wishes to include content must sent it to her by Noon Friday.

11. Adjournment 9:50pm (Next meeting on May 21, 2020, 7:30pm).

Attendees

Mark Lister
Brent Lawrie
Lisa Margeson
Lynn Lefevre
Kevin White
Ian Chamberland
Kendra Brett
Patrick Phillips
Daniel Gosson
Chelsey Wynne
Nina Ryan
Satinder Sahota
Dave Garand
Evelyn Budd
Laura Dudas
Norm Robillard

BCA Board

Executive

President: Mark Lister
Vice President & Facilities and Operations: Brent Lawrie
Secretary: Lynn Lefevre
Treasurer: Lisa Margeson
Past President: Ali Yassine

Director Portfolio's

Environment: Kendra Brett
Parks & Rinks: Zack Jackson
Communications: Nina Ryan, Dan Gosson, Patrick Phillips
Community Relations: Kiel Dixon
Website: Kevin White
Transportation: and Community Safety: Don Kelly
Youth: Vacant
Membership: Satinder Sahota

Committee Chairs

BANAR: Evelyn Budd
Seniors: Melissa Cinquino
Beautification: Ian Chamberland
Community Hall: Auramarina Sawyer

Events

Fun Fair: Ian Chamberland

Canada Day: Chelsey Wynne

Cancer Chase: Don Kelly

Hockey Day: Mark Lister & Zack Jackson

Pot Luck Dinners: Auramarina Sawyer

Santa's Pancake Breakfast: Chelsey Wynne

Volunteer Appreciation: Mark Lister

Spring Cleanup: Kendra Brett

Seniors Information Event: Melissa Cinquino

Bike Rodeo: Dave Garand