

Blackburn Community Association

Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2020 7:30 pm

1. Call to order 7:35pm
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Minutes from previous meetings
 - September 17, 2020
 - Motion to approve Patrick Phillips. Seconded by Lisa Margeson. Approved.
4. Councillor Update (Laura Dudas, Chelsey Wynne, Angelina Viduka)
 - The office has received a lot of questions regarding Halloween. Guidance from Dr. Etches is discouraging Ottawa residents from holding community events or trick or treat. Bylaw will not be ticketing trick or treaters. Laura's website has a page of activities, including a map of Innes Ward decorated homes.
 - Despite lower test results, the sewage tests are showing a much higher Ottawa COVID count.
 - Laura will be holding a public consultation for Ottawa's 2021 budget on October 20. She is looking to assemble ward priorities, such as the deteriorating state of Innes Road through the Hamlet. The target is a 3% property tax increase. The City needs to be fiscally responsible next year as there is a lot of uncertainty over Revenue and there is no guarantee that the Province or Federal Government will cover a deficit next year.
 - Arena construction is on-schedule for a May 2021 opening
 - LRT stage 2 is on-schedule.
 - No firm date has been set for the start of splash pad construction, although the plan is still to begin once the Arena has opened.
 - A new location has been found for the trees that were inadvertently moved behind community hall to make room for the Arena construction.
 - The Ray Friel COVID indoor site should open by the end of October.
 - The Blackburn Hamlet Library remains open. Orleans library will not open due to layout and resource limitations. A Flu shot clinic will use the Orleans Library starting at the end of October.
5. BCA Financial update (Lisa Margeson)
 - We continue to make progress on our books and now understands what needs to be filed with Revenue Canada. Most expenses this month related to hall cancellations plus some expenses related to the tractor and storage. We are still missing the funfair bank records. Current Financial reports will be circulated to the board next week.

- What should we do about the 2021 budget? Do we re-use last years budget or assume it will be similar to this year? Hall revenue will definitely be reduced. Directors are asked to review their plans for 2021 to see what might be feasible and to consider what other things we can do for community (trees, benches, picnic tables, permanent event signs, mural, Outdoor Arena pad/board repairs)..
- Brent to follow up with Ian on the Funfair 2021 budget and plans.

6. Website Update (Patrick Phillips)

- The process is working well and he has met with the students twice. In two weeks a prototype should be ready for review. This is an iterative design that will evolve from week to week as feedback is received.
- A requirement document has been circulated for the BCA to review and comment on. The scope is limited due to time and resource constraints and, as a result, there are only three primary objectives that will provide us with the tools we need to plug in our own content:
 - Modular Multisite with granular access controls
 - Accessibility Compliance
 - Business Directory
 - Everything else will be best effort.
- The Board is encouraged to continue sending suggestions to Patrick.

7. Halloween (Nina Ryan)

- Due to the current Provincial restrictions, we will be holding a virtual photo contest to keep everyone safe. There are 8 different categories that include Costumes, Pumpkins, Decorations and Treats. The contest will run from October 25 to November 7 and will award prizes purchased from local businesses. Daniel and Patrick will assist Nina in judging. Photos can be sent to Nina's BCA Account or posted on the Facebook event page.
- Event will be advertised using our email list, Facebook page, Facebook group and BCA Website. We will also ask Laura to share it on her site and social media channels.
- Some Community members are also organizing their own scavenger hunt event., but it is not a formal BCA event.
- Motion by Satinder Sahota to allocate \$500 to spend on prizes from Blackburn Hamlet businesses. Seconded by Kendra Brett. Motion Approved.

8. Neighbourhood Watch (Mark Lister)

- We needed 10 captains to get it started and have met that goal. The next phase is to encourage more participation from each street as we need 10 or more participants per street in order to have signs posted in the neighbourhood.
- We need to continue promoting this on BCA social media, and in the BANAR.

9. President update on general items (Mark Lister)
 - The draft Bylaws and proposed Hall fee changes will be circulated so that they can be reviewed at the November meeting.
 - The Blackburn Hamlet Town Hall with our Councillor, MPP and MP went well with some really good questions submitted by the community. The video is posted on Marie-France Lalonde's Facebook page.
 - We have asked the City if they could repaint the links on Bearbrook next to the quarry as the old lines have worn away.
 - We still need to report back to the community about improvements to Bearbrook street cleaning that resulted from concerns raised by the community.
10. The BANAR publishing date has been delayed due to limited content. The new date for submitting articles is November 7 with delivery starting on November 14.
11. We will be sending out an issue next week to promote the photo context. Content is due on Sunday.
12. Santa's Breakfast has been Cancelled. We need to include a notice in next BANAR.
13. Remembrance Day – A story is often included in the BANAR. No BCA activities are being planned. The Legion is holding limited poppy sales this year (specific dates and locations).
14. Outdoor Rinks – No plans to cancel them. The final decision will come from the City.
15. Adjournment 9pm (Next meeting November 19, 2020, 7:30pm)

Attendees

Mark Lister

Brent Lawrie

Lisa Margeson

Lynn Lefevre

Nina Ryan

Patrick Phillips

Daniel Gosson

Satinder Sahota

Kendra Brett

Kevin Whyte

Dave Garand

Evelyn Budd

Laura Dudas

Chelsey Wynne (Councillors Office)

Angelina Viduka (Councillors Office)

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: Vacant

Beautification: Vacant

Community Hall: Auramarina Sawyer

Events

Fun Fair: Ian Chamberland

Canada Day: Vacant

Cancer Chase: Don Kelly

Hockey Day: Mark Lister & Zack Jackson

Pot Luck Dinners: Auramarina Sawyer

Santa's Pancake Breakfast: Vacant

Volunteer Appreciation: Mark Lister

Spring Cleanup: Kendra Brett

Seniors Information Event: Vacant

Bike Rodeo: Dave Garand