

Blackburn Community Association
Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2021 7:30 pm

1. Call to order at 7:35pm
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Minutes from previous meetings
 - Motion to approve the minutes from January 21, 2020 by Satinder Sahota. Seconded by Kiel Dixon. Approved.
4. Councillor Update (Chelsey Wynne)
 - Due to the rising case count, Ottawa is moving from Orange to Red status for the first time. Some key differences include restaurant indoor dining limited to 10; Gyms have reduced capacity; Retail remains open with more stringent measures and lower capacity.
 - Laura Dudas posted an update on the Service Line Warranties of Canada protection plan due to many questions received from residents and will be raising concerns at council around misleading messages.
5. Earth Path (Nikki Satira, Executive Director)
 - Earth Path run a number of programs in our community, including a nature school.
 - Their Mission is to foster relationships between people and nature.
 - The cabin is almost finished (waiting for occupancy permit), the ramp is almost complete, the deck remains to be built. It also has an accessible toilet. The next task will be solar panels. The cabin costs have been covered by previous fundraising activities.
 - They are only running the nature school right now due to COVID restrictions and uncertainty. In future years they plan to diversify their activities, including the addition of a full time school, after school programs and a monthly nature club.
 - They are always looking for opportunities for community partnerships with their programs as well as understanding what gaps the community sees with nature programs.
6. BCA Financial update (Lisa Margeson)
 - The 2020 Financial statements review was completed with minimal changes.
 - The BCA Financial committee recommends that the board approves the statements as presented.

- Motion to approve the 2020 Financial statements by Brent Lawrie. Seconded by Lisa Margeson. Approved.
 - Lynn to post the results on the BCA website for presentation to the AGM next week.
 - February 2021 expenses were \$9,00 mainly for BANAR Printing and Rink Attendants.
 - Despite a late opening of the Rink season, the cost for Rink Attendants still exceeded 50% of the allocated budget.
 - The Tractor was used to clear snow, but needed some repairs due to stalling issues.
 - One of our GIC's expires today and will be cashed out to pay our portion of the splashpad. We have one GIC remaining.
7. Website Update (Patrick Phillips)
- The project with Algonquin College was a success and the prototype appears to match our requirements. Due to some unexpected absences, our access to the actual result has been delayed. The expectation is that the prototype will be available online for our review soon and will be available for presentation at the next board meeting.
8. Splash Pad Trees (Mark Lister)
- The City plan now contains 6 trees. The Tree team will review the proposed design and trees before final approval.
 - The projected cost for the additional picnic tables will be reduced as they will not need concrete pads.
 - We should look at the bike rack options for the area near the splash pad and the hall. Mark to follow-up with Dave Garand as there may be grants available.
9. Neighborhood Watch (Don Kelly)
- Highburn Crescent is our first official neighbourhood watch street. There was a photo shoot to commemorate the event earlier today. Next week we will be celebrating the addition of Glen Park Drive from Beddoe to Innes (the City allowed us to break streets into segments in order to make our goals more achievable). The City will be working on placement of the official signs in the coming weeks. We expect 2 or 3 more streets to be added in the near future and are looking to split Beachmont into two segments in order to help move it forward.
10. Seniors (Don White)
- We are still working on the creation of the committee. The expectation is two additional members will be joining in the near future.
 - Public Health has a plan to ensure no one is missed from the vaccine rollout even if they have no transportation. Don has offered to assist organizing transportation if needed.

- The Bruyere exercise program is on hold due uncertainty over when the hall can be opened.

11. Community Safety projects (Don White)

- There was an incident involving a vehicle that brushed a 9-year-old child as they were crossing Innes/Bearbrook/Glen Park. Even though the child was crossing with the walk signal and a crossing guard, the car continued to turn right and brushed against the child's coat. This was not considered a hit and run as there was no injury or property damage resulting from the incident.
- Don completed a review at the request of the family, which included statistics he collated over the past few days. This was circulated to our President, the Ottawa Police Service and Councillor Laura Dudas. The matter is now in the hands of appropriate authorities for any further action.
- The community is urged to file incident reports as they happen as Police and City cannot take action without the data. The Ottawa Police traffic division needs three different reports over 30 days in order to flag a street/intersection for review.

12. Bike Safety (Dave Garand)

- We are looking to run a Bike Rodeo on Saturday May 22 with a rain date of June 5 following appropriate COVID protocols. The estimated cost is \$200 for four 1-hour sessions with an option for a 5th session. Good Shepherd Catholic school has agreed to the use of their parking lot for the event. Lafarge may bring cement truck to show blind spots. Dave will be submitting a formal request for BCA funding approval at the April board meeting.

13. Ottawa Parks and Recreation master plan update (Sarah White)

- The last public consultation for the new plan was well organized with lots of opportunity to be heard. The city was looking for feedback on what residents like & dislike about our current Parks and facilities as well as current usage and barriers. Areas such as a lack of Dog Parks would fall into this feedback. Key results from the session included the need for accessible parks for all ages and abilities; more shade; facilities to support parks such as washrooms and fountains; and interconnected Parks.

14. 2487 Innes Development (Brent Lawrie)

- The City held a meeting yesterday regarding the variance application covering the 2487 Innes Road Development. The primary focus was the request to reduce the height of the first floor (extra height not needed as the units are residential not

commercial) and reduced number of parking spaces (47). Both were approved. All other aspects of the plan, including the height, were within the current property zoning.

- If there is any parking overflow on to Gravelle, it would be the responsibility of the City to enforce parking bylaws.
- If there are any issues with grading/drainage on to neighboring properties, the City would ensure the property owner resolves them.
- Garbage will be stored inside, alleviating the concerns about rodents in the area.
- The white pine trees on the property will be cut down – only two other trees will be retained.
- The City has no plan for traffic calming on Innes even with increased traffic volumes.
- No firm date has been given for the start of construction.

15. Funding Applications (Mark Lister)

- There are a number of funding opportunities available to Community Associations and Community Partners. The BCA should look at ones that align with our plans and priorities. We are looking for suggestions on future projects that the BCA could propose as funding opportunities are made available. Some examples we are exploring include a City grant that would cover the cost for flowers or trees as well as the Friends of Mer Bleue grant which help could cover the cost of another BCA storage container.

16. Round Table.

- Miriam Hampson is looking to volunteer with BCA as Director of Beautification.
- Cam Dixon is concerned about an increasing amount of dust in the Hamlet. It is likely that the source is from the quarry - either from mining, blasting, movement of trucks or from the exhaust stack and may have resulted from increased activity due to nearby LRT construction. Mark is following up with Lafarge to understand what they do to mitigate the spread, but has not received any response yet.

17. AGM Moderation & Voting (Lynn)

- Zoom Moderation tests were conducted successfully.
- Concerns were raised about the voting option we had chosen. Satinder Is looking at a more secure option.

18. Adjournment 10:10pm (Next meeting April 15, 2021, 7:30pm)

Attendees

Mark Lister
Brent Lawrie
Lisa Margeson
Lynn Lefevre
Don Kelly
Kendra Brett
Nina Ryan
Satinder Sahota
Patrick Phillips
Kiel Dixon
Dave Garand
Sarah White
Chelsey Wynne (Councillor's office)
Nikki Satira (Earth Path Executive Director)
Cam Dixon
Miriam Hampson
Panos Argyropoulos

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: Tracy Wilson & Jason Wegner

Cancer Chase: Don Kelly

Hockey Day: Mark Lister & Zack Jackson

Pot Luck Dinners: Auramarina Sawyer

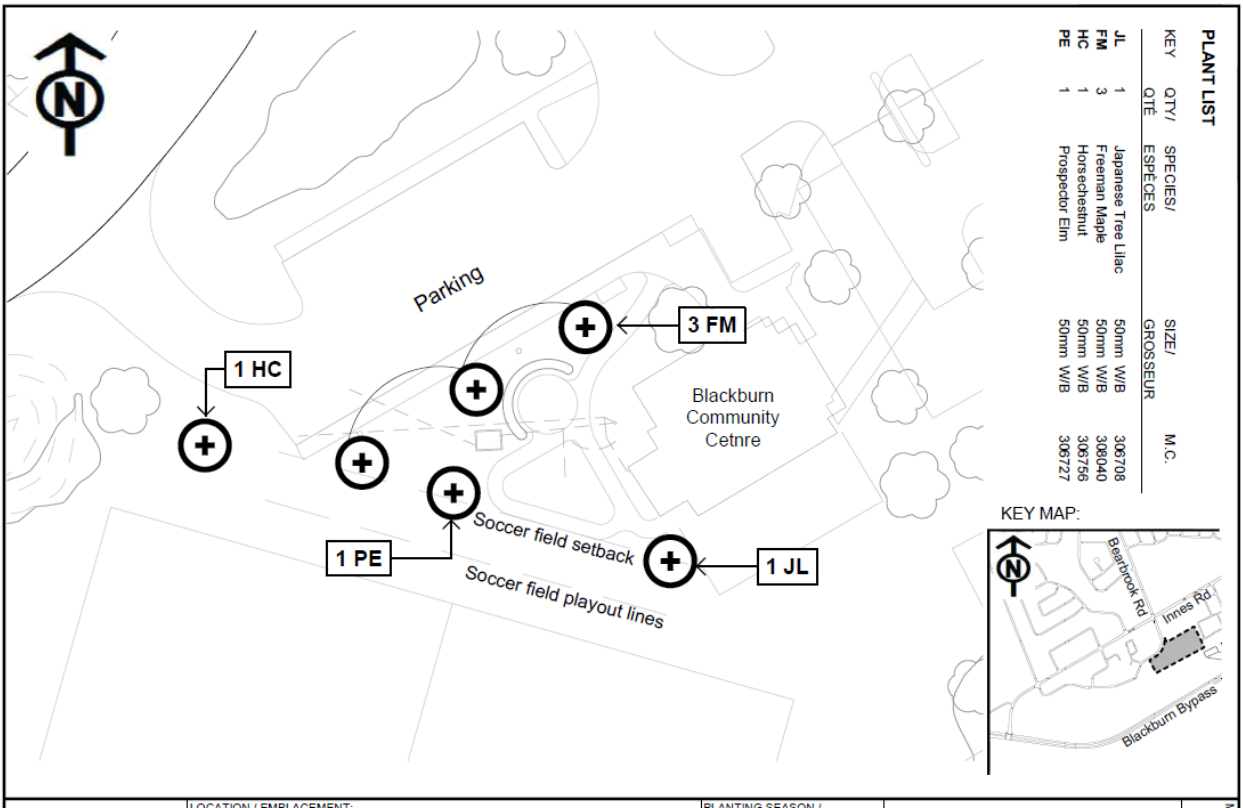
Santa's Pancake Breakfast: Tracy Wilson & Jason Wegner

Volunteer Appreciation: Mark Lister

Spring Cleanup: Kendra Brett

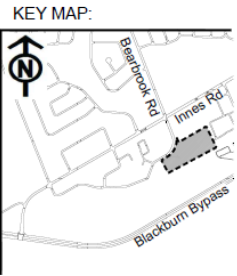
Seniors Information Event: Vacant

Bike Rodeo: Dave Garand



PLANT LIST

KEY	QTY/ OTE	SPECIES/ ESPÈCES	SIZE/ GROSSEUR	M.C.
JL	1	Japanese Tree Lilac	50mm W/B	306708
FM	3	Freeman Maple	50mm W/B	308040
HC	1	Horseshoe Nut	50mm W/B	306756
PE	1	Prosopis Elm	50mm W/B	306727



LOCATION / EMBLEMMENT

PLANTING SEASON

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