

**BLACKBURN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (BCA)**

**Minutes of the Meeting  
of  
Thursday, September 25, 2003**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Al Ross, President  
Chris Noyes, Vice-President  
Monica de Romer, previously membership  
Gord Hawley, Treasurer  
Brigitte Smiley, (stand-in) Secretary  
Jessica Tranquilly-Doherty, Civic Affairs  
Michael van Aanhout, Environnement – NCC  
Sarah Cloutier  
Christine Carrette- new member  
Paula Rosinquest  
Helen Rosseau

**OTHER BCA CONTACTS:**

Evelyn Budd, BANAR  
Jan Whitehouse, Community Hall  
Rainer Bloess, Suzanne Sanford, City of Ottawa

**GUESTS:**

Rob Sheppard - scouts  
Sam Elias  
Paul Blanchette  
Peter Farrel and Aimee Dereks – Gloucester High School

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Al Ross at 7:35 p.m.

2.0 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JUNE 19, 2003

It was moved by M. Van Aanhout, seconded by G. Hawley, that the Minutes of June 19, 2003, be accepted. **CARRIED**

3.0 INTRODUCTION

Christine Carrette and Brigitte Smiley were introduced to the members. Christine Carrette does not yet have a portfolio. Roger Smiley (with assistance from his wife, Brigitte) will be the secretary.

## 4.0 GUESTS

### 4.1 Rob Sheppard, Scouts

Inquired about planting trees on the boulevards. As noted in the previous minutes, M. van Aanhout contacted the City of Ottawa and reported that there is a municipal fund for planting trees and that a proposal must be submitted by December 15, in order to receive trees for the following spring. M. van Aanhout offered to be the point of contact to the municipal group for Rob Sheppard. It was also noted that the citizens of Blackburn Hamlet should be asked if they want trees in front of their houses therefore, something regarding the planting of trees will be submitted by Rob Sheppard to the *BANAR* before October 22 for publication in the next issue.

There is a locker in the community centre that belongs to the scouts which they never use because they don't have the key. BCA recommended to Rob Sheppard that the padlock be cut off so that the scouts can use it again.

Scouts are looking for fundraising activities. They would be happy to participate in an event so to get part of the proceeds. Evelyn Budd suggested that they can deliver the *BANAR*.

### 4.2 Paul Blanchette, on behalf of the residents of Gravelle street

Presented concerns about the condominium development on Innes Road (site of "Wally's"). Concerns included shadow casting and the precedent that this project may set of replacing residential housing for high density housing. Sam Allias was present to answer his concerns. The BCA suggested to Paul Blanchette that he and his neighbours attend the citizen forum that will be held by the municipal planning committee. Al Ross will also write a letter to the director of policy and planning for the City of Ottawa indicating that the BCA is concerned about future conversions of existing residential to high density residential.

### 4.3 Peter Farrel and Aimee Derreks, student reps for Gloucester H.S.

Inquired about borrowing "Dunk Bozo" for the H.S. fundraising activity. Unfortunately "Dunk Bozo" is broken and his nose has been stolen so it does not work. It also belongs to the Scouts and cannot be used unless a Scout leader is present. The request was denied and BCA suggested that they approach the Cumberland Lyons who rents a similar attraction. Chris Noyes took the opportunity to ask if there is interest on the part of the students to volunteer for the BCA membership drive. Peter and Aimee will take back the request to their student council. It was also agreed that they would put a link on their website to the BCA web site and that the BCA would put a link on their site to the Gloucester H.S. site.

4.4 Christine Carrette reported that she tried to start a Neighbourhood Watch program on Burnview but was unsuccessful due to lack of interested participants.

#### 5.0 REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

- Cleroux minor variance was accepted by the City of Ottawa.
- 1900 Innes minor variance for a food store was dropped.
- Suzanne Sanford informed the BCA that the City of Ottawa gives “Special Events” grants. The grants are up to \$2,000. per event and the deadline for submitting proposals for the following calendar year is September 30th. Suzanne indicated that there are still grants available. We could use such a grant for a family X-Country ski day in the Hornets’ nest. Mike van Aanhout will visit the City of Ottawa website and fill out a proposal.

#### 6.0 REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT

- We have \$5,000 from the City of Ottawa for minor capital projects for next year. Suggestion for the use of these funds are requested. Some suggestions include: garbage cans along Innes and lighting in the parks. Rainer Bloess mentioned that he will bring the lighting policy being developed by the city to the next meeting.
- The Norman Johnson skating hut will be fixed by the City of Ottawa by the end of October 2003.
- Summer park groomers did a great job. One groomer will continue to work every Sunday until the snow falls.
- There are two new basketball hoops at Bearbrook park.
- The Bearbrook skating hut was painted by Emily Carr students.
- The Good Sheppard project is completed.

#### 7.0 REPORT OF THE TREASURER

- Fun Fair revenue was lower this year due to the rain in the morning that kept many residents away.
- The one day concept was well liked
- Would like to show more details between the money coming in and the expenses.

## 8.0 DIRECTORS' REPORTS

8.1 Sarah Cloutier: The seniors are wondering when they will receive their fun fair shares.

8.2 Jan Whitehouse:

- Community hall (CH) clients are complaining about the full garbage can outside of the CH as it is full the morning after a weekend event and attracts wasps. SUGGESTION: hire a young person to empty the can during the evening after events.
- Need recycling boxes for CH. Paula to enquire and they would be emptied.
- A few lockers and other items are broken in the CH. SUGGESTION: make a list of what needs to be fixed and hire a contractor.
- Windows were broken, trees cut and signs destroyed by vandals.
- The TV and 4 tables were stolen during the summer. How do we replace them? We need to clarify the insurance of content City of Ottawa vs BCA content SUGGESTION: Al Ross to review policy agreements with Suzanne Sanford and Jan Whitehouse.
- A Security video system will be installed by the City of Ottawa next year.
- There are reports that the toilet leaks: it is set up to leak so that it does not freeze in the winter. Can't we stop the leak for the non-freezing months?

8.3 Mike van Aanhout:

- Walking trail from St Joseph to the Parkway that is being built may be affected by this summer's assault. As a result, a security audit is being conducted and the results will be published at a safety forum on October 7.
- Talking to NCC about trees for the community.

8.4 Paula Rosenquest :

- Will look into BCA sponsored awards for schools for June.
- Good Sheppard's anti idling project is finalized

## 9.0 BANAR

The *BANAR* will next be published in November; deadline for the November edition is October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Paula Rosenquest to verify the contact names with the community organizations mentioned in the *BANAR*.

## 10.0 NEXT MEETING

Thursday October 16, 2003

Topics: The closing of Emily Carr

Posting the minutes on the BCA Web site.

## 11.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.