

## **Blackburn Community Association (BCA)**

Minutes of Meeting  
of  
Thursday Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2005

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Al Ross  
Charles Kennedy  
Tom Scott  
Evelyn Budd  
Jan Whitehouse  
Helen Rosseau  
Annick Laporte  
Rainer Bloess

### GUESTS:

Sonia Brereton, Constituency Assistant for Marc Godbout  
Bernard Charlebois, Fun Fair Treasurer  
Beverly Hobbs, Fun Fair Chair

#### 1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Al Ross at approximately 7:45 pm.

#### 2.0 Approval of the minutes of January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005

Moved by Charles Kennedy, seconded by Helen Rosseau that the minutes of January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005 be accepted. Carried.

#### 3.0 GUEST

Sonia Brereton, from the office of Marc Godbout was introduced to the members. She was there to inform the BCA of the Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. It will be held from 7:00pm to 8:30pm at 255 Centrum in the old City Hall Theatre. She also offered to assist BCA events, activities, and programs for youths and seniors by directing fundraiser to available funding resources and to act as a link to HRDC assistance for local seniors in need.

#### 4.0 INTRODUCTION

Beverly Hobbs and Annick Laporte were introduced to the members. Beverly will be the new Fun Fair Chair (moved by Charles, seconded by Helen, carried) and Annick will be Secretary (moved by Charles, seconded by Helen, carried).

#### 5.0 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

##### 5.1 CITY FUNDING

The City has allocated \$500,000 for community projects. Bernard Charlebois and Beverly Hobbs will attempt to obtain some of this capital to fund the Funfair. Also available from the city is \$7,500 matching partnership money for community projects. There is also money available for community festivals and parks. If the Funfair fails to make a profit it would be eligible for some of this funding. Bernard and Beverly will look into this possible resource as well.

##### 5.2 OUTDOOR RINKS

Next year, the City is pushing to have the communities take over full responsibility for the outdoor rinks. The City will provide the boards but flooding and ice maintenance will be the community's responsibility. Member suggestions for volunteers included firemen, local clubs, and local associations.

- 5.3 CROSSWALK ON GLENPARK  
Sharon Hlady sent the BCA an email to request a crosswalk on Glenpark and to express concern for seniors walking through the Loeb Plaza. Members discussed misgivings regarding a crosswalk at that location due to the bend in the road. Charles Kennedy and Rainer Bloess will meet with Ms. Hlady to discuss it further.
- 5.4 WALLY'S  
Al Ross asked if anything could be done pre-emptively to avoid future commercial development of Innes Road, north of Wally's. As no permanent steps can be taken, the BCA will continue to be vigilant and insure that the vision of the Blackburn community dictates its growth.
- 6.0 CHAPEL HILL SOUTH  
Rainer Bloess suggested speaking with representatives in Chapel Hill to inquire about their community needs in the spirit of balancing the levy situation currently in Blackburn's favour.
- 7.0 BANAR  
Evelyn Budd suggested distributing the Banar to Chapel Hill South to promote events, programs, websites, and resources available to them in Blackburn and through the BCA. The extra cost of printing and distribution is a problem. Possible solutions for distribution included sponsoring by Marc Godbout's publicity material, Independent Grocers newspaper/flyer stand, and flyer distribution.
- 8.0 WINTER FUN DAY  
Michael van Aanhout was not in attendance but reported that Winter Fun Day is organized and ready. Twelve competitors have entered the Chilli Contest. The Blackburn Arms Pub will provide the trophy.
- 9.0 COMMUNITY HALL  
Jan Whitehouse reported that the Community Hall has installed its new oven and that it is in working order.
- 10.0 LOEB PLAZA  
Charles Kennedy reported speaking with Brent Taylor about a Tim Hortons opening in the Plaza. Mr. Taylor was not prepared to discuss any plans. Rainer Bloess explained that Loeb has a clause in their lease that excludes the possibility of Tim Hortons operating in the Plaza. Charles will talk to the Loeb manager about the possibility of amending the clause.
- 11.0 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS RESPONSE PLAN  
Charles Kennedy reported that Wayne Bisette is representing the BCA on the City committee that is working on an Emergency Response Plan for Ottawa
- 12.0 FUNFAIR  
Beverly Hobbs reported that a meeting with Suzanne Sanford is planned for sometime next week to discuss obtaining funds for set-up costs. Bernard Charlebois and Al Ross will also attend. The theme this year will be the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the fair. Ideas for mementoes are solicited. A Blackburn "Battle of the Bands" or "Battle of the Airbands" was suggested. Beverly will be looking into the various publicity outlets such as the Orleans Star, the Weekly Journal, and the New RO to promote the Funfair.
- 13.0 QUICKBOOKS 2005  
Al Ross requested that the latest version of QuickBooks Basic (2005) be purchased for Bernard Charlebois and the BCA Treasurer. Request was unanimously approved.

#### 14.0 COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

##### 14.1 PARK LIGHTS

Rainer spoke with Paula who told him that the lights are currently working again but will need a complete overhaul, as the source of the problem is underground wires broken by the winter cold.

##### 14.2 WARD BOUNDARIES

Rainer handed out copies of the Building Consensus Kits with the proposed ward boundary changes. He informed the BCA of the February 23<sup>rd</sup> Public Meeting to be held at 7:30pm at Ray Friel.

#### 15.0 BCA POSITION ON NEW WARD BOUNDARIES

The following motion concerning the 1<sup>st</sup> draft report of the Ward Boundary Review consultants, was moved by Tom Scott, and seconded by Charles Kennedy.

Whereas the ward boundary review approved by Ottawa City Council was intended to address the problem of representation primarily in three growth areas, namely Kanata, Barrhaven and Riverside South; and

Whereas Innes Ward was not one of the areas identified as having an issue of representation since its population is exactly at the mean and average of all city wards; and

Whereas Blackburn Hamlet due to its location in the Greenbelt has historically been seen as being separate from the urban area and is a typical suburban community; and

Whereas Blackburn Hamlet has historically had a relationship with the new growth in Chapel Hill South, including being joined with CHS under the former Recreation and Parks Board; and

Whereas Blackburn Hamlet draws nearly half its school attendance, its hockey and soccer participation from Chapel Hill and Notre Dame des Champs; and

Whereas Blackburn Hamlet is contained in the same parish (Roman Catholic and United Church) as parts of Orléans with Good Shepherd Church being on the edge of Blackburn Hamlet and abutting Chapel Hill;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Blackburn Community Association does not support the recommendations of the Ward Boundary Review as they relate to Blackburn Hamlet and vehemently opposes Blackburn Hamlet being included in the Beacon Hill-Cyrville Ward.

Be it furthermore resolved that the BCA endorses the status quo for the wards containing Blackburn Hamlet, Orleans and Cumber land.

This motion was passed unanimously.

#### 16.0 ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:00pm.