

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

Minutes of Meeting  
of  
Thursday October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Al Ross  
Roger Smiley  
Sonia Brereton  
Beverly Hobbs  
Annick Laporte

### GUEST:

Suzanne Sanford  
Paul VanBruinssen  
Liselle Prichette

#### 1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Al Ross at 7:30 pm.

#### 2.0 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

2.1 Unfortunately there was not a quorum, so the minutes of the previous meeting could not be approved

#### 3.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

#### 4.0 GUESTS

- 4.1 Liselle Prichette, a teacher at the Norman Johnson School, attended the meeting to connect with the BCA and explore possible areas for participation.
- 4.2 Sonia Brereton will confer with her about possible youth activities and the BCA will look into what it can do for the school. The BCA website will link to the school's when the school's site is launched.

#### 5.0 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- 5.1 Start times for BCA meetings will remain the same: 7:30.
- 5.2 The Rain Barrel Program is over with all barrels sold at \$4 to \$7 a loss per barrel. To follow up this very successful program, Suzanne Sanford will look into compost programs being piloted in certain areas of Ottawa for the next meeting.
- 5.3 The BCA unanimously supported the endorsement of the statement of need for the Petrie Island Outdoors Club. Al will send a letter confirming the same to Rick Snell.
- 5.4 Al spoke with Jan who declined the 580 extension number offered by the city, preferring to maintain the status quo.

#### 6.0 V-CHAIR'S REPORT

- 6.1 Roger Smiley reported that library attendance is down. This puts the library at a higher risk for closure by the city. Al will put something in the next Banar to explain the situation.
- 6.2 Roger also reported the completion of a new rate schedule for the Community Hall. If approved, the proposed new rates would go into effect January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006. The proposal was tabled until the next meeting due to a shortage of attendance.

## 7.0 TREASURER'S REPORT

- 7.1 Al Ross presented the BCA budget projections for 2006. The City grant for 2004 has been received and Al presented a list of activities sponsored by the BCA. It was suggested that this be sent to the board and the website by email.
- 7.2 Al asked if those present would endorse an expenditure of approximately \$200 for outdoor lights on the tree beside the arena. This was approved, but will require official approval at the next meeting.
- 7.3 The BCA loses approximately \$1000 per BANAR issue.
- 7.4 Other costs the BCA cover include the outdoor rinks (\$5,760), park grooming (\$5,000), the Winter Fun Day (\$700), the Fun Fair (\$2,600), and the planned expansion of the Community Hall.

## 8.0 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

### YOUTH

- 8.1 Al Ross, Roger Smiley, and Sonia Brereton met with the Ottawa Outreach Ba'hai Group regarding their proposed expansion into Blackburn Hamlet. The BCA feels that the age group targeted is not a concern in this community which has a very different demographic from previously targeted areas.
- 8.2 Sonia will be having a Youth Night to meet with local youths and get their ideas on what improvements they'd like in Blackburn Hamlet.
- 8.3 Paul VanBruinsses suggested the area behind the Mac's Milk could be fitted with basketball hoops for the kids.
- 8.4 It was suggested that the BCA establish contacts with some of the condo organizations. Paul suggested that we use some of our Minor Capital to do something in the Emily Murphy complex. Sonia will look into what would be needed, and come up with suggestions for the next meeting.

## 9.0 COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- 9.1 Not in attendance.

## 10.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 10.1 Bev Hobbs reported that the "Friends of Blackburn Hamlet" is a group that provides programming for the Emily Murphy complex.

## 11.0 NEW BUSINESS

- 11.1 Denise Breau's inquiry regarding the conversion of a park to make it accessible to special needs children was discussed. All agree it is a very worthwhile cause and should be supported. Jessica Tranquilli Doherty and Suzanne Sanford are looking into it.
- 11.2 Winter Fun Day will be February 18<sup>th</sup>. Over 100 people were in attendance last year. The event has great potential and could expand but needs more energy and input. Sonia Brereton and Roger Smiley will see how they can help.
- 11.3 Sarah Cloutier will organize the Chili contest again.
- 11.4 Paul VanBruinssen suggested inviting the various condominium corporation representatives in Blackburn and the "Friends of Blackburn" to attend meetings so that they might voice their ideas, wants, and expectations of Blackburn Hamlet. BCA members will try to obtain contact names and extend the invitation.
- 11.5 Paul VanBruinssen is looking for approximately six young adult rink attendants. These duties are remunerated. All interested parties should contact him.
- 11.6 A survey was suggested to gauge the interest in the community for a Health Care meeting, hosted by the BCA, for community members, health care professionals, city and government representatives. Sarah Clouthier will look into the need for such a meeting.

11.7 Annick Laporte mentioned the Ste-Marie school counsel is looking to beautify the school and is looking for perennials from local gardeners. Sarah Cloutier suggested posting the request on the new [blackhamletliving.com](http://blackhamletliving.com) website.

12 ADJOURNMENT

12.1 Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.