

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

Minutes of Meeting  
of  
Thursday May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Al Ross  
Roger Smiley  
Jessica Tranquili Doherty  
Helen Rosseau  
Tom Scott  
Evelyn Budd  
Rainer Bloess  
Annick Laporte

GUESTS: Dan Brisebois

### 1.0 CALL TO ORDER

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

### 2.0 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

2.1 Approval of the April minutes. Jessica moved, Tom seconded, carried.

### 3.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- 3.1 Council approved an 18-month moratorium on temporary signs in Blackburn Hamlet. Permits will be allowed to expire as of the announcement of the by-law change.
- 3.2 City planner, Kevin Jones, will come by to assess the berm issues, particularly the problem with the likelihood of there being garbage buried underneath it.
- 3.3 Installing a water feature or spray pad at the Bearbrook Park would be very costly. The cost to the Queenswood Heights community to enlarge the spray pad of an existing water park facility was over \$100,000.
- 3.4 Jessica will be meeting with the two families requesting park adaptation for handicapped children.

### 4.0 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- 4.1 New tables and chairs for the Community Hall should arrive in two weeks time.
- 4.2 Two Blackburn Hamlet citizens have contacted the BCA concerned about air pollution resulting from cars idling at the planned Tim Hortons drive-through.
- 4.3 Tim Horton's sent a statement to the affect that clients waiting at the drive-through are processed, at optimum, at a rate comparable to a long traffic light and therefore do not contribute significantly to air pollution.
- 4.4 Rainer will see about having anti-idling signs and directional signs posted by the city in the Loeb parking lot to educate and help discourage long periods of idling.

- 5.0 TREASURER'S REPORT
  - 5.1 The BANAR showed the 2005 Profit/Loss Spread sheet in its latest issue.
- 6.0 DIRECTOR'S REPORT
  - MEMBERSHIPS
    - 6.1 Memberships will be sold at the Funfair.
    - 6.2 A big draw for membership canvassers and membership holders will be made on July 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - YOUTH
    - 6.3 Not in attendance.
- 7.0 COUNCILLOR'S REPORT
  - 7.1 There was very good attendance of the East End Open House for the Light Rail preferred route proposals. Overall response in Blackburn has been to oppose the rail going down Old Innes. The following motion was passed by the BCA:  
  
"With regards to the Light Rail Preferred Route proposal, let it be known that the Blackburn Community Association strongly opposes the Light Rail going on Old Innes Road through Blackburn Hamlet."  
  
Motioned by Helen, seconded by Annick, carried.
  - 7.2 There will be changes made to the transit system in Blackburn Hamlet in the fall. The #28 Express Route will be discontinued. The #94, running between Trim Road and Tunney's Pastures, will go along Old Innes and on to Blair.
  - 7.3 The #128 local bus will have an increase in frequency (to 2 per hour) to compensate for the loss of the #28 and the #25 Express Route will be expanded to cover more of the hamlet.
  - 7.4 The #99 bus will extend its route by continuing on to Trim Road.
  - 7.5 The Bearbrook Pool requires upgrading. The Turtle the BCA paid for a few years ago suffered irreparable damage from ice over the winter and will be removed.
- 8.0 COMMITTEE REPORT
  - FUNFAIR
    - 8.1 Not in attendance.
  - BANAR
    - 8.2 The BANAR will have new pricing guidelines for its advertising space. This will harmonize the rates with similar publications in the area and help defray the extra cost of delivering the BANAR to Chapel Hill South.
    - 8.3 The price change motion was moved by Scott, seconded by Al, and carried.
- 11.0 NEW BUSINESS
  - GUEST
    - 11.1 Dan Brisebois will replace Suzanne Stanford while she is away.
    - 11.2 Orleans staff sent an email requesting the use of the Community Hall during Christmas break, school year PD days, and March Break. The City would like it to be applied policy that community centres be made available for city funded programs during these times, suspending regular programming if need be.
    - 11.3 Al and Roger will fix this issue and advise regular program leaders in the Community Hall of this policy.

- 11.4 "Youth on the Move" and "Participate" are two city-run programs that could be brought to Blackburn Hamlet to, respectively, familiarize children with the local constables, and keep kids in lower income neighbourhoods occupied in the summertime with park/pool related activities. The city can be contacted for further information.
  - 11.5 A new liability insurance mechanism is in place for public events. It will be in effect for the Funfair and the Petrie Island fireworks display.
  - 11.6 The 580-2800 city number now has voice recognition capability. The word "operator" will take you to the 311 menu.
  - 11.7 The BCA will consider using a 580 number for the Community Hall.
- 10.0 ADJOURNMENT
- 10.1 Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.