

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

Minutes of the Meeting  
Held on  
Thursday, March 15th, 2007

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Roger Smiley  
Al Ross  
Evelyn Budd  
Helen Rosseau  
Tom Scott  
Jan Whitehouse  
Charles Kennedy  
Sarah Cloutier  
Jennifer Cloutier  
David Cameron  
Paula Rosenquist  
Annick Laporte

GUEST: Iris Phillips

### 1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Roger at 7:39 pm.

### 2.0 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

2.1 Approval of the January minutes was motioned by Helen, seconded by Charles, carried.

### 3.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

3.1 Al bought the new card tables for the Community Hall.

3.2 Annick updated the BCA on the activities of Petrie Island Advisory Committee.

3.3 Tom reported two incidents of vandalism at the outdoor rinks.

3.4 Helen helped the Cardinal Creek Community Association with their website.

### 4.0 GUEST

4.1 Iris Phillips informed the BCA that a member of the City Forestry Service would be going through the parks in Blackburn Hamlet to remove damaged and dying trees and to plan the addition of new trees. Iris offered to be involved in the process. Tom will join them.

4.2 The City is offering to give trees for the beautifying of Blackburn. If residents have a damaged tree that is on city property, they can call the city to have it removed and replaced. A selection of trees is available to choose from. An article with this information will appear in the BANAR.

4.3 The City will be lining Innes Road from Orleans Boulevard to 10<sup>th</sup> Line with new trees.

4.4 In the past, some community groups organized seminars with guests from banking institutions, law offices, funeral homes, and investment companies to answer questions the residents might have. Iris asked if the BCA felt the community had a need for this sort of project. The BCA will look into whether there would be sufficient attendance for such an event.

4.5 Clogged drains in the backs of residents's yards are being a problem. Iris will research the facts, including any grandfather clauses, and will meet with a lawyer to obtain more information about liability and responsibility.

- 5.0 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT
  - 5.1 Nothing to report.
- 6.0 VICE-CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT
  - 6.1 Nothing to report.
- 7.0 TREASURER'S REPORT
  - 7.1 The outdoor rinks are finished for the season. Maintenance cost \$500.00
  - 7.2 \$112.00 was raised during the Winter Fun Day for the Ottawa Food Bank.
  - 7.3 GIC income has been rolled back into new GICs.
  - 7.4 Cheque for the Lady's Softball League was given to Jen Cloutier to give to the League president.
  - 7.5 Al bought stamps for the mailing of new memberships.
- 8.0 DIRECTOR'S REPORT
  - SENIORS
    - 8.1 Sarah reported she would be hosting a "Home Transition Options" seminar for seniors. An aging consultant will be in attendance to go through strategies for either staying in one's own home or selling and moving to a new type of accommodation, such as one with provided care.
- 9.0 COUNCILLOR'S REPORT
  - 9.1 Not present.
- 10.0 COMMITTEE REPORT
  - WINTER FUN DAY
    - 10.1 Winter Fun Day was a success. Sarah said her partner Jeff Miller would be willing to take over the management of the event should Mike Van Aanhout not wish to continue.
    - 10.2 The trophy for the chilli contest is engraved with the winner's name, Helen Rosseau, and is back at the Blackburn Arms.
  - FUNFAIR
    - 10.3 Jen needs volunteers for the food and facilities. She needs at least 6 people to organize getting the food to the Funfair.
    - 10.4 The Men's Baseball League will run the Beer Tent. \$7,000.00 has been raised in prizes and for the Silent Auction. St. Mary's Anglican Church will run the Book Sale.
    - 10.5 Among the many planned activities are a fireworks display, Mad Science, and Ottawa Idol.
    - 10.6 Evelyn will be framing old photos of Blackburn for the Fair Exhibit.
    - 10.7 Sarah informed the committee that the Red Hat Seniors Society would like to be involved in the parade.
    - 10.8 Funfair date is June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007.
  - COMMUNITY HALL
    - 10.9 Roger will meet with the City about new usage protocols.
    - 10.10 City programs have not been working out satisfactorily and will be discussed at that time.
- 11.0 NEW BUSINESS
  - 11.1 Paula Rosenquist would like to continue with the BCA as Education Director. Tom motioned, Al seconded, carried.
  - 11.2 Spring Clean up is April 21<sup>st</sup>, with the 28<sup>th</sup> as the rain date.
  - 11.3 The Blackburn Garage Sale will be held the first weekend of May. David Cameron will help spread the event to Chapel Hill South. An announcement of the date will go into the Ottawa Citizen Newspaper.

- 11.4 Charles reported that the Tim Hortons plans are moving forward and may not be affected by the proposed rezoning of the shopping mall.
- 11.5 Jen suggested a cycle rally through Blackburn as a fundraising event.
- 11.6 David reported that Chapel Hill South residents are interested in raising money to embellish their local parks. Volunteers should contact David by email.
- 11.7 Paula wishes to resurrect a resource allocation program that stored a large number of books that would be available to bolster community book sales. Left-over books are returned to the program to be used in subsequent sales.
- 11.8 The Navan Landfill draft was reviewed. Members agreed that this should read as a cautionary message for staying informed before such situations develop. Charles will edit the draft and send it out. The websites of the PM, MPP, and Friends of Mer Bleu will be included, as well as the suggestion that citizens unhappy with the situation let their representatives know in writing.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

- 11.1 Meeting was adjourned at 9:15.