

**Blackburn Community Association (BCA)**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**Held on Thursday, March 25th, 2008**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Roger Smiley	Rainer Bloess
Tom Scott	Charles Kennedy
Jennifer Cloutier	Helen Rosseau
Al Ross	Evelyn Budd
Sarah Cloutier	Lynn Leduc
Laura Czekaj	Paula Rosenquist

**Guests:** Rick Chevrier (Lafarge), Jeff Corace and Rob Cyr (Explotech), François Robichaud (Royal Galipeau), Suzanne Sanford (City), John Dugan, Pat Gordon, Andre Durocher, and Julia Durocher (residents)

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PRESENTATION BY LAFARGE**

Rick Chevrier of Lafarge, with Jeff Corace and Rob Cyr of Explotech, put on a presentation that answered many questions regarding recent blasting. In particular, they addressed the blasting done on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007, which was felt by residents due to cloud conditions and the proximity of the blasting. Blasting in that location, the southeast corner of the quarry, has ended but will resume in August 2008. Explotech provided statistical and technical information confirming Lafarge's compliance to both industry standards and the recommendations made by Explotech to minimize the impact noise has on the residents' peace of mind (such as blasting on clear days). Lafarge asked for direction in allaying the fears and concerns of the residents of Blackburn. The quarry is expected to produce for a further 30 years.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**Motion** for the approval of the February minutes by Laura, seconded by Annick ---- passed

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

During the discussions of business arising from the minutes, the meeting strayed into other parts of the agenda. For the purpose of these minutes these items of discussion will appear under their agenda items.

The community center was well used by the city programs. 48 kids were in attendance.

The aluminum wiring matter will be getting some help from the Citizen's Advocacy Group, which will be researching the issue.

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Paul VanBruinessen will be retiring as coordinator of the Blackburn ice rinks. Though there were concerns this year with vandalism, maintenance, and a need for monitors, the season was a good one. The large amounts of snow caused issues with timely flooding and snow removal this year. This has prompted Roger and Tom to look into the possibility of handing over the maintenance of the rinks to the city. They will meet with Paul VanBruinessen to discuss the different alternatives. They will also look into measures to protect the Norman Johnson shack from further vandalism.

The Ottawa-Carleton District School Board school board has announced that it is again considering closing the Emile Carr middle school. The closure will not be considered until 2011 at the earliest.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

AI reported that we have \$26,745 in our bank account and as GICs.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **PARKS & RINKS**

Roger reported that Sarah's 50+ Group is interested in maintaining the entrance signs. Money from the garden tour is available for plantings.

Laura will be attending neighbourhood meeting to control vandalism.

### **COMMUNITY HALL**

The city has asked for usage numbers from the community center. It is currently booked at 60% capacity.

### **COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Open-houses and environmental assessments for the bridges are finished. The Kettle Island Bridge location is being fought by residents in areas sensitive to the new bridge. Petrie Island has been successful in eliminating itself as a potential crossing point but Lower Duck Island remains a possibility, particularly if Kettle Island is fought aggressively. Blackburn residents and the BCA must be vigilant and visible if they are to prevent Lower Duck from becoming a compromise location. The next round of public consultations will be in June.

The 94 OC Transpo route has again increased its ridership and has responded with service later into the evening and more frequent buses.

The MacQuarrie debate centered on the renaming of the Orleans Community center has been resolved, with the renaming proceeding as originally planned.

### **FUN FAIR**

Jenn continues to need a volunteer Facilities coordinator, as well as a volunteer group to run the Beer Tent.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

François reported that Royal will be hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Night and is seeking a single nomination from the BCA.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be at 7:30, April 17<sup>th</sup> at the library.