

Blackburn Community Association (BCA)
Minutes of the Meeting
Held on Thursday October 16th, 2008

IN ATTENDANCE:

Roger Smiley
Charles Kennedy
Suzanne Sanford
Al Ross
Sarah Cloutier
Jen Cloutier
Evelyn Budd

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Roger at 7:32 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Approval of the June minutes motioned by Sarah, seconded by Al, carried.
Approval of the September minutes motioned by Jen, seconded by Charles, carried, carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Police statistics were given to Roger. Between January and September 86 speeding tickets were given out on Innes, most of them at the western entrance to the hamlet. There was a strong decrease in infractions after the first month.

There was no All Candidates Meeting, despite efforts by Charles and others to organize one. Royal Galipeau's office responded that only two debates would take place and Marc Godbout was busy on the proposed days.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Area Regional Council (ARC) is a committee partnering school boards and school staff with local associations and the city to evaluate various proposals and discuss the future of local high schools and their elementary feeder schools. Roger attended the first meeting and is looking for BCA members to follow up with the upcoming regular meetings.

The Inter-provincial Bridges were the focus of a meeting on October 15th. Roger attended, as did several councilors. Manor residents continue to object to the Kettle Island location and are considering refusing to accept the Environmental Assessment due to be released at the Nov. 10th public Meeting. Pressure is being applied to the Lower Duck option as an alternate. The BCA will try to make a strong showing of support of the results of the Environmental Assessment.

The NCC Greenbelt Master Plan Review is nearly ready. The BCA will create a two person committee to follow up when it is presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FUNFAIR

Jen submitted an application to the city's Community Funding program for the upcoming Funfair Anniversary. The application was declined due on the basis of Funfair being an "established event". Suzanne will find out more about the city's selection criteria.

SENIORS

Sarah's Seniors Group is looking after the general maintenance of the entrance signs to Blackburn. They report degradation and flaking of the brickwork. The city is responsible for their structural maintenance and will look into it.

BANAR

The next BANAR, for November 1st, is a very full issue.

PARKS AND RINKS

Park cleaning is over for the season.

A Rinks coordinator is desperately needed.

Rink cleaning is not done on weekends by the city. Don Budd has offered to clean the rinks on weekends as required.

NEW BUSINESS

Wally's has not submitted any plans to the city. Project appears to be on hold.

The Greenhouses at 16 Tauvette are still empty. The client who would have taken them over has encountered funding difficulties and the program will not be going ahead.

The AGM will be held on February 19th. Roger announced he will run as president one last time for this coming year.

The December meeting will be held at Roger's home.

NEXT MEETING

Ideas for the use of minor and major capital will be explored at the next meeting. Funfair will provide a budget showing the basic amount needed and a proposal for additional funding of the 40th Anniversary Celebration.

The Community Hall is not booked 100%. Ideas for the uses of an expanded hall, including moving the library, will be explored next meeting.

Meeting adjourned by Roger at 9:25