

**Blackburn Community Association (BCA)
Minutes for Thursday April 16th, 2009**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Laura Dudas
Al Ross
Paula Rosenquist
Charles Kennedy
Helen Rosseau
Tom Scott
Rainer Bloess

GUESTS

Patrick Kahtouni Journalism student from Algonquin
Jessica Rousseau Blackburn resident

CALL TO ORDER

Laura called the meeting to order at 7:38.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The Childrens Welcome Centre thanked the |BCA for their support.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurers report given by Al Ross. They will carry over any excess money for next years due to cost increases. Cheque from February 2008 was uncashed for \$16.00. There was approximately a \$5000.00 expense incurred by the BANAR.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**PARKS AND RECREATION
ENVIRONMENT**

Environment report given by Paula. Spring cleanup is being coordinated by Barb Sweazy. Need to know where the propane tanks are. The set up will begin at 9am. The city will provide bags, graffiti kits and prizes. Rainbarrel grant money is now spent and we will need to reapply for new grant money.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Community Relations report from Charles Kennedy. Article to the BANAR with regards to the community hall project, is late, he will submit it to the web page and the BANAR shortly. Articles to the local papers, needed to define what is wanted.

MEMBERSHIPS

Helen volunteered to sell membership at the community spring cleanup day.

COUNCILOR'S REPORT

Rainer gave the councillor's report. Transit usage in Blackburn is increasing on the 94. A question was asked as to why the 94 did not run as late as the 95. There is a proposal to drop the 25 and increase the 128 buses during peak

periods and that it will continue to Hurdman station. People will need to leave comments on the OC Transpo web page. It needs to be publicized that residents may take the 600 series busses. Comments need to be made by the 25th of April 2009.

Rainer commented that it might be feasible to dovetail the current annual costs of the library into the community hall project and include a library facility in the plans.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FUNFAIR

Laura is still collecting books for the funfair and they may be dropped at her residence. Leftover books from the Glen Ogilvie will be donated.

BANAR

Helen made a motion and Chuck seconded that the groups delivering the BANAR receive \$250.00 an increase from the previous \$200.00. Motion passed. Helen volunteered to sell membership at the community spring cleanup day.

PARKS AND RINKS

Parks and recreation report was given by Tom Scott. The volunteers worked well for the rinks this year and it was less onerous than expected. The rinks need a bit more effort at the beginning of the ice making season.

There have been several applicants applying for the summer park cleanup position. They will be paid the general minimum wage and the job will run from Victoria Day to Thanksgiving.

NEW BUSINESS

Jessica Rousseau would like to see more equipment, example a play structure at the Richard Dagg Park. She also inquired as to more trees on the city property in that area.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00