

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

Minutes of Meeting  
of  
Thursday April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Laura Dudas  
Paula Rosenquist  
Jeff Miller  
Ali Yassine  
Alan Ross  
Helen Rosseau  
Mike Murphy  
Royal Galipeau  
Frank Blais

### GUESTS:

Constable Heather Cooper – Ottawa Police Service

#### 1.0 CALL TO ORDER

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

#### 2.0 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

2.1 Approval of the March minutes. Helen moved, Ali seconded, carried.

#### 3.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

#### 4.0 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

4.1 Phase 1 of the Community Tree Planting will begin at 9:00 am on May 24<sup>th</sup>, at Isaiah Scharfe Park. The city will provide 10 trees and some shrubs. Phase 1 will include the Isaiah Scharfe and Joshua Bradley parks. There will be snacks and activities for the kids. Phase 2, a larger tree planting, is scheduled for the fall, allowing for removal of the large ash tree stumps. In all, more than 100 trees will be planted. Royal suggested phase 2 take place in the third week of September to coincide with National Tree day. A non-member suggested the installation of engraved clay stones to commemorate the planting and its participants. Mike will look into promotional BCA pails for volunteers who care for the trees over the first three years.

4.2 The Blackburn Garage Sale will be on May 3<sup>rd</sup> (rain date: May 4<sup>th</sup>). On that same weekend will be Jane's Walk Ottawa. Visit [www.janeswalkottawa.ca](http://www.janeswalkottawa.ca) for details.

#### 5.0 TREASURER'S REPORT

5.1 The B.C.A. is fluid with \$34,000 in our account. Once Ali sends his final Rinks report, the city will make the final payment.

5.2 Mike made a motion to buy a projector for under \$400. Seconded by Helen. Carried. Mike will make the purchase and donate a screen.

5.3 Al continues to search for a stone mason to fix our Blackburn signs. There was no response to the ad in the Banar. He will try the Blackburn Community Business site.

## 6.0 DIRECTORS' REPORT

### VICE PRESIDENT

- 6.1 Frank suggested that, rather than installing a B.C.A bulletin board in the Metro, we pin up bulletin-sized B.C.A. items on the Metro's existing "Information" bulletin board. He will move ahead on that.

### WEB PAGE

- 6.2 Helen has been working with Mike's volunteer group to build the new Funfair website. If all goes well, the group will take over the BCA website as well. The new site's content will come from the volunteer group. Due to regulatory measures Helen will retain the domain name responsibility for now.

### MEMBERSHIP

- 6.3 Jeff has signed up 32 new members.

### PARKS AND RINKS

- 6.4 Ali closed one of the longest skating seasons in recent memory, starting before Christmas and lasting until March break.
- 6.5 Ali is looking for a new student to maintain our parks. He has had 4 responses to date.

### BANAR

- 6.6 Laura spoke with Evelyn who said Banar deadlines have been pushed back; May 14<sup>th</sup> for May 31 - June 2 delivery, August 13<sup>th</sup> for Sept 6 – 9 delivery, and October 22<sup>nd</sup> for Nov 1 – 3 delivery.

### ENVIRONMENT

- 6.7 Paula enquired about the location of Blackburn Garage Sale signs. Ken has them and Ken will be putting them up.
- 6.8 Barb Sweazey has put up the Blackburn Cleanup signs and will be organizing the event. Lynn Leduc will be captain of the food team. Al reminded us that we now have our own coffee urns.
- 6.9 Paula pointed out that the rain dates for both the garage sale and cleanup day are the Sunday of the same weekend, as opposed to the Saturday of the following weekend.

## 7.0 SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

### FUNFAIR

- 7.1 Mike showed the board the new Funfair web page. It includes information, schedules, events, calendars, registrations, etc. For now, Mike is collecting look-and-feel comments. Once implemented, the site will go public.

## 8.0 NEW BUSINESS

GUEST: Constable Heather Cooper

Heather spoke mainly about graffiti and speeding issues in Blackburn. She said that the graffiti problem is real and that she is not getting enough reports from residents. Residents should call either the police non-emergency number or constable Cooper at (613) 816-0629 to report graffiti and allow the police to maintain statistics. Call 311 to have graffiti removed by the city.

Heather also spoke about the upcoming slow-down campaign.

Mike said that during last year's Funfair, vandals have made off with 9 tables and 28 chairs. Thanks to Mike's initiatives, most of them were recovered. A non-member with a background in security recommended we form a neighbourhood night watch. The non-member volunteered to start the watch.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

9.1 Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM. Ali moved, Al seconded, carried.