

**Blackburn Community Association (BCA)  
Meeting May 15, 2014**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Laura Dudas  
Sheryl Tracy  
Ali Yassine  
Helen Rousseau  
Rainer Bloess  
Evelyn Budd  
Frank Blais  
Chris Fraser  
Jeff Miller  
Evelyn Budd

**Guests:**

Kelly Sheilds  
Jody Mitic  
Lucie Lapointe  
Kim Mailhet  
Robin Vanelunde

**CALL TO ORDER**

Called to order by Laura at 7:44 pm

**DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**

**President's Report:**

- Budds nursery is donating trees and hostas for the community tree planting event.
- There will be a transition of rolls on the BCA due to the election for counsellor. Laura will be stepping down and Frank will act as president.
- Laura has arranged a "slow down" event in conjunction with the Ottawa Police to raise awareness to drivers in the Hamlet. A date in June is to be determined.
- There are grants available through the Friends of Mer Blue. These can be used for community projects, scholarships etc. Anyone interested should contact them for more information.
- BCA representation at Fun Fair parade. Sheryl will volunteer to take this over as Laura will not be participating.

## **Directors' Reports:**

- Ali is still looking for someone to do park clean up this summer. Usually students take this paid position.

- Helen says the new Fun Fair website is up and running.

## **Guest: Robin Vandelunde - City of Ottawa**

The city is currently conducting a zoning review for Blackburn Hamlet. The below is taken from City of Ottawa website.

The review will focus on implementing Official Plan policies that specify maximum building heights, and those that permit a broad range of land use.

This 1.7 km stretch of Innes Road is designated in the Official Plan as an Arterial Mainstreet. The zoning review for an Arterial Mainstreet is intended to:

- Encourage the Mainstreet to evolve over time into a more compact, pedestrian-oriented and transit friendly place
- Support a mix of residential and employment uses at higher densities, including buildings of up to nine storeys or, under certain circumstances, up to twelve storeys
- Take a complete streets approach when permitting automobile-oriented uses such as gas bars and drive-through facilities

Current uses of land in the review area generally include commercial, residential, institutional and residential, and building heights range from one to eight storeys.

Existing zoning in the review area includes Residential 3rd Density (R3) zone with townhouses as well as Local Commercial (LC), Institutional (I1) which includes school zones and mid-high rise apartment style developments in the Residential 5th density (R5) zone.

Some properties in the study have site-specific zoning exceptions that regulate special conditions, such as additional or reduced building heights, setbacks from property lines and additional permitted uses. Where appropriate, these exceptions will be maintained so as to keep existing land use permissions.

Staff preliminary recommendations for zoning amendments will be presented at information sessions in June, 2014

**Counsellor's report:**

Rainer says that the city will be holding a "water round table" Saturday, June 14 9am - 1pm.

The City of Ottawa is hosting its first Water Roundtable at City Hall on **Saturday, June 14, 2014**. The Roundtable will be an opportunity to engage with Ottawa residents on issues affecting water in Canada's Capital.

The focus of this event is to increase awareness and shared understanding of the health of Ottawa's rivers, lakes, streams and other water resources, and to further the conversation with residents about what we as a community can do to ensure these resources are protected and preserved

(Excerpt from the city of Ottawa website.)

**The Banar:** The last issue for the summer will be the end of May and resuming in September.

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.**