

Blackburn Community Association **Meeting Agenda for June 18, 2015**

7:30 p.m., 190 Glen Park Dr., Community Hall

- Call to Order
- Minutes from previous meeting
 - a) Francois motions to approve the minutes
 - b) Evelyn Seconds
 - c) **Motion passes**
- Just Food Annual Update to the Community – presentation
Unable to attend
- Lafarge update

Ian M from Lafarge came to discuss activities at the quarry. Lafarge committed to filling us in on a regular basis. They have an office in Blackburn Hamlet. Blair Walker, their environmental manager, is also usually available for questions.

Lafarge's goal is to be a good neighbour.

The property has two active quarry areas, one more disruptive than others; two different products come from different ends of the property which are at different elevations.

Vibrations are monitored at different points on the perimeter and are well within the city guidelines of allowable disruption.

Sound is also monitored. It is currently 128dB at blast site. Current blasting direction should result in vibrations heading away from the closest neighbourhoods.

Ian apologises for the mud tracked onto Bearbrook. Lafarge is trying to mitigate this, e.g. with a new road inside the site to let stuff drip off of trucks on their longer route to leave the property, and a special ramp that also helps remove drippings. They are intending to acquire a tire wash, but as this will

create wastewater, a plan for proper handling of that wastewater is a prerequisite.

Also, Lafarge does order road cleaning.

Question – poison ivy was coming over from Lafarge property last year.

Answer: Yes and it's happening again this year. We've tried spraying and excavating but we're having trouble controlling it without tearing up the beautiful forest there. We can't use too harsh chemicals nor use our employees to pull it up. We're addressing concerns as they came up.

Question: Are you having an open house this year for doors open?

Answer: Not this year; we rotate which site gets to have the event each year.

Next BANAR will have a little summary of the property activity as well.

- President's report

- a) Canada Day fireworks update

The permits are ready for our pilot event. On July 1st, we'll have fireworks at 10pm. The hall will be open and we may have some kids' activities (limited), and maybe some music during set up.

A VIP seating section will be roped off for those who will not be able to access the seating areas on the grass.

Admission is by donation.

Question: new regulations affected setup at funfair (more roped off area). Were you aware?

Answer: I'll get info from you (or Brent) and double check if our guy setting them off will have the right gear

- b) Theatre in the Park Reminder

- i) Still coming, July 15, by-donation

- ii) They aren't charging us, and donations go to the company

- c) We have BCA shirts! \$15 short sleeve, \$20 long sleeve, we make a small profit to fund other stuff (but they are not primarily a money maker)
- Directors' reports
 - a) Website: Sherri has a day job again so we are unsure of the timeline. Community members might be contacted so that info is up to date before it's copied to the new site.
 - b) Membership
 - i) 70 signups during funfair, that's our big push
 - ii) Email reminders will be sent to those that lapsed
 - Question: Is there an organizing committee for the Santa Claus breakfast?
 - Answer: Ad hoc, yes, we always appreciate more help.
 - c) Environmental
 - i) Tree planting will be end of Sept early Oct
 - (1) Filling in Joshua Bradley
 - ii) Stumps needing pulling too
 - iii) Garlic mustard in Joshua Bradley
 - (1) Invasive
 - (2) Pushes out native plants
 - (3) Notice on website, in BANAR
 - (4) Best way to deal with it is to pull it
 - (5) Can't wait until the tree planting event because of when it goes to seed
 - (6) Will take a few years to get completely out

Question: what about wild parsnip?

Yes around Greens Creek

There might be an Ottawa reporting tool

<http://ottawa.ca/en/residents/water-and-environment/plants-and-animals/wild-parsnip>

There does not appear to be an NCC reporting tool.

- Councillor's report
 - a) Complaints about Bearbrook speed and volume

- i) Formal study to determine traffic mitigation measures
 - ii) Emailing the councillor is an inefficient way to report traffic issues. Bringing it to the Ottawa Police's attention with the non-emergency line allows them to build a pattern and lets the community make a case that enforcement is worth the police's time.
- b) 174 westbound off-ramp June 28 closure might increase traffic on Innes, but Cyrville stuff might be done by then

Question: Southpark left onto Innes, light takes a long time to change, so people are turning left on the red when there are breaks in traffic. The long, long waits between green lights seem to be only "during rush hour" but that timing still seems off

Answer: the timing might be legacy. We can look into it being better tuned to the real traffic patterns.

Question: splashpad for the Hamlet?

Answer saw thread on Facebook. Where do we want it? Would it be at the community hall? At the pool? Between the schools?

New sewer requirements doubled the old cost for installing one, and we need to decide where

- i) Kaitlyn to make a poll on the Facebook page re: locations
- ii) Friends of Mer Bleu grants; city budget too, not local
- iii) Laura: it can't be where there's a water hookup at Diceman, residents have already vetoed the location regardless of amenities

c) Question: preschool?

- i) If there's no danger, the legal barriers seem only there for liability fears.

(1) Original reasons given were styled as health and safety, then the engineers produced a list of things which didn't seem related to health and safety.

- ii) Engineers are responsible for their determinations so an abundance of caution is to be expected.

iii) Waiting on news very soon (tomorrow?)

Question: Ashborer signs been up for 2 years and the trees have been taken down. At Dyson park and entrance between Northpark

and Bearbrook, there are little signs too – don't need the signs any more

- i) City to follow up; request from Jodi and from residents received by city
 - ii) Issue is still bad in surrounding areas
- b) Anything you see, call it in, don't be shy (graffiti etc)

Treasurer

Next treasurer's report in September

- Committee reports
 - a) BANAR – Evelyn
 - i) Deadline august 12 for fall issue, delivered September 12th
 - ii) Last distribution went well, especially at Tim Horton's, including Forest Valley mac's
 - b) Fun Fair – Mike
 - i) Don't have bottom line yet
 - ii) Waiting on carnival and a couple bills
 - iii) Seems like we did really really well
 - iv) One email asking for old-time county fair with bean bag toss and potato sack
 - (1) Seconded by resident; just a small section? The carnival is expensive
Answer: We need more volunteers. If they want to run it, they should feel free. That's why it disappeared. There's no conflict with the carnival. It was tried to be revived and didn't work
 - (2) Lindsay Anderson will look into volunteers for next year.
 - v) Review for BANAR, including the volunteer effort required
- Next meeting – Break for Summer – Third Thursday of September
- Adjournment

Meeting Attendees

Kaitlyn Demasi	Website Director / Acting Secretary
Brier Ddoga	Orléans News
Kim Maimot	Citizen
Lucie Lapointe	Citizen
Lindsay Anderson	Resident
Evelyn Budd	BANAR
Cliff Seibel	Resident
Darlene Avelar	Resident
François Trépanier	Membership Director
Tammy Lynch	Community liaison for Jody Mitic
Justine Payne	Environmental Director
Jody Mitic	City Councillor
Al Ross	Treasurer