

MINUTES OF THE BLACKBURN RATEPAYERS - COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION JOINT MEETING

HELD AT GLEN OGILVIE SCHOOL LIBRARY ON JANUARY 29, 1980 AT 8:00 P.M.

President Bushell called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m. There were approximately 45 in attendance.

The Minutes of the February 27, 1979 Ratepayers Meeting were distributed.

MOTION: Moved by John Pollard, seconded by Phil Chartrand that the Minutes be adopted. CARRIED.

George Bushell explained that the purpose of the meeting was to approve the distribution of an expected per capita grant from Gloucester Township amounting to \$30,500. Copies of the proposed 1980 Grant were distributed.

MOTION: A brief review of each of the programs receiving an allotment followed. MOVED by Chuck Conway, seconded by Colin Sangster that the 1980 Gloucester Recreation Grant be approved. CARRIED.

<u>Program</u>	<u>1980 Grant</u>
<u>BCA</u>	
Boys Football	
Boys Hockey	13,225
Little League	
Girls Fastball	265
Girls Ringette	2,420
Girls Softball	100
Mens Hockey	500
Ladies Ringette	200
Ladies Softball	200
Day Camp	900
Outdoor Skating	1,000
BANAR	1,000
Admin. (Audit, Ins., etc.)	840
Youth Council 8 Parks	0
<u>Other</u>	
Figure Skating	5,500
Lacrosse	750
Sync. Swimming	0
Swimming Club	1,200
Soccer	1,400
Children's Welcome Centre	100
Disabled Riding	150
Les Chansonniers	250
Scouts	250
Guides	250
Contingency	0
	<u>\$30,500</u>

The Blackburn Ratepayers meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

President Bushell then called the General meeting of the BCA to order and introduced the Blackburn Community Association's Executive.

Minutes of the last General meeting held on May 29, 1979 were distributed.

MOTION: Moved by Joanne Cottingham, seconded by Gwen Pollard that the Minutes be adopted. CARRIED.

George Bushell briefly reviewed the By-laws of the Blackburn Community Association Incorporated. Copies of these By-laws were available to everyone in attendance.

MOTION: Moved by John Pollard and seconded by Mike Roche that By-laws #1 - #6 be approved as the new Constitution of the Blackburn Community Association Incorporated.

Moved by John Hollins, seconded by Art Szabo that all references to proxy voting on page 8, section 23 of By-law #1 be deleted. DEFEATED.

Original MOTION CARRIED.

1980 BCA Budget

MOTION: Moved by Don Gray, seconded by Colin Sangster that the 1980 BCA Budget be approved as tabled and previously printed in the February 1980 BANAR. CARRIED.

Pedestrian Crossing Safety Discussion

George Bushell introduced the panel who had agreed to discuss pedestrian crossing at our cross-walks and at the intersection of Innes and Bearbrook. They were as follows:

Chief K. Duncan and Sargent R. Carriere of the Gloucester Police Dept.

Mr. Bob Ridley from Regional Transportation Staff.

Mr. Marshall, Principal, Blackburn Catholic School.

Mr. R. Vachon, Principal, Ecole St. Marie.

Mrs. Gwen Pollard, Education Chairwoman of the BCA.

Mr. Mike Roche, Transportation Chairman of the BCA.

Mike Roche and Gwen Pollard briefly reviewed the efforts of the BCA to improve the safety of pedestrians using the crosswalks or the Innes - Bearbrook intersection in Blackburn. More complete details of these "two" problem areas were published in the February BANAR on pages 3 and 15.

A lengthy discussion then followed between the panel and the people in attendance. Among others, the following ideas were stated:

Crosswalks -

- Change the flood-light colour at the crosswalks from yellow to white.
- Delay the beeper accompanied by a red flashing light at the crosswalks.
- Increase cross-walk lighting at curb-side where pedestrians wait.
- Install push button traffic lights with traditional green, yellow, red and walk lights.
- Increase the time that the lights flash.
- Radar speed control be instituted on Bearbrook Road more frequently.
- Intensive publicity aimed at drivers.
- Install slower speed limit signs near cross-walks.
- Install cross-walks at intersections (Mr. Ridley stated that Regional evidence shows that mid-block locations are actually safer because there are less vehicles turning and interfering with pedestrians).
- Place warning signs well in advance of the cross-walks for vehicles.
- Increase pedestrian education by Police and parents alike.

Although a resolution was passed at a Gloucester Council meeting held on January 7, 1980 which asked Gloucester Police to hire an adult crossing guard for the Bearbrook cross-walk, Chief Duncan informed the meeting no action was underway. Mary Bryden (Township Councillor) who spoke from the floor, stated she would immediately investigate the delay.

Bearbrook/Innes Intersection Problem

Mr. Vachon (Principal of Ecole St. Marie) stated that, since December 19th when the islands were installed, his school patrol children had been subjected to considerably more danger. Mr. Vachon's original request was to have the corner at Bearbrook and Innes "squared-off." With the islands, instead of one dangerous intersection there are now three. It was suggested that inside curbs be constructed and that the south side of Innes traffic lanes be clearly identified. Mr. Ridley indicated that Region hoped to rebuild the intersection this summer and held little hope for change before then. However, Mike Roche will continue the matter with the Regional Transportation Commission.

President Bushell thanked all those present for attending the meeting and asked Regional and Police representatives to seriously consider the recommendations put forward.

MOTION: Moved by Joanne Cottingham, seconded by Chuck Conway that the meeting adjourn. CARRIED.

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