

PRESENT: From the B.C.A. Executive: Gloria Dawn Warkentin-Coulter, Phyllis Frost, John Pollard, Joanne Bushell, Roger Pyper, Ron Robin, Pat Vasudev, Dave Ross, Trixie Clow, Warren Hanstead, Mike Irvin, Eldon Kemp, Paulette Charette.

From Gloucester Council: Fred Barrett, Harry Allen, Eugene Bellemare, Mitch Owens, Royal Galipeau, and Ken Steele.

The President, John Pollard, called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

Opening Remarks: The chairman outlined the format of the meeting. He then proceeded to read the "Policy for the Distribution of Grants" outlining the purpose, grant eligibility, application procedures and grant review.

1. Public ratepayers meeting concerning the distribution of recreation grants:

The Treasurer, Warren Hanstead, presented the proposed budget.

Discussion: Points were raised concerning grant to Les Chansonniers; increase from the city for ice time by 9% while increase in city grant only 5%.

MOTION: Moved by Ron Robin and seconded by Terry Heaslip that the distribution of the Recreation Grants as submitted by the Treasurer be approved. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Blackburn Hamlet Community Association - Proposed Budget:

The treasurer pointed to some corrections to be made to the proposed budget which was tabled: on page 4, the expenditure column for the Scouts should read "\$2,000" instead of "\$2,500", while Lacrosse should read "\$800" instead of "\$750".

Discussion: Points were raised concerning the Fun Fair reserves and safety hazards at rink at Emily Carr.

MOTION: Moved by Warren Hanstead and seconded by Mike Irvin that the B.C.A. proposed budget be approved with the corrections brought forth by the Treasurer. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Blackburn Hamlet By-Pass:

The Chairman gave a brief background on the different alternatives discussed in the past and the apparent position of the present Council. The Council members present, including the mayor, were given the opportunity to express their views on the subject.

Discussion: During discussion, the assembly was informed of a study of another by-pass which would link to the 417 on the east end and not come back to Innes Road. A copy of the Council minutes on that subject will be published in the BANAR. The loss of soccer fields in the Hornet's Nest was addressed. Council members encouraged residents to write to the N.C.C., the Regional Council and their provincial and federal representatives to express their concerns. Members were informed that Innes Road will be upgraded from Highway 417 to Blair Road in 1988. Suggestion was made that it might be in the best interest of Blackburn Hamlet to find alternative solutions to the traffic problem other than the by-pass and that construction on the east side should be halted until a solution is found. Suggestion was made to have sidewalks on both sides of Innes Road to ensure safety of children.

MOTION: Moved by André Pagé that: "Whereas the problem affecting the Blackburn Hamlet originates from the east end; whereas Blackburn Hamlet suffers the effect of any traffic; whereas the community of Blackburn Hamlet does not wish to see Innes Road become a four-lane thoroughfare; whereas the community of Blackburn Hamlet wishes to see a ring road around the community not too close, defined as "option E", be it resolved that the Council of the Blackburn Community Association be directed to advise the Council of the City of Gloucester to support the concept of a circuit road directing the traffic east to west." Seconded by Jack McGee with the following amendment: "The ring road be extended to connect with Walkley Road." Further amendment proposed by Jackie Madill: "That the preferred option is the furthest one and the unacceptable option is alternative B". MOTION CARRIED with the above amendment.

MOTION: Moved by Jack McGuinty that "Whereas the ring road discussion seems to have ceased some time ago, the chairman of the Blackburn Community Association be instructed by this meeting to give some leadership by calling a meeting of all community associations which may be affected by this by-pass." Seconded by Roger Major with the following amendment: "To also include an invitation to community associations in the West End." MOTION CARRIED with the above amendment.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

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