

**BLACKBURN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING MINUTES - Mar 21st, 1991.**

Directors Present: Jim Campbell, Marg Callaghan, Joan Grier, Warren Hanstead, Bob Jamieson, Steve Palmer, Colleen Stimpson.

Guests: 10 residents
Marjorie Milloy - Gloucester Recreation Dept.

Bob Jamieson welcomed the guests to the Annual BCA Budget meeting, introduced the members of the BCA executive, and reviewed the agenda for the evening.

1990 Financial Statement (see table 1)

Warren Hanstead reviewed the details of the audited '90 financial statement. In all aspects 1990 was a very good year, with the assets showing a significant increase as a result of the \$13,000 surplus for the year. Note was made of the continuing good management of the Day Camp, the efficiencies in the BANAR operation, and of the significant increase in Membership revenues over 1989. Ken Zomer was commended as this was a key objective in last year's budget. Even without the BMHA surplus (see below), 1990 was an excellent year for the BCA.

Motion: That the 1990 Financial statement be accepted as tabled. Moved: Harvey Wittenburg, seconded Colleen Stimpson. Carried.

1991 BCA Budget (see table 2)

Warren then presented the proposed '91 budget, noting that an error was present in the baseball figures and would be corrected. The highlights include the fact that BMHA has decided to perform their own bookkeeping, and so the related amounts (after April '91) have been removed, including \$5600 resulting from their 1990 surplus. Warren noted that other changes will also come as a result of the proposed spin off of the adult sport groups, so as to remove any GST liability from the BCA. In addition interest revenues will be down. The result is that a breakeven year (after BMHA) is projected for 1991.

Motion: That the 1991 BCA Budget be accepted as tabled, with the noted correction. Moved: Warren Hanstead, seconded Steve Palmer. Carried.

Bob thanked Warren on behalf of the BCA and the community for his continuing judicious management of our finances, and the excellent results for the past year.

Leisure Services Grant Allocation

Bob Jamieson reviewed this area, starting with the general guidelines used by the executive in formulating its grant distribution recommendations:

- Distribute the full amount of the City grant each year directly to the needs of organized user groups in the community.
- Majority of funds to youth, plus consideration for seniors and special needs
- Base the distribution on the number of participants in each group who live in the Blackburn area. Additional funds for 'unique' events.
- Avoid drastic year over year changes, except where participation warrants, while trending the Arena sports to an overall lower level.
- Maintain consistency in per capita grant levels in similar leisure areas

Highlights of '90 distribution : 24 groups benefited, plus rink supervision. Increase of 3 over '89. As decided last year, the funds distributed essentially matched the grant level.

Highlights of '91 recommendations: Requests from 26 groups, including 3 new ones, for a total of \$62,000. This is 10% more than requested in '90, although the participation numbers are the same. The City grant has increased slightly due to the new construction in the Hamlet (offsetting the City-wide per capita decrease), however is still far less than the totals requested.



Bob then explained the differences from the recommendations originally published (late applications), and answered questions related to specific allocations for Ringette, and Senior games. After some discussion, it was also agreed to return the Scouts allocation to the 1990 level, and to allocate \$500 to the Gloucester Handicapped Assoc.

Motion: That the 1991 Leisure Grant distribution be accepted as tabled, with the noted changes. Moved: Warren Hanstead, seconded Chuck Taylor. Carried.

Note: Bob reported that he has been officially informed that the new Leisure Services Delivery proposal has been shelved, and that the GRCB will be working with the community on a new approach over the next 12-18 months. As a result Bob doesn't expect any changes in the system before the '93 Grant year.

Extraordinary Grant Requests

Bob then proceeded to review two requests to the BCA for funds which the executive has decided do not fall within the scope of the Leisure grant. Although this type of request is not normally considered, both requests are considered valid and the bonus situation in 1990 finances gives us some leeway.

Gloucester Historical Society: This request is for a one-time donation to assist this group in renovating their new Gloucester Museum, at the old city hall in Leitrim. Given the valuable contribution to the city a grant of \$1000 was recommended. After some discussion this was agreed by all.

Motion: That, given the positive financial results in 1990, the BCA approve a one-time donation of \$1000 to the Gloucester Historical Society for the purpose of renovating of the new Gloucester Museum. Moved: Warren Hanstead, seconded Fred Gooch. Carried.

Partner's Farm: The objective of this group is to establish an organic farm and demonstration facility in close proximity to the city. The background of this group was reviewed, including their unsuccessful attempt to obtain the old NCC farm southeast of Blackburn last year. They have reapplied to the BCA as they are now actively looking at land between Hwy 17 and the river. Although the BCA executive does not feel confident that we should donate funds at this point in time, it is looking for authority from the community to allocate funds to this group if appropriate over the next year (to avoid having to call a special general meeting). Much discussion ensued: focusing on the need to be cautious, to ensure that the Blackburn community gets value for any funds assigned, and that a specific location and business plan will be required. The general consensus was that we should support the initiative.

Motion: That the BCA executive, upon its decision that the conditions are suitable and of benefit to the community, be authorized to donate up to \$500 to the establishment of a Partner's Farm. Moved: Chuck Taylor, seconded. Carried.

At this point Harvey Wittenburg, on behalf of the BMHA, expressed his sincere appreciation for the work that the BCA, and Warren, had performed over 20 years in administering their accounts. Warren thanked the BMHA, and expressed the BCA's desire to work together to ensure a smooth transition for hockey.

Bob Jamieson then thanked all present for their interest and for taking the time to participate.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15.

Next BCA Meetings: Thursday Apr 18th, 7:30 PM, Glen Ogilvie P.S.
 Thursday May 16th, 7:30 PM, Glen Ogilvie P.S. (Elections)

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