

**BLACKBURN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
February 20, 1992 , 7:30 PM**

**Directors Present:** Bob Jamieson, Colleen Stimpson, Jim Canning, Joan Grier, Steve Palmer, Jim Campbell and Michelle Therien

**Guests:** Marjorie Milloy - City of Gloucester Recreation Dept.

**Correspondence**

- The BCA received an acknowledgement letter with a Thank You note from the Pre-School for money received from the BCA for their 25th Anniversary celebration.
- The Blackburn Scouts sent a letter to the BCA to express their concerns and problems. The issue of regulating events for fundraising was pointed out to the BCA. After advertising in the BCA for a fundraising bottle drive, the Scouts association were preempted by another drive the day before. After discussion with the Board members, Bob will request that all groups advertise in the BANAR in advance of these events. The BCA is looking for cooperation and mutual support between groups. If this does not occur, then we may be forced to use other measures as leverage.
- The BCA received a late application from the Gloucester Skating Club for a grant. A request for a grant from the Gloucester Devils Junior A Ringette Team was also received to defray their costs for an out-of-town tournament.

**Directors Reports:**

**President:** The President reported on events since the last meeting related to Leisure Grant and City budget process(see below).

There were 2 special recognition events in the last month. The Annual Scout Sponsors Breakfast Meeting was attended by Bob and Colleen. Bob reported that the event was quite informative, and that the BCA received an Award to commemorate their 37 years of sponsorship. This will go into the library.

Joan and Bob represented the BCA at the Official Opening of the Gloucester Museum Collection & City Archives on February 13. As a sponsor of the Gloucester Historical Society's renovations, the BCA was congratulated and their name placed on a plaque on the Wall of Fame.

Bob noted that the BCA has not found a Chairman for this year's Fun Fair and that he will insert a late note in the Banar. A chairman must be found by the end of March for Fun Fair to proceed.

**Membership:** The membership drive has essentially completed. The numbers at this point are 6% less than last year, however Bob is confident that the BCA will make the difference during sports registrations, etc.

**Sports:**

**Leisure Grant:** Marjorie reported that the leisure grant from the City has been cut by 9.5% from the '91 per capita amount (i.e. now at \$3.80 per capita). The BCA specific information should be available before the 26th of March meeting.

At last month's meeting, Jim had proposed \$46,000 based on '91. The amount available now looks like \$42K-43K. Given the 10% cut proposed to all recipients, we foresee a break-even if there are no more late arrivals. It is expected that this per capita will be the new base going forward, and so it should be passed on to the user groups.

The President expressed his serious concern with the way the City handled the process. Specifically with the fact that 1) no consultation or notification was offered

in advance of the decision to cut, 2) that the Leisure Grant seemed to suffer a disproportionate cut, and that 3) the BCA was given incorrect information in regards to the dates for City Councils meeting's to approve the budget. He noted that he has spoken to the Mayor on these events, and that they demonstrate an approach diametrically opposite to the spirit of cooperation expressed in the Partners in Recreation philosophy espoused by the City.

Jim Canning reported on the Partners for Recreation activity. With the appointment of 2 new aldermen to the GRCB, this should become active again. The city staff/GRCB appear again to be attempting to exclude local groups from the decision process with a proposed new By-law. The BCA will follow-up via our alderman. We will also be meeting with other recreation groups in regards to the matter.

The signs for the baseball registration have also been posted.

Environment: The BCA expressed their full support for Jim Campbell's plans to actively pursue speaking engagements with local groups/schools on various environmental issues.

Jim noted that he is planning an environmental activity day for cleaning-up Greens Creek in the Spring near the beginning of April. Jim will write to the NCC for approval, and also co-ord with Steve with regards to involving Francon. Submission of a funding application to the Environmental Partners Fund (sponsored by the Environment Canada) and tie-in with the Canada 125 Program were also discussed. We should have a full status report by next meeting. Marjorie will review the plans with the City risk manager.

Jim noted that the Partner's Farm organization has now located land near Manotick.

Civic Affairs: Steve reported on some project developments in the Blackburn area. A new parking lot is planned for the Medical Building on Innes Road, a new side walk on Ridgeburn Gate, as well as one for part of Innes.

Steve also mentioned that he would be following up on the quarry tour in the spring. Due to the lull in construction, there has been little blasting

Youth: The St. Valentine's Youth dance scheduled at Ecole Ste Marie had to be cancelled because of the school was not open. The night custodian "had not been notified" of the permit for that night and, although contacted(with some difficulty), was unwilling to open the doors to the school. At least 75 kids, including the Disk Jockey, were stranded outside. Instead of being a fund-raising event for the Youth Drop-In, this will cost money. Colleen has requested a letter of apology to the community from the school principal.

There are still questions outstanding with Louis Riel as to why the permit to occupy the cafeteria was cancelled (Blackburn chorus confirmed that they are not using) and why the Youth Drop-In is entitled to only half the gymnasium while the other half is still vacant. Colleen is pursuing the matter, and the BCA will involve the school board, trustees, and City Council as required. This issue of lack of space is the major highlight of the quarterly report from the YM/YWCA on the operation of the Drop-In.

It was noted that City Council has approved the grant request for support to the Youth Drop-In.

Colleen noted that a new basketball group has started at the Glen Ogilvie School on Saturdays (mixed, age 13 and up). There were 12 participants for the first game

and the match was reported to be very exciting. There is always room for more players. The hours are from 12H30 to 2H30 PM and there is no charge.

Banar: Colleen noted that the Banar has not been delivered recently to local merchants, and that this will be rectified. She is also investigating alternative printers, as there seem to be cheaper options available.

#### **New Business**

It was suggested that the BCA consider changing it's account from the Bank of Montreal to the TD because of more flexible hours, convenience, and greater apparent support for some community activities. This will be discussed with the treasurer.

ELECTIONS: Bob canvassed the members as to their intentions regarding remaining on the Executive for another year. He noted that, as stated in Sept, he will be stepping down as President. Bob has discussed the position with Jim Campbell, who has expressed interest and will make a decision by the end of March. All directors were requested to officially notify Bob of their decisions by the end of March, so that the positions can be advertised in the May BANAR.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

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Next BCA Meetings:      Thursday April 16,      7:30 PM, Glen Ogilvie P.S.  
    Thursday May 21,      7:30 PM, Glen Ogilvie P.S. (Elections)

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### Bottle Drives in Blackburn

It has recently come to the attention of the Community Association that some group fund raising events in the Hamlet are conflicting (e.g. bottle drives scheduled too close together).

It would be preferable if all groups scheduled their events well in advance, and used the BANAR to advertise their plans. This would allow mutual planning between groups.

The BCA also suggests that Hamlet residents encourage this cooperation by contributing to the advertised events.

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