

BLACKBURN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
 BOARD OF DIRECTORS - MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
 17 FEBRUARY, 1994 - 7:30 PM

PRESENT: J. Canning, N. Papineau, N. Morris, S. Palmer, M. Milroy  
 GUEST: Marjorie Milloy, City of Gloucester  
 Ken Parker, Resident

\* Due to insufficient time the Minutes were not translated this month.

Correspondence

- Letter from resident opposing the proposed Bingo Hall.

Proposed Bingo Hall

Mr. Ken Parker, a nearby resident addressed the members of the BCA to express his views and concerns regarding the new Bingo Hall. Mr. Parker claims that the existing zoning prohibited what is now going to take place. A petition to that effect was signed by 184 of his neighbours but the City of Gloucester planning department agreed that the bingo hall is appropriate with a residential area.

Mr. Parker has tried every channel to find someone who would listen to their reasonable arguments. They even fought the issue at the Ontario Municipal Board hearing but the OMB ruled against them.

Steve asked Mr. Parker what would you like the BCA to do about it? Mr. Parker asked that the BCA meet with Council at the hearing of March 8 and reflect the position of the residents who are not in favour of the proposed new Bingo hall. The residents are concerned about traffic, parking and noise that will result from using space over an existing restaurant as a 250 seat bingo hall. Steve believes that the BCA recognizes the residents' concerns and mentioned that the BCA would make a representation at the hearing. There are reasonable issues we could ask for that is important to the community such as: respect for the residential area, safety issues, lighting and damage control.

Directors Report

Fun-Fair

The BCA has requested that the 1st Blackburn Scout Group ask for volunteers for this year's Fun-Fair. Unfortunately the new Director of Fun-Fair has resigned because he is in the process of moving. In addition to this vacancy there are several other positions available. If these positions are not filled there is a possibility that there will be no Fun-Fair this year due to a lack of volunteers. The 1st Blackburn Scout Group benefits from this event as it is a major source of revenue to the Group, which helps fund the Scouting program in Blackburn Hamlet. If you wish to volunteer for one of the vacancies please do not hesitate to contact John Robinson at 830-2456.

Environment

Jim mentioned that he got good support from the residents concerning his idea of planting trees near the rented garden lots. He will go to the NCC for approval. Jim also talked to the planners of the City of Gloucester concerning the redesignation of Blackburn Hamlet roads. The proposed designation will not effect or harm the service to the community.

Next Meetings: March 17, 1994, April 21, 1994, 7:30 PM, Glen Ogilvie