

Blackburn Community Association
Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2025 7:30 pm

1. Call to order at 7:35pm
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Minutes from previous meetings Lisa Lynn Approved
 - Motion to approve the April 17, 2025 minutes by Lisa Margeson. Seconded by Lynn Lefevre. Carried.
4. Councillor's Update (Josh Cassidy)
 - Main focus has been on the draft Zoning by-law.
 - Concerns about the ongoing issue with the elevator at Blair Station were raised by Kyle Humphrey. Laura's office will followup with Councillor Tierney's office and OC Transpo.
5. Financial Update & Bank Account (Lisa Margeson)
 - No areas of concern
 - The BCA currently uses the TD branch in Blackburn Hamlet for our banking. The BCA often needs to resolve issues concerning the bank account or access cash, in person, which will be difficult due to the impending closure of the Branch. As a result, we will be moving our banking to the Bank of Montreal branch in Blackburn Hamlet.
 - The existing GIC's will remain with TD until they mature. Once all GIC's have matured, our TD account will be closed.
 - We will also enquire about the cost for enabling two signature eTransfers when we open the Bank of Montreal account.
 - Motion for the BCA to open a bank account at our local Bank of Montreal branch by Jeff Miller. Seconded by David Purchase. Carried.
6. Beautification (Miriam Hampson)
 - The perennials in the four gardens continue to thrive. Some annuals have been planted to fill in the gaps.
 - Three of our regular volunteers have moved out of the neighbourhood. We have 15 volunteers signed up and are looking for at least 2 more to help share the watering duties.
 - The Garden Stroll is looking for new gardens this year. Activities include Artists, Musicians and an Ice Cream Truck.
7. Event Updates (Don Kelly)
 - 19 participants have signed up for the Bike Rodeo and we already have a full complement of volunteers. Dave Garand will be providing bike maintenance. The only challenge could be the weather as the event cannot be held when the ground is wet and slippery.

- The June 18 Crime Prevention workshop will have 4 main topics: Make the right call, Crime Stoppers, CAMSafe and Neighbourhood Watch. Ottawa Police Service are expecting suburban crime to increase significantly as increased enforcement in the core is pushing crime out to other neighbourhoods, which is why these programs are important to the community.
- There are still openings for the June 21 First Aid course.
- The delivery time and cost for a sturdy Community Bench has increased significantly. We are looking for low cost used benches that can be used on an interim basis.
- Don Kelly will be contacting the City of Ottawa to see if they would be willing to put up a separate sign for the Community Hall.

8. FunFair (Steve Vesely)

- Steve Vesely distributed samples of the site map and a brochure (see last page) that will be distributed to the community this year.
- New activities include a Casino Night, Miniputt, Juggler Stilt Walker and Illusionist.
- Beer prices will increase by \$1.
- 120 tickets have been sold for the Saturday Beatles tribute.
- Bytown Sea Shanty Collective will be performing on Friday night.
- At least one EV truck will help power bouncy castles.
- 50 Students and 20 adult volunteers have already signed up.

9. BCA @ Funfair Parade and Showcase (Lynn Lefevre)

- The BCA will be marching in the parade. We have Canadian Flags, Stickers and Temporary Tattoos to hand out courtesy of Canadian Heritage. Parade assembly will be at Lois Riel. Lynn Lefevre will send out more information the week before the Parade.
- Three Showcase tables have been reserved for the BCA. These will be used for membership sales, the BCA display and any activities that the board wishes to promote (Cancer Chase, Accessibility, Garden Stroll, Environment, etc). Directors are encouraged to work together to determine how much space each one needs for their display.

10. Discovery Café Speakers (Barbara Whittaker)

- Season 2 of the Discovery Café wraps up next week.
- Barbara Whittaker is looking for suggested speakers and topics for Season 3, which starts in September.
- We are also looking for a speaker who might be available as a last-minute replacement.

11. Draft Zoning Bylaw (Jeff Miller)

- Jeff Miller, Lisa Margeson and Lynn Lefevre met with Councillor Dudas, Josh Cassidy and members of the City of Ottawa Planning Department regarding the proposed zoning for Blackburn.
- Blackburn Hamlet was classed in the outer urban transect in the master plan that was adopted a couple of years ago when zoning wasn't a factor. This is the same

classification as Beacon Hill and Pineview. The Suburban transect starts on the East side of the green belt (Chapel Hill). As a result, R1 single family lots would be zoned for up to 6 units instead of 4 (Suburban). The City staff heard our concerns regarding this change, especially the impact it could have on our congested roads that cannot be expanded and will be further stretched with the planned developments along Innes and Cleroux.

- An in-person public consultation will be held on June 2nd at Ben Franklin Place and virtual consultations are scheduled for May 29 and June 3.
- The focus of our feedback will be the limitations of our road infrastructure, the increased intensification that is already planned and under development within our community and our close alignment with suburban communities such as Chapel Hill.
- Steve Vesely will create a petition for our community to sign, with translation provided by Jaclyn O'Shaughnessy.
- Jeff Miller will create a message that we can use for Social Media and Newsletter notices to the community.

12. Seniors Update (Shirley Sheppard)

- **Seniors Breakfast**
 - Our breakfast on May 7th was attended by 40 seniors during which Garth Hampson sang Happy Birthday to all with birthdays in May as well as a song "In the Good Old Summertime". \$150.00 in cash was collected for the Life Centre Food Bank along with non-perishable foods.
 - Congratulations were extended to another one of our seniors, Karen Roach, who received a few weeks ago the King Charles III medal from the Governor General for her leadership in advancing Indigenous representation and inclusion in the federal public service, including the creation of the Indigenous Career Navigator program, and for addressing health inequities, such as distributing critical personal protective equipment to Indigenous communities during the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - A write-up regarding this award and the one received by Garth Hampson was submitted for the BANAR along with a photo of them with their medals.
 - The next breakfast at Halibut House will take place at 9 a.m. on Wednesday June 4, 2024. Breakfasts will continue throughout the summer.
 - One of our seniors who volunteers at the local Food Bank passed along their thanks for our continued support and on behalf of Pastor Gabe invited seniors to a tour of their premises. This is currently being arranged.
- **Seniors Walk and Talk Outings** - There were 5 participants on the walk on May 14. The next walk will take place on Wednesday, June 18. Walks will be suspended over the summer and will resume in September.
- **Summer Event** - To welcome summer and continue to support businesses in our community, we will hold a lunch at the Portugalos Restaurant, 2A-110 Bearbrook Road, 12:00, Friday, June 20.
- **Thank You** - We wish to express our appreciation to Lynn and Nina for their support of our activities.

13. Adjournment at 9:10pm (Next Board meeting is June 19, 2025 at the Community Hall & Online)

Attendees

Jeff Miller
Lisa Margeson
Lynn Lefevre
Camille-Emmanuelle Purchase
David Purchase
Don Kelly
Kyle Humphrey
Melanie Mathieu
Robert Long
Satinder Sahota
Shirley Sheppard
Jaclyn O'Shaughnessy
Steve Vesely
Josh Cassidy (Lauras office)
Sharon Kes

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Events

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Volunteer Appreciation	Don Kelly	president@blackburnhamlet.ca

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Councillor Laura Dudas - Orléans West-Innes
MPP Stephen Blais - Orléans
MP Mona Fortier - Ottawa-Vanier-Gloucester

Feedback

Tell us what you think!
How can we make the
Blackburn Funfair better?



What's New?

All your favorites plus these new attractions:
Stilt walker Luciano Lu | Friday Casino |
Juggler Jean-Guy Beaudry | Pony Rides |
Illusionist Chris Pillsworth | Saturday Miniputt |
Sunday Cornhole tournament | Saturday DND
One Shot & MTG Commander tournaments



Pony Rides

A throwback to your youth
Remember the pony rides?
They're back!



Casino

Play our charity casino
Friday night in the arena.
Win a big screen TV!



RPG

Enter our DND One Shot
and MTG Commander
tournaments!



Miniputt

Play the 9-hole course in
the skate park for only
\$5 a round Saturday



Cornhole

Sunday tourney in the
community hall.
Prizes for winners



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parade
theme
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Music

Enjoy our main stage lineup! Free entrance to all
musical acts except the Barrelhouse Beatles
Tribute Saturday night. Get your ticket here!



Friday School of Rock 6:00 pm
Bytown Sea Shanty 8:00 pm

Saturday Zumba 11:00 am
Sing House Studio 12:00 pm
Nepean School Music 1:30 pm
Hold My Beer 3:30 pm
Double Standard 5:00 pm
Fake McCoy's 7:00 pm
Barrelhouse Beatles 9:00 pm



Beer
Friday 5-11
Saturday 11-11:30
\$8 pints!



Arena show schedule

Friday Mojo Magic Ben 6:00 pm
Sonic the Hedgehog 3 6:30 pm

Saturday Little Rays zoo 11:00 am
Mojo Magic Ben 12:00 pm
Little Rays zoo 1:00 pm
Princess party 2:00 pm
Little Rays zoo 3:00 pm

Sunday Juggler Jean-Guy 10:00 am
Illusionist Chris 11:00 am
Mojo Magic Ben 12:00 pm
Illusionist Chris 1:00 pm
Superhero party 2:00 pm

Rides & Costs

Enjoy old favorites and some new bounces!

- \$1 Classic carnival games by the arena
- \$1 Megalide
- \$1 Obstacle course
- \$1 Bungee run
- \$1 Tippy ladder
- \$1 Bouncy castle & slide
- \$1 Farmland toddler zone
- \$2 Pony rides
- \$2 Slapshot
- \$2 Funhouse maze
- \$2 Big baller
- \$3 Photo booth
- \$5 Nine-hole miniputt
- \$5 Climbing wall
- \$5+ Wreck Room (car smash / axe toss / pitchers alley)
- \$4 kids / \$6 adults Pancake breakfast
- \$25+ Casino Entry
- \$20 DND One Shot Entry Fee
- \$40 MTG Tournament Entry Fee
- \$15 Cornhole Entry Fee
- \$25 Barrelhouse Beatles Tribute



Friday

Rides/Wreck Room 5:00 - 10:00 Parking lot
Arena games 5:00 - 8:00 Parking lot
Craft brew night 5:00 - 11:00 Hall patio
Softball tourney 5:00 - 10:00 Ball diamond
Mojo Magic Ben 6:00 - 6:30 Arena
Kids movie 6:30 - 8:30 Arena
Casino 7:00 - 10:00 Arena
Bytown Sea Shanty 8:00 - 11:00 Music stage

Saturday

Pancake breakfast 8:00 - 10:00 Hall
Parade 10:00 - 10:45 Bearbrook
Silent auction 10:00 - 3:00 Arena
Used book sale 10:00 - 3:30 Arena
Showcase 10:00 - 4:00 Arena
Rides/Wreck Room 10:00 - 10:00 Parking lot
Miniputt 10:00 - 10:00 Parking lot
Arena games 11:00 - 5:00 Parking lot
Community BBQ 11:00 - 3:00 Parking lot
Face painting 11:00 - 5:00 Parking lot
Pony rides 11:00 - 6:00 Soccer field
Stilt walker 11:00 - 6:00 Parking lot
Music 11:00 - 11:00 Music stage
Beer garden 11:00 - 11:00 Hall patio
Arena shows 11:00 - 4:00 Arena
Cake ceremony 1:00 - 1:30 Music tent
RPG tourneys 1:00 - 5:00 Hall
Field games 1:00 - 5:00 Soccer field
Mojo Magic Ben 4:00 - 4:30 Parking lot
Barrelhouse Beatles 9:00 - 11:00 Music stage
Fireworks 10:00 - 10:15 Ball diamond

Sunday

Fun Run 9:30 - 10:30 Soccer field
Cornhole tourney 10:00 - 3:00 Hall
Rides/Wreck Room 10:00 - 3:00 Parking lot
Arena games 10:00 - 3:00 Parking lot
Showcase 10:00 - 3:00 Arena
Used book sale 10:00 - 3:00 Arena
Arena shows 10:00 - 3:00 Arena
Dog show 11:00 - 2:00 Music tent
Juggler 11:00 - 1:00 Parking lot

Info

Tickets: Cash & online sales at ticket booth
Medical: Onsite inside arena
Lost & Found: Volunteer booth inside arena



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year's winner won \$500+!

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