

QUEENSWOOD HEIGHTS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
Board Meeting

Minutes of board meeting held 7.00 pm, December 3rd, 2008 at the Queenswood Heights Community Centre, Room 3.

**Present:** Alain Belle-Isle, Lori Nash, Sue Guarda, Philip Berthiaume, Pete Weston, Al Tweddle, Henri Gravelle on behalf of Councillor Bob Monette, Harold Mellish on behalf of MPP McNeely.

**Regrets:** Denise Skellington, MP Galipeau, Christine Tetrault, Charlie Orr, Jeanine Mader, Robert Paiement on behalf of Councillor Jellett

**1. President's and Membership report**

President thanked Lori Nash for helping provide a marketing plan and help in constructing a pitch to approach and find new sponsors for the Newsliner. The Queenswood United Church declined spearheading the Family Fun day. Robert Paiement, with Councillor Jellett's office, has offered to assist and get quotes for the community street sign markers.

**2. Membership**

New membership forms from May 2008 still arrive by mail. A new membership drive is planned for January 2009.

**3. Newsliner**

The next edition of the Newsliner will be released for February 2009. The deadline is early January. The executive agreed that notwithstanding sponsorship support, this Newsliner must be released and the association would make whatever subsidy is necessary. Motion to this effect was moved by Al Tweddle and seconded by Pete Weston and was passed unanimously.

**4. Treasurer's report**

It was noted that the association still owed \$800 to the QH Rec Association for office management.

**5. Neighbourhood Watch**

Pete Weston released the latest numbers on reported crime in the community. He noted that car thefts are up from last year. Pete attended a consultation meeting with the OPS, East section. The police had focused on street racing and racing vehicles were ceased.

**6. Recreation and Petrie Island**

FOPI was awarded a \$50,000 prize for work at Petrie Island. Spending priorities will include improving the info centre, and the shelter. Beavers have been taking down a lot of trees. The city will be requested to trap the animals and move them. Work on the beach house has begun. Number of skating rinks will depend on the city budget process currently ongoing. There was an intention to close down the Kinsella rink, however

Dunning Foubert school has indicated strong desire to use the surface. The association currently pays \$15,000 for the operation of three outdoor rinks. The rinks are well used by residents from both in and outside the community. Kinsella Tennis courts needs \$23,000 upgrade. Funds are being looked for and may be attained from other lifecycle renewal projects that can wait to the next budget cycle.

#### **7. Website**

Alain Belle-Isle will meet with Russ Benner so that he can begin to update the associations website. Alain proposed many good suggestions to make the site more appealing and informative, including listing soccer and hockey registration information, community events and so on and will make proposals at the next association meeting.

#### **8. Family Fun Day**

Members of the executive will attempt to locate an individual and committee to lead the event. It was noted that the Fun Day committee must begin planning in January 2009.

#### **9. MPP McNeely**

The Land Photo Card Act will modify driver permits to allow for land crossings into the U.S. The special permits will include security features and can be accepted in place of Passprts. The new permits are coming out in June 2009 and can be issued separately from Drivers permits. The Fall road safety bill has received a lot of feed back particularly from young people. The province transferred \$77 million to the city to address housing and sewer infrastructure issues. The new Enterprise Centre was officially opened. The centre is located at 255 Centrum and will provide support to small business. The Orleans health hub initiative is moving forward and is expect to open around 2010 or slightly after.

#### **10. Councillor Monette's Report**

Councillor Monette held a volunteer appreciation event and over 200 members of the community attended. He launch a new and improved web site at [www.bobmonette.ca](http://www.bobmonette.ca). Councillor is working towards a rate of inflation tax increase as opposed to the 4.9 % increase currently being proposed during this budget process. Councillor Monette moved to delay the organic collection program for one fiscal year and save \$4.5 million from the tax bill. The Councillor will try to maintain the rink grants. The multi cultural committee launched a seniors resource program. Councillor Monette wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Next Meeting will be Wednesday January 7<sup>th</sup> 2009 at 19h00.

Meeting adjourned.