

QUEENSWOOD HEIGHTS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting

Minutes of board meeting held 7.00 pm, January 7th, 2009 at the Queenswood Heights Community Centre, Room 3.

Present: Sue Guarda, Philip Berthiaume, Pete Weston, Al Tweddle, Jeanine Mader, MPP Phil McNeely, Henri Gravelle on behalf of Councillor Bob Monette, Robert Paiement on behalf of Councillor Jellett, Brendan Johnson on behalf of MPP McNeely.

Regrets: Denise Skellington, Christine Tetrault, Charlie Orr, Alain Belle-Isle, Lori Nash

1. President's and Membership report

Time allowing the president would organize another membership drive. New members of the association would be strongly encouraged to provide email addresses so that the association would be able to communicate with members cheaply and with ease. The president attended a Kettle Island bridge meeting held by councillor Monette. The meeting centered on continuing the community's expression of interest that a interprovincial bridge be located at Kettle Island in support of the latest technical study findings'.

2. Community street sign markers

Robert Paiement in councillor Jellett's office is going present samples of street markers at the next meeting. He estimates pricing at \$320 per marker installed. Withstanding funding available, about 50 markers could be placed on major road ways through the community. The marker would be reflective and are similar to those being used by the Preston Street BIA and hence have been approved by the city for use.

3. Newsliner

Solicitation for new sponsors has been difficult. About 20 separate businesses have been approached and only one has agreed to placing an advert in the Newsliner.

4. Family Fun day

The first meeting for the event will be called sometime in January 2009.

5. Treasurer's report

Financial situation remains similar to as reported following the Family Fun Day of 2008.

6. Neighbourhood Watch

2008 saw a total of 24 break and enters, 101 acts of vandalism, 10 stolen automobiles, and 4 robberies. These numbers were higher then in 2007 but pale in comparison to 2006 and 2005. Since 2005, crime in the community is down almost two-thirds.

7. Recreation and Petrie Island

FOPI was awarded a \$50,000 prize for work at Petrie Island. It has been dedicated to a covered picknik area. FOPI is working with staff but may need assistance of east end city councillors to facilitate the project in relation to the planning department. The RVCA and waste management of the city have already provided positive feedback to the project. The Kinsella rink is not open at this time due to lack of manpower. The city will have to review the manner in which it manages outdoor ice rinks and find a more equitable manner in providing this service.

8. Website

Alain Belle-Isle was unable to attend the meeting but reported that he was going to present a new layout of the website to the board for consideration. He is also considering a platform change to allow for easier use of the site.

9. Other Business

There has been interest in another outdoor swimming pool for the East end. Currently there is only Bear Brook pool serving the entire East end of the city. The ideal location would be Queenswood Ridge Park.

10. MPP McNeely

MPP McNeely discussed his efforts surrounding the Hydro issue in Orleans. He has approached the city of Ottawa to ask Hydro Ottawa its opinion on amalgamating all of Orleans under hydro Ottawa. Currently the community is divided between Hydro One and Hydro Ottawa. Hydro Ottawa clients pay a lower rate for their electricity. Hydro One has indicated that amalgamation is not achievable for the investment required. The MPP is happy that 10th Line and Trim Road have not been chosen for a new interprovincial bridge by a consultant for the NCC. The MPP is trying to get some of the \$99 million dollars dedicated by the three levels of government to reduce sewage overflow into the Ottawa river to build some infrastructure on Petrie Island. The MPP will be working with MP Galipeau to encourage federal jobs that, as per media reports, have decided to re-locate to come to Orleans.

11. Councillor Monette's Report

Councillor Monette has initiated a press conference to continue the community's involvement to support the Kettle Island location for the next interprovincial bridge. Nine community associations along with councillors Jellet and Bloess signed a letter supporting this location. This is preparation for the debate at Transportation committee that will receive the consultants report calling for Kettle Island as the preferred technical location. Mr. Monette will be planning a informal meeting with residents and the Mayor of Ottawa in February. He wished the community a happy and safe new year.

12. Councillor Jellet

Councillor Jellet advised that there is assistance for seniors or others rendered immobile by the transit strike who need to attend health care appointments. Also the Eastern Ottawa Resource centre and the Orleans Cumberland resource centre have volunteers ready to assist those who need transportation for important needs. School boards began finding alternate transportation for students who depended on OC Tranpo.

Next Meeting will be Wednesday February 4th 2009 at 19h00.

Meeting adjourned.