

QUEENSWOOD HEIGHTS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting

Minutes of board meeting held 7.00 pm, May 7th, 2008 at the Queenswood Heights Community Centre, Room 3.

Present: Charlie Orr, Philip Berthiaume, Pete Weston, Al Tweddle, Richard Lalonde, Councillor Monette, Henri Gravelle on behalf of Councillor Bob Monette, Chris Rowlan on behalf of Councillor Jellett.

Regrets:, Lori Nash, Sue Guarda, Francois Robichaud on behalf of MP Galipeau, Christine Tetrault, Denise Skellington, Jeanine Mader,

1. AGM

The AGM was re-set for Wednesday June 11th 2008 at 19h00.

2. 260 Tompkins

David Lewis of the Cumberland Housing Corporation reported that the CHC was being recommended by staff to be selected for building and managing new subsidized housing located at 260 Tompkins. He indicated that he was going to set up a meeting with nearby residents, the community association and councillor Monette. The project now waits for provincial approval and once given, will see the installation of utilities this fall. Occupation is expected by September 2009. Hub parking will not be part of the plan thought there will be opportunity for renting spots. The units will be set well back from surrounding neighbours and will have plenty of space between units.

3. President Message

The Acting President congratulated Lori Nash for her well deserved recognition during a volunteer recognition evening held by MP Galipeau and then again during the Civic Appreciation awards held by the city of Ottawa. Lori's involvement with the community is well known and her work to get the Queenswood Heights Newsliner published is very valuable to the community.

4. Family Fun Day

Richard Lalonde presented a sponsorship poster and Canadian Blood Services promotional poster, both highlighting the Family Fun day. The local business community has been very generous contributing over \$700 worth of gifts and prizes. Four elected officials have also generously contributed including MP Galipeau, MPP McNeely, Councillor Jellett and Councillor Monette. Some events and kiosks still require some volunteers.

5. Newsliner

The Family Fun Day Newsliner will be 20 pages rather than the normal 16. Cumberland Housing took out a full cover add in colour and Transcontinental and the Tennis Club took out a page each to help celebrate Fun Day. While in dollar terms the Newsliner will post a slight deficit, the benefit provided to the Family Fun Day will result in a sizable

benefit. The board expressed appreciation to Lori Nash for doing a great job.

6. Recreation and Petrie Island

The Petrie Island road is now open for use, and FOPI will be having a clean up day May 10th. FOPI will be working with the new Sonshine director who has a strong environmental back ground. Construction of the city facility on Petrie will begin in September only. AL Tweddle of FOPI, Rick Snell of PIAC and councillor Monette took a tour of ROPEC, the results of the tour were very interesting and a tour is encouraged for all residents. There was minor flooding at the beach and it appears that most of the sand has held in place. FOPI is will be proposing that users be asked to pick up garbage and place them in bins after 15h00 daily once city staff leave for the day. This in order to help keep gulls and other wild life from becoming too much of a nuisance.

7. Neighbourhood Watch

Pete Weston submitted latest statistics of crime in the community. There were five stolen vehicles this month.

8. Councillor Jellet's Report

Spring Cleaning in the capital has begun.

9. Councillor Monette's Report

Power Washer

Bob donated a power washer to the Heart of Orleans BIA. Businesses now can borrow it from the BIA to help clean graffiti if it affects them.

Coffee House

Students in Motion held a coffee house at St Mathews. All 4 high schools in the ward participated and 350 students came out to watch a dozen bands perform.

Petrie Island Closure

Councillor Monette and members of the community took a tour of ROPEC and learned this morning that a gate, located in Rockcliff, was left open allowing for raw sewage to escape into the Ottawa River in 2006 at the moment Petrie Island was closed due to a very high and prolonged e-coli spike. The gate is now being upgraded to prevent re-occurrence. The good news is that the 2006 closures can now be explained.

Tennis Courts and Baseball Diamonds

Tennis courts and Baseball Diamonds were opened 15 days earlier than anticipated. City staff had wanted to wait until May 15 to open these facilities but due to some concern from the public, councillor Monette had discussions with staff and with the help of Mayor O'Brien, the opening was pushed forward to may 1st.

Next Meeting will be the AGM June 11th 2008 at 19h00.

Meeting adjourned.

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