

## Queenswood Heights Community Association

Minutes of the meeting held 7:00 p.m., April 4, 2007, at the Queenswood Heights Community Centre

**Present:** Lori Nash; Christine Tetrault; Denise Skellington; Pete Weston; Al Tweddle; Sue Guarda; Jeanine Mader; Royal Galipeau; Bob Monette; Henry Gravelle; Chris Rowland; Dawn Strosz.  
Guest David Lewis

**Regrets:** Steve Blais; Philip Berthiaume; Russ Benner; Darryl Martella; John Morgan; Mark Leahy; Helen Tweddle

L Nash is Chair of this meeting in the absence of sick S Blais. She is resigning as VP although will continue as member-at-large.

### 1. Approval of Agenda

Additions under Committee Reports: Reports from Coun Monette's office; Coun Jellett's office; MPP McNeely's office.

Agenda approved.

**2. Approval of March 2007 Minutes.** Minutes approved.

### 3. Treasurer's Report

Some cheques still not cashed: J Mader will see about the Scouts' one. Also the Christmas Lights contest prizes. Insurance: QHRA paid our insurance by mistake. C Tetrault moved that we pay \$250 to QHRA. Carried.

We earned only \$780 on our \$11K investment. [See Handout] Perhaps we should invest in a higher interest, long-term certificate; eg over three years. But this money is allocated for the History Book. So we will revisit at next AGM.

A Tweddle: would like an update on Legacy Fund. **Action:** H Gravelle.

Membership: we achieved more money than budgeted. [See Handout]

Newsliner: lost nearly \$3500 on four issues but have some invoices outstanding. In total have approx \$22K.

We still need a new Treasurer.

### 4. Committee Reports

D Strosz from P McNeely's office

Trillium Grant was given to Orleans Young Players. We have not applied for Trillium Grant as we are not incorporated. She will send a smaller more simple form to L Nash (grants less than \$15K) First Climate Change Challenge in eight high schools. (Poster Contest). Awards Ceremony at Place D'Orleans April 21, 1 pm. She asked if groups eg FOPI wanted to have displays there.

C Rowland

Navan Rd landfill will be expanded to over 25 storeys high over many years; mostly industrial waste, not domestic. Group Friends of Mer Bleue is fighting it. The worst part is the smell.

#### a. Newsliner

RE phone reports on Newsliner Delivery: in "old" part of QH, approx 80% did not receive it. Yet WJ says should be 90-95% effective. Only 100% effective way is Canada Post (CP); cost approx 11c per household. Total cost would be \$478 inc GST; would include a few extra streets just west. But would WJ continue to advertise if we went with CP?

Suggestion: another graphic artist. L Nash has met with another who would do it cheaper than Evelyn Budd. Savings would cover extra cost of using CP.

P Weston moved, J Mader seconded, that we use CP for Newsliner delivery. Carried.

Will save money by using another graphic artist, but printing company gives better rates and turnaround time to Ms Budd, therefor may incur extra costs. Also CP insists that Newsliner be folded, printer would do that; more costs. Total new printing cost is \$1584 inc folding; compare previous cost \$1472 plus \$120 for folding. Turnaround would be 10 days.

C Tetrault moved, J Mader seconded that we change designer for June issue. Carried. However C Tetrault will try to get Corporate Rate through Royal Lepage.

#### b. Guides

Guides have made birdhouses and Easter crafts.

#### c. Scouts.

Email report:

16-Apr-07 Monday 1830 - 2030 Woodworking

23-Apr-07 Monday 1830 - 2030 Woodworking

30-Apr-07 Monday 1830 - 2030 Woodworking

5-May-07 Saturday tbd Scoutrees Lafarge .. is also for for Beavers, Cubs and above.

11-May-07 Friday tbd Campfire with Beavers and Cubs Petrie Island Tan Shirt Swim up, Leap up etc.

14-May-07 Monday 1830 - 2030 Pioneering Structures

21-May-07 Monday 1830 - 2030 Camp Cooking III

26-May-07 Saturday to Sunday 0800 1330 Tay River Canoe Practice Camp Tay River near Perth

4-Jun-07 Monday 1800 - 2000 Bike Ride

9-Jun-07 Saturday tbd Ottawa River Paddle Day tbd

18-Jun-07 Monday 1800 - 2000 Canoe Practice Petrie Island

25-Jun-07 Monday 1800 - 2000 Canoe Practice Petrie Island

29-Jun-07 03-Jul-07 Friday to Tuesday 0600 1700 Algonquin Park - Canoe Camp

d. Recreation

Not much going on as in-between seasons.

Trails study group - maps of trails websites etc.

FOPI: started putting in water, sewer services. Still working on signs - see article in The Star. Have applied to Service Canada for grants to employ summer students. R Galipeau: excludes areas of low unemployment; however he argued that this should not be applied in non-profit sector, and was successful; therefore FOPI included. Nowadays MP's cannot influence actual decisions; unfortunately this non-profit clause will slow things down.

**Neighbourhood Watch.** See handout

Date	B&E	Theft/Lost & Found	Vandalism	Auto	Assault
31 March 06	2	n/a	7	0	n/a
31 March 07	6	n/a	11	1	n/a

Reports on vandalism done weekly now, not monthly.

### **H Gravelle:**

Youth In Motion: no commitments yet.

Majors Rd will be resurfaced this year.

Report will be released in May RE residents affected by last year's floods.

### **Coun Monette:**

Meeting April 23 Re discussion of above Report. Need school that will hold approx 300 people.

St Joseph Primary school good option.

Reports in local media RE graffiti.

RE garbage pickup on one side of street only: will have pilot project in rural area.

RE bridge issue: in progress. Will discuss at future QHCA meetings. PI should be focused on recreation not transportation. Local politicians all opposed to bridge. FYI: years ago, former City of Gloucester met with NCC and decided that bridge should be built on Kettle Island in 1999!

### **C Rowland**

Proposal for snow disposal facility on Mer Bleue Rd. Was passed, despite chart presented by Coun Jellett to committee, to show decline of snow removal, therefore do we need this facility?

Ottawa Hydro corridor: work ongoing. To increase amount of power available.

## **6. Affordable Housing**

David Lewis:

At 260 Tompkins. Meeting on March 9. Seems people do not understand concept of Affordable Housing. See Handout.

[At this point there was a power cut; meeting continued with discussion but very difficult to take further Minutes]

## **7. Family Fun Day**

L Nash will meet with J Mader on 11 April. Cumberland Home Support and Boston Pizza are On Board. Still need good work force; ten men to prepare grounds. Signage was discussed.

**Good News:** Helen Tweddle is cancer-free.

The meeting was adjourned at approx 8.55 pm.

**Next meeting:** 2 May 2007, **7 pm** at the QHCC. **Note time.**

**Note also,** D Skellington will not be here in May to take Minutes, she will be on vacation. She has resigned as Secretary of the QHCA effective July 2007.