

QUEENSWOOD HEIGHTS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting

Minutes of board meeting held 7.00 pm, April 2nd, 2008 at the Queenswood Heights Community Centre, Room 3.

Present: Christine Tetrault, Denise Skellington, Philip Berthiaume, Pete Weston,, Al Tweddle, Richard Lalonde, Jeanine Mader, Francois Robichaud on behalf of MP Galipeau, Henri Gravelle on behalf of Councillor Bob Monette, Chris Rowlan on behalf of Councillor Jellett.

Regrets:. Charlie Orr, Lori NashSue Guarda,

1. Approval of Agenda

Item not addressed as minutes from previous meeting not presented.

2. AGM

The AGM was set for Wednesday June 4th 2008 at 19h00.

3. Family Fun Day

Richard Lalonde presented a sponsorship letter to the board for review. Richard had to scan the Association's logo. The letter matched closely with Lori Nash's letter for Fun Day from last year. An effort was to be made to recruit businesses in the area seeking their support. Richard also presented the Family Fun Day budget portraying a best case and worst case scenario. Richard reported that chips and water will be provided for free from suppliers. There may be a WII competition. A search for a grant has begun and the office of Councillor Monette will assist. Richard indicated he will ask for some seed money for the poster contest. This year excess revenues will be split between all stations run by the different organizations who are volunteering their time. A booth will be placed for selling association memberships.

4. Membership

Membership letter ready to go and was shown to the board before order was placed. When order is ready, a letter stuffing party will organized to help stuff and bunch letters. All materials are pre-printed and will include self adhesive envelopes, saving on a lot of time.

5. Water Barrel Program

The President of the Cardinal Creek and the Vice President of the Queenswood Heights Community Associations agreed to work in partnership to sell quality Arbour rain barrels at a significantly reduced price to encourage the recycling and re-use of residential rainwater. This is all made possible with the assistance of a City of Ottawa Community Environment Projects grant and Arbour Environmental Shop (Bank St), which has allowed for the purchase the rain barrels at a wholesale rate. The purchase of a 200-litre rain barrel would allow residents to water lawns and gardens free of charge. It also contributes to the reduction of water consumption and water bills. The Arbour rain

barrels, are manufactured in Canada, and are made from a heavy-duty recycled industrial plastic. The rain barrel comes with a leaf and debris screen, a childproof lid, an overflow elbow and a brass hose tap.

These barrels normally sell for \$99.00, but with a successful bid for the CEPGP grant, barrels will be available to residents for \$42.72. There are a limited number of rain barrels at this price so residents will be encouraged to reserve early.

Interested residents will be asked to reserve a rain barrel with Michele Jodouin at 613-837-8357 or via email at secretary@cardinalcreek.org. There is a limit of 2 rain barrels per household.

There is no upfront costs to the association and only once barrels are pre-sold, will an order be placed. All residents will be asked to contribute their share in advance.

6. Recreation and Petrie Island

City has has discussed putting a master plan for parks and recreation. There is a need to create an East End recreation group to ensure voice is heard particularly when issues such as the proposed closure of the Queenswood Community center was proposed. Petrie Island development still requires pumps for sewage and a holding tank. The beach house is expected to be started in July with completion in November. There are concerns regarding Ecoli on Ottawa beaches since a government of Canada report was released. The closer a reading is taken to the beach, the higher the Ecoli level. Bilberry creek has a continual high Ecoli count and the city is looking into identifying causes. PIAC is discussing establishing a Master Plan for Petrie Island. Issues to be settled include possible uses of the Island geared strictly towards families or not. Some group events can see thousands of people on the Island. Bylaw and Police have been good in controlling alcohol. There is an effort to improve garbage receptacles on the beach.

7. Neighbourhood Watch

Pete Weston submitted latest statistics of crime in the community. There is a new community Police serving Orleans, OPS officer Henri Lanctos

8. Scouts and Girl Guides

Jeanine reported that there will be a camp on June 7th.

9. New Business

Vice President will inquire with web master to update the association's website.

10. MP's Report

The House of Commons is now sitting. MP and 3 East End councillors met with Minister Cannon to present 'No bridge at Petrie Island' Petition. An opposition motion was passed to have the flag on Parliament brought down to half mast when a soldier is killed in action. The government of Canada will not change its position and honour all soldiers on Remembrance Day every November 11th.

11. Councillor Jellet's Report

Spring Cleaning in the capital has begun. To participate, residents are encouraged to register with the city. There is a new bylaw for drainage in the city. The city can require that drains be unblocked. Surface operations of the city will remain on Snow removal until April 21. Councillor Jellet reminds residents that there is a residential backflow valve replacement grant program. To assist with flood prevention, residents needing sandbags are to call 3.1.1.

12. Councillor Monette's Report

Hotel in Orleans

Bob and mayor O'Brien were proud to announce with Bahadur Shariff of the Siljub Group the building of a new hotel in OrLéans. The 70-room Days Inn proposed for the corner of St. Joseph Boulevard and Tenth Line Road will boast banquet facilities able to accommodate up to 185 people, and will come with a price tag of between \$5.5 and \$6 million. It will be a high-class hotel ... 3- to 4-stars and is the first hotel in Orleans in the last 30 years. The new facility will create 20 full-time and 10 part-time positions.

Auxiliary Police

The auxiliary police passed its last hurdles at the police board and is now reality. Fifteen new officers will be hired and sworn in June 1st as part of a two-year pilot project.

School Closure

Bob is still working on the school closure issue and has a group of local organizations that are willing to move forward once a decision is made.

Ray Friel

the City will be undertaking the resurfacing of the L-shaped internal roadway through the Ray Friel Complex as part of the resurfacing of Merkley Drive in the 2008 budget. This contract is scheduled to commence at the end of June or mid-July

Street Widening

Clearing operations on residential streets in Orleans was begun last Friday and is ongoing 24 hours a day until all streets are cleared. The main cause for concern is flooding relief.

Orleans blvd left turn onto St Joseph

Not long ago drivers travelling south bound on Orleans blvd had the option of using one lane of Orleans blvd to right on St-Joseph or use the two remaining lanes to turn left. Since the new drug store was erected on St Joseph, city staff have re-designated the centre lane as a straight ahead only lane. Bob and his colleague Councillor Bloess have been fighting this change and want the straight-ahead lane to also allow left turn, as was the case before. Since change, drivers have on a regular basis continued to turn left from the middle lane. Staff appear to not be willing to make this change and continued with placing signage even while the councillors dispute the change.

Dunk Tank

Bob Respectfully declines to make himself available for the dunk tank at this year's

Family Fun Day. He will support the event however matching last year's contribution.

Next Meeting will be May 7th 2008 at 19h00.

Meeting adjourned.