

Queenswood Heights Community Association

Minutes of the meeting held 7:30 p.m., December 7 2005, at the Queenswood Heights Community Centre

Present: Steve Blais; Denise Skellington; Al Tweddle; Pete Weston; Russ Benner; Doug Gee; Louise Lapensée; Helen Tweddle; Sonia Brereton; Lori Nash. Guests Darryl Martella; Sheryl and DC MacDonald; Tyler Meredith; Mark Leahy; Dawn Stroz; Marc Godbout; and Royal Galipeau

Regrets: Christine Tetrault; John Morgan; Bob Monette; Pete McClure; Sue Guarda; Suzanne Sanford; Jeanine Mader

1. Approval of Agenda. Moved P Weston; seconded H Tweddle; approved
2. Approval of November 2005 Minutes. Moved D Skellington; seconded P Weston; approved
3. Treasurer's Report

In the absence of C Tetrault, Report was presented by D Skellington; figures were approx the same as last month. Details available upon request.

Moved D Skellington; Report approved.

4. Federal Election

a. Marc Godbout

It is important to get voters out on January 23; any help that QHCA can offer will be appreciated. He announced the proposal of a Government Service Centre in the heart of Orleans, location TBC. This will deal with issues such as employment; youth services; passports; CPP mobile units; etc. This will be a big centre. More info can be obtained from HRDC. Over 600 such centres are planned in Canada. He thinks the QHCA is dynamic in the community.

For the benefit of snowbirds, it is possible to vote any day at Présault School on St Pierre St in Orléans; Mon-Fri 9 am - 9 pm; Sat 9 am - 4 pm; Sun noon - 5 pm.

b. Mark Leahy, NDP candidate

He has lived in QH for over 10 years. Bilingual. He is looking forward to the debates and to the election. He runs his own business and works for the Federal Government. Is active on Team Ottawa-Orleans. He is concerned with the environment and Healthcare.

c. Sheryl MacDonald

By-election candidate. Was Public School Board trustee for eight years. Is concerned with transportation, snow removal and taxes; and business development, so that people can live and work in the community. She was a Human Rights Commissioner.

She challenged all other seven candidates not to canvass over the Christmas and New Year holiday season; has heard back from four so far, and they all agree.

5. Updates

a. Christmas Lighting Contest

D Martella: Prizes: Gabriel's Pizza will provide certificates for pizzas. M & M Meats has donated \$25.00 gift certificate.

Judging will be done closer to Christmas. Will send out PSA's ahead of time. S Blais will take photos.

b. Municipal All-Candidates Meeting

Will hold joint meeting co-sponsored with Fallingbrook CA; January 5, 7 pm at Sir Wil HS. Also possible dates for All-Candidates for Federal Election discussed, may be January 19 TBC.

c. Welcome Monument

Destruction of monument on Duford at entrance to QH. S Blais has contacted the Mayor who is looking into it. It may be possible to repair it. City should help pay for it, will get cost estimate. Location may be slightly changed to discourage farther vandalism. Suggestion was made that it be lighted, but the cost may be prohibitive. Those responsible may never be found.

d. Dawn Stroz

She distributed copies of Report from Queen's Park. MPP P McNeely welcomes any enquires at his office.

5. Committee Reports

e. Newsliner.

Next deadline late January

g. 1st Orleans Scout Group Report by Doug Gee, Group Commissioner

This fall has been very busy for the 1st Orleans Scout Group. All our Sections have gone to camp with the exception of the Beavers. The Cubs went to a Cubaree, the Scouts had Medic Alert Camp and the Venturers and Rovers took part in ROVENT.

Our current membership is 62 youth and 20 adult leaders. This is down slightly from last year, however several of the sections plan a 'Bring a Friend' night to introduce Scouting to a new group of kids.

The Voyageur Area Annual General Meeting was held this past Saturday (05-12-03). Last year there were 1650 registered adult leaders in Voyageur Area. Thirty-two of them were singled out to receive the Order of the Caribou, which is the Area's award for selfless service to Scouting. Of those thirty-two, three were from 1st Orleans Scout Group. They are Jeanine Mader, Greg Brost and Wayne Clarke.

h. Recreation

He is concerned re traffic patterns near Princess Louise Dr in Fallingbrook.

Centennial rink will be ready in a few days.

PI: Handout: Friends of Petrie Island: Final Report to the City of Ottawa for the 2005 Summer Season; November 2005. He attended Mayor's meeting earlier today; construction: extra parking lot and some other elements ready. There was a meeting at which Community Associations got updates on PI. Governance: there will be a meeting in January with various community groups being invited; will set-up Advisory Board.

i. Council Meetings.

L Lapensée distribute various handouts:

- Capital Budget 2006 - Cumberland Ward
- Urban Matters, second edition (Newsletter from Coun R Jellett)
- Budget 2006: Draft Budget at a Glance
- Cumberland Heritage Museum: an Old Fashioned Christmas, December 10-11 and 17-18; 10 am to 4 pm; plus two evening performances on Dec 7 and 14 at 7.30 pm. More info call (613) 833-3059 or (613) 580-2401
- Help Design the Kiwanis Adventure Park; for children ages 5-12 years old.

If you have any concerns re zoning, contact R Jellett

k. Neighbourhood Watch. See handout

Date	B&E	Theft/Lost & Found	Vandalism	Auto	Assault
30 Nov 2005	33	n/a	116	9	n/a
30 Nov 2003	19	n/a	37	25	n/a

Note, once again compared to 2003 not 2004. Crimes eg vandalism, must be reported to police. Leslie Malley will attend meetings in the future, on a quarterly basis.

Bridge was discussed. Kettle Island favoured by new Mayor of Gatineau.

j. Website

S Blais had sent email link to Riverside South website; it is very dynamic, he had wondered if our site could be made more like it. R Benner: takes too much time; such dynamics can create problems. H Tweddle noticed Riverside S residents can join their CA online. S Blais: can we use Paypal? May not be financially feasible. M Leahy can possibly help with technical aspects. Idea: also offer multi-year or lifetime memberships?

In November there were 590 unique visits to our site, most were to L Nash's newspaper.

Other Business

Scouting

D Gee: Scouting is very active; have new Treasurer.

Motion to replace lost Scout \$1000 cheque from 2004-2005. Moved: A Tweddle; seconded L Nash; carried.

Royal Galipeau

Thanks; the writ against him has been dropped. He is here today as politician He recognises this CAs involvement. His office # is 830-8800. He suggested that our website make links to the sites of all four candidates here this evening.

H Tweddle moved that

the meeting be adjourned at 8.40 pm.

Next meeting February 1, 2006