

Queenswood Heights Community Association

Minutes of the meeting held 7:30 p.m., February 1, 2006, at the Queenswood Heights Community Centre

Present: Steve Blais; Denise Skellington; Al Tweddle; Christine Tetrault; Pete Weston; Doug Gee; Helen Tweddle; Jeanine Mader; Lori Nash; Suzanne Sanford; Darryl Martella; Royal Galipeau; Mark Leahy; Bob Monette; Dawn Stroz; Catherine Greenidge; Philip Berthiaume; and guests Constables Leslie Maley and Walter Duhme from Ottawa Police - Operations East

Regrets: Sonia Brereton; Louise Lapensée; Russ Benner; John Morgan; Sue Guarda

1. Approval of Agenda. Additions to Other Business:

L Nash; the issue of declining enrollment in areas schools; changing demographics.

D Stroz; Volunteer Awards

Agenda approved as amended

2. Approval of December 2005 Minutes. Moved D Skellington; approved

3. Treasurers Report

See Handouts

Scouts: a new cheque will be re-issued this evening.

Christmas Lights contest: see Handout; there was a misunderstanding; winners posted on website were winners from last year so are disqualified; cheques not cashed yet; **Action:** S Blais.

Membership: Budget \$7K but have only collected \$3K; previous years much better. Over half the streets not canvassed this time.

Incorporation: S Blais will re-apply.

Have an account for the History Book but is inactive. Will close that account and roll it over, but will keep it as an item.

Moved C Tetrault; Report approved.

4. New Representation

a. Royal Galipeau

No longer a wannabe, is now a servant, and he plans on being a good one. His office will be in the Client Services Centre on Centrum Blvd, across the hall from Councillors R Jellett and B Monette. His predecessor has 30 days in transition. No active phone # as yet. He plans on spending most of his time in Orléans, serving us his constituents.

b. Bob Monette

Thanks for supporting him; hope we will do so again, in November. He will be in his office (as above), every Friday. Catherine Greenidge will be there, Tues/Wed/Thurs. He is looking forward to working with R Galipeau and M Leahy.

Legacy Fund: re History Book: no application has been made, so he needs an application form from us, requesting the funds. However, ex-Coun Kreling had said that there was \$5K set aside for the book. **Action:** S Blais and L Nash.

He has forms for the Volunteer Appreciation Awards.

Brief discussion of Family Fun Day.

5. Updates

a. Incorporation. Already discussed; will need to do another Search.

b. Communications

Website: much updated recently; working on more development.

Newsliner: perhaps we are not informing residents just what they get out of the Community Association. What about advertising? S Blais can work on framework; will need some work ; will take time.

M Leahy: can help with this, will liaise with S Blais.

C Tetrault: we only have 400 people signed up - not enough.

L Nash: need to re-energise the CA, through website, Newsliner, etc. She thinks newcomers want to see something new. There are 13K residents in QH and we are not reaching them. S Blais will prepare something; including help from all levels of government.

M Leahy: re deliveries: can use HS students (their community hours). In Blackburn, The Banar is delivered by the Scouts; there is advertising in The Banar

R Galipeau: he recommends ING Direct. Also, they may make a good sponsor (advertising).
D Martella: also Manulife?

Coun Monette: re November election: ask each candidate to help deliver?

6. Committee Reports

e. Newsliner.

Next deadline delayed, say March 1st. H Tweddle away most of April. Then the next one will be in May.

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

All sections are back in the swing of things again. The Cubs and Scouts just completed a camp this past weekend with near perfect weather. The Beavers are planning to attend the Area wide Beaveree coming up in February. The Rovers are again planning our yearly banquet celebrating the co-birthdays of the Founders of Guiding and Scouting - the Baden Powell held the last week of February.

h. Recreation

Legacy Fund: do have \$ for Spray Pool; will have to go to tenders.

PI: City is forming PI advisory committee. At present winter activities only, virtually only one is ice fishing.

Rinks: weather dependent. Had complaints re pot-smoking. Const Duhme: they usually get a fine, for trespass.

C Greenidge: bus shelter on St Georges St: violence, drug dealing. Very tall hedges around, and no lights. Const Maley: unfortunately reports are paper-driven. Coun Monette has met with Police and they are taking steps to rectify the problem in QH. A Tweddle suggested occasionally sending cars to patrol the parks.

i. Council Meetings.

Only one since last QHCA meeting, nothing of significance to QH.

Development of old firehall on Tompkins: issue will be brought up. Also, issue of River Walk; and the re-zoning of the boat shop on Innes to medical etc.

k. Neighbourhood Watch. See handout

Date	B&E	Theft/Lost & Found	Vandalism	Auto	Assault
31 Dec 2005	34	n/a	120	10	n/a
31 Dec 2003	22	n/a	37	25	n/a

Coun Monette: stores on St Joseph Bvd had a rash of break-ins. They caught five people, 17-22 years old. Just goes to show that if a crime is reported, action is taken.

Const Maley: have volunteers who give out info brochures re crime prevention. Home inspections. Would like to put info on website and in Newsliner. Need to get the info to all residents.

f. 40th Anniversary Book

Have put 1960-1987 together so far. Need feedback. L Nash briefly discussed the start of Orléans: was originally village of St Joseph. QH began in 1960/61. 40 years old in 2002. Looking at history by decades: first an overview, then main events, including photos; people and places. Researched and written by her and H Tweddle. Some info from other media, past and present. Only six copies so far; need reviews, opinions; are the decades fairly portrayed? Anything missing? Improvements? Should they do 80's and 90's in same fashion? More a scrapbook than a history text.

Other Business

D Stroz showed copies of forms for Ontario Volunteer Service Awards. Three different forms. Deadline; Feb 20. L Nash will put on website.

Const Maley: do a lot of "reactive" policing, ie responding to calls. But also if there is an event in the community, call them and some will attend; just so they are visible.

C Tetrault complained re snow removal (side streets). Coun Monette has a meeting soon, to deal with it.

L Nash: problem in Elementary schools - enrollment in Dunning-Foubert and QPS very very low; schools are at the critical point; school boards will look at boundaries. Some classes are extremely small. A school may close. We need to look at the value of the school in the community, not just class sizes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9.10 pm.

Next meeting March 1, 2006