

Queenswood Heights Community Association

Minutes of the meeting held 7:30 p.m., March 7, 2007, at the Queenswood Heights Community Centre

Present: Steve Blais; Christine Tetrault; Denise Skellington; Pete Weston; Lori Nash; Al Tweddle; François Robichaud (from Royal Galipeau's office); Henry Gravelle (from Bob Monette's office); Chris Rowland (from Rob Jellet's office).

Regrets: Philip Berthiaume; Russ Benner; Jeanine Mader; Royal Galipeau; Darryl Martella; John Morgan; Sue Guarda; Mark Leahy; Bob Monette; Helen Tweddle

1. Approval of Agenda

Under Other Business: Condition of Majors Rd.; Easter Colouring contest; Paul Lefort.

Agenda approved.

2. Approval of December 2006 Minutes. Minutes approved.

3. Treasurer's Report/Budget

Not much change. Some confusion RE Insurance; **Action:** S Blais will contact Debbie Hamilton.

Results of Christmas Lights Contest:

1ST. Prize: 1534 Payette - \$75.00 from QHCA

2nd Prize: 1604 Louisbourg - \$25.00 from QHCA and \$25 gift certificate from Place D'Orleans

3rd Prize 1481 Deavy Way - \$25 gift certificate from Lonestar Restaurant

Small Home Category: 1452 Bonneville - \$50 donated by Christine Tetrault Royal LePage Performance Realty, Brokerage 830-3350.

Costs of Newsliner in past years were given to L Nash. Once the bills are paid for these three issues, the cost to us is only approx \$1K, not too bad.

We still need a new Treasurer.

4. Committee Reports

a. Newsliner

L Nash: Must decide if will continue with 16 pp format, or go to 12 pp with 60-65% advertising content. Feeling that we should stay with current format, at least until end of 2007. Delivery through Weekly Journal: some streets typically pose problems; there is backup system but is not necessarily working.

b. Guides

Email Report:

2nd Sparks – Welcomed in the New Year with a game and craft night. The following week was a visit to the Food Bank to donate food the girls had been collecting since September. They learned about what the food bank does and the girls helped put together hampers for a couple of families. Our unit also enjoyed a trip to Cosmic Adventures, having a great time running and playing all evening. At another meeting the Sparks made cards for Shane at CHEO. We also welcomed a new Spark to the unit!

3rd Sparks – We talked about Chinese New Year. We went to the Fire Station for a tour, made a "Be Prepared" kit and had a Fair. The Fair included a bean-bag toss into a clown's mouth, a strong arm competition using a taut rope and flinging a weighted bottle down the length of it, a somersault mat and we learned the song "animal fair". We also welcomed a new Spark to the unit!

24th Sparks – We rang in the New Year by starting to work on our Cookie Posters. An outdoor winter play night at our local park was great fun for everyone and we have been busy working on some of our keepers.

3rd Brownies – We've been working on safety in the community. We visited the Museum of Science & Technology and learned about rockets, stars and gravity in space. We also welcomed a new Brownie to the unit!

23rd Brownies – The girls created some outstanding cookie posters for the contest and have been busy working on keys and badges.

2nd Guides – Our girls completed the Peace badge, the Sing Ontario Sing Challenge and the Cross Canada Challenge (Oh Canada). Every Guide created a cookie poster masterpiece for the Area contest. We visited the 40th Orleans Pathfinders in Maplewood for a bridging evening. The Pathfinders taught the Guides to march into an arrow formation and all the girls learned about osteoporosis and about the history of footwear (particularly high heeled shoes). We were fortunate to be at the Science & Technology Museum on a quiet night and were able to take part in both the Astronomy and the new Forensic Science workshops.

4th Guides – The girls decorated tote bags to help them get organized, bringing their Guide book and song book with them to meetings and to store their scarf and sash when at home. We had a discussion about famous Canadian women. Our unit completed both the Nutrition and Fitness Bone Building Challenges and also enjoyed a night at the Science & Technology Museum, earning the Astronomy badge in the process. We also welcomed a new Guide to the unit!

24th Extra Ops Guides – January flew by with a wonderful PJ party planned by the girls, with snacks, caterpillar races with sleeping bags, and lots of freeze dancing. It gave wonderful opportunities for pictures which will be used for crafts at our upcoming Tucker House overnight. We had a mega-badge testing night in January enabling the girls to "catch up" on any badges they had been working on. Another element of this evening with birthday cards for Shane, an activity that allowed for lots of chat about challenges faced by children with illnesses and disabilities. We also began camp planning for a weekend at Tucker House.

Upcoming

Several units have plans for Valentines parties and one unit will be camping at Tucker House.

Training

Another of our new Guiders completed her Safe Guide. One of our Spark Guiders completed her Stage One training.

Further Reports from September 2006, available upon request.

c. Scouts.

Email report:

Our annual Baden Powell banquet was held Feb18th at the Legion on Taylor Creek. We all enjoyed a traditional spaghetti dinner. Had some songs, skits, crafts. Two of our Scout Leaders were presented with very special awards (Wayne Clarke and Greg Brost) for all the hard work they have done with the youth.

The big Scout Jamboree is coming up in July. We have some leaders and scouts attending. They are planning on having a wonderful time in the great outdoors.

The Annual Odawa Camp is also coming up the first weekend in June for all sections. There will be more on this at a later date.

For the Family Fun Day June 9th, the Scout group will co-ordinate the bike rodeo (for sure by either Scouter Wayne or Scouter Jeanine) and hopefully one or two other events (TBC by the end of March 2007)

At the end of June, some Scouts along with their leaders will be experiencing their second annual 5 days canoe trip in Algonquin Park. They all have a great time while learning about wild life, survival, cooking in the great outdoors and other great lessons learned.

d. Recreation

Rinks: Concentrated on two rinks only this season. Bit of confusion RE non-operating rinks. Opened Fallingbrook rink with difficulty; low attendance. Most rinks finished now.

City will pay full amount to all groups; so we will consider snowblower next season. City is considering old Cumberland system, ie pay only for the weeks open.

FOPI: need proper sign at entrance. Building: not good situation, everything came in over tender; will not put in all buildings; maybe looking at 3P for buildings eg restaurant. Federal Students Grants Program cancelled but there maybe something in its place.

Neighbourhood Watch. See handout

Date	B&E	Theft/Lost & Found	Vandalism	Auto	Assault
31 Dec 06	28	n/a	113	2	1
31 Dec 05	28	n/a	114	2	n/a

31 Dec 03	22	n/a	37	25	n/a
31 Dec 02	22	n/a	34	51	n/a
31 Dec 01	40	n/a	n/a	88	n/a
31 Dec 00	56	n/a	n/a	55	n/a

6. Zoning 260 Tompkins

City has applied to re-zone Firehall property so that can build 22 townhomes on it, with parking; 60% will be below market rent. [see Newsliner pp 8 & 9]. Concern RE closing of Queenswood Public School. Other concerns: density of 22 units; traffic patterns; other services. Coun Monette would prefer 15-18 units. May be able to use some parking at HUB. Zoning does not allow for terraced homes. L Nash: original proposal was for 16 units.

Motion: A Tweddle moved that if there is shared parking with HUB, then QHCA will support 16 units. Seconded: P Weston. Carried.

Update, RE land on St Joseph: building will be 10 storeys high.

7. Family Fun Day Update

Saturday June 9, 11 am - 3 pm.

All schools on-side. Poster Contest at all schools; Rules in French and English [Tr.: P Lefort].

Reine Des Bois: Kites

Dunning Foubert: game with soccer ball

QPS: Garage Sale on their property, as well as other activities

OLW: activities TBC

Police and NW involved

Scouts: TBC

Guides: Face-painting

FOPI: Slide Show

Friends of Library: Book Sale

Locke Real Estate: advertising blimp, and helium balloons

Rides provided by Chez Lilly

Dunk Tank operated by Queenswood United Church.

Looking for sponsors to pay for some of the "larger" activities. Debbie Orr has been to businesses on Innes Rd. Sample Letter of different levels of support. Need to sell 10 such sponsorships to pay for this day.

C Tetrault is sponsor of all prizes, and Poster Contest.

From Coun Monette: ask his youth group (Youth in Motion) to help organise.

Parking needs to be considered. Should have Face Painting etc at front so drivers-by can see it. Can book Ball Park for extra space. St Helens Church may be doing something, TBC. Need someone to get grounds ready; **Action:** S Blais. Diane Fox may be able to organise bringing old firetruck; TBC.

Next meeting: March 22, 6.30 pm, QHCC.

8. Other Business

a. Majors Rd. Condition of road surface terrible. H Gravelle of Coun Monette's office will look into it.

b. Monument at entrance of QH.

S Blais: only way we can replace it is by using 3P. City have removed funding for entrance properties. Certain parts of the sign, and concrete pads, have been recovered and are OK. If we can get grant from City, can we get volunteers to do it? (We must match Grant in \$ or kind). Original sign put up by former Cumberland Township.

c. Easter Colouring Contest

See backpage of Newsliner. Will put on website soon. **Judging:** March 27, QHCC, 6.30 pm. The following Saturday morning will assemble as many Winners as possible to take their photos; TBC. Last year spent nearly \$180 on prizes.

d. Paul Lefort

RE nomination for Award. L Nash has written it, S Blais will sign. He is President of Friends of Library, does French translation of Newsliner; in past has done much volunteer work in QH.

L Nash will distribute list of approx 20 names each, to call RE distribution of Newsliner.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.55 pm.

Next meeting 4 April 2007, **7 pm** at the QHCC. **Note** change in time.