



**Minutes of the  
Beaconsfield Citizens Association (BCA) Meeting of  
Wednesday, December 10, 2014, 7:30 PM  
Beaconsfield Recreation Centre  
1974 City Lane,  
Beaconsfield, Quebec**

**Present:** Al Gardner, Nora Graham, Rick Jones, François Jubert, Larry McKinnon, Daniel Mongeau, Allan Moore, Norma Moore, Roger Nader, Marcel Roux, John Whatmore, Charles Bourgeois

**1. Welcome**

The President, Al Gardner, welcomed everyone to the BCA's December meeting.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

Upon a motion duly made by John Whatmore and seconded by Marcel Roux, it was moved to approve the agenda of the December 10, 2014 BCA meeting as proposed.

The motion passed unanimously.

**3. Approval of the Minutes of the November 12, 2014 Meeting**

Upon a motion duly made by Larry McKinnon and seconded by Rick Jones, it was moved to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2014 BCA meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

**4. Business Arising from the Minutes of the November 12, 2014 Meeting**

Al Gardner mentioned that he had sent a letter to Gilles Perron acknowledging his letter of resignation and thanking him for his service to the BCA over the years.

Al Gardner reminded the members that with six months to go before the next AGM, it was imperative that an effort be made to recruit new members, especially ones that would be willing to serve as officers.

**5. Treasurer's Report**

In Warren Mayhew's absence, Al Gardner submitted the monthly report. The Association's balance as of November 30, 2014 was \$764.38. The Treasurer's complete report is attached to these minutes.

## **6. Notice of Motion**

The Notice of Motion to amend the bylaws of the Beaconsfield Citizens Association was tabled.

ACB/BCA will henceforth be written as ACB-BCA.

## **7. 2015 Meeting Schedule**

Al Gardner informed the members that the room currently used for the BCA's meetings would be available for the January session at the regularly scheduled date and time. He indicated that the same room would be available on the third Wednesday of the month from February to April. He mentioned that he would attempt to get back to the second-Wednesday/month schedule beginning in May 2015.

## **8. Updates**

### **8.1. Meeting with Commandant Thouin**

Al Gardner reported on the SPVM meeting that he attended. Approximately 150 were in attendance. All of the commandants were there, each accompanied by a representative from his/her district. It remains to be seen whether this type of gathering will be an ongoing event. However, there will be another meeting in which various associations will be represented. Station 1 emphasized the work that it is doing with the elderly to ensure their safety. There was also a discussion about the recent rash of break-ins.

In response to a question, Al Gardner indicated that there was little chance that the SPVM would be adding more patrol cars in the area. He did add that the average response time in the district was 7 minutes, which compared favourably to that in Montreal.

### **8.2. Letter to Geoff Kelley**

Al Gardner said that a letter had been drafted and sent to Minister Kelley.

## **9. Consultation on Canada Post's decision to eliminate home delivery in urban areas for the population of Montreal**

Al Gardner informed the members that the city of Montreal is holding meetings on the issue.

He then asked if it would be appropriate for the BCA to take a position on the problem. Opinion was divided, some stating that Canada Post's decision was justified and responsible, others indicating that it would pose serious problems for seniors. The latter group mentioned that since the city has few sidewalks and that in the winter, even those could be dangerous, home delivery should be maintained or, if not, reduced from five to two or three days per week.

A vote was taken. Seven were in favour of 2-day/week home delivery.

Al Gardner said that he would take the comments and suggestions into consideration and produce a draft brief that he would submit to the members.

### **10. Budget Committee**

Rick Jones said that he wanted to compare Beaconsfield with certain surrounding communities, namely Pointe Claire, Kirkland and Pierrefonds. Emphasis should be on larger issues, e.g., use of the city's surplus, and not on micromanaging. He hoped to produce a document in January that he would initially submit to the Executive Committee.

### **11. New Business**

There was no new business on the agenda.

### **12. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held in the Recreation Centre on Wednesday, January 13, 2014 at 7:30 PM.

### **13. Adjournment**

Upon a motion duly made by Rick Jones and seconded by Nora Graham, it was moved to adjourn the meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

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Al Gardner, President

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Charles Bourgeois, Secretary

**Beaconsfield Citizens Association**  
Financial 2014

Bank balance @ January 1, 2014.		\$1,849.14
Donations		\$30.00
Less:		
Bank charges: Jan - Nov 2014		\$59.25
Cheques:		
Gardner, Al 23/6	\$300.11	
Montreal Printing 25/6	\$554.64	
Montreal Printing 15/8	<u>\$200.76</u>	\$1,055.51
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Bank balance @ Nov 30, 2014.		<u><u>\$764.38</u></u>