



**Minutes of the
ACB-BCA Monthly Meeting of
Wednesday, October 12, 2016, 7:30 PM
at the
Recreation Centre
1974 City Lane
Beaconsfield, Quebec**

Present: Lucien Descheneaux, Al Gardner, Uzma Gilani, Rick Jones, Allan Moore, Roger Nader, Mike Purvis, Derrick Pounds, Marcel Roux, John Whatmore, Charles Bourgeois.

1. Welcome and President's Report

The President, Al Gardner, opened the meeting by welcoming the members to the ACB-BCA's October 2016 regular meeting.

Al informed the members that Uzma Gilani had met with West Island Community Shares to learn what that group was doing with its junior members in order to help lay the groundwork for a similar type of membership in the BCA.

Al reported on the September 20, 2016 meeting held at city hall of representatives of the CIUSSS du Centre-Ouest-de-l'Île-de-Montréal, the city of Beaconsfield and the BCA as well as Beaconsfield residents concerned about the Batshaw project. The mayor had agreed in advance that the BCA would prepare and chair the meeting. Al commented on the positive and cooperative atmosphere that characterized the session and that one major outcome was an October 17, 2016 meeting with the CIUSSS' community relations people to begin ironing out some of the problems identified during the September meeting.

Charles Bourgeois who attended the meeting commented on the work that Al Gardner had done on behalf of the BCA in chairing the meeting, demonstrating the issues with a PowerPoint presentation, achieving consensus among the actors involved and ensuring follow-up to the discussion.

Al Gardner commented briefly on the September 28, 2016 Coffee with a Cop meeting. He also mentioned his two-hour meeting with Lieutenant Steven Bertrand.

2. Approval of the Agenda

It was proposed that *Food Drive* and *Work at the Woodland and St. Charles Intersections* be added under *New Business*.

Upon a motion duly made by Lucien Descheneaux and seconded by John Whatmore, it was moved to approve the agenda of the October 12, 2016 ACB-BCA meeting as amended.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the June 16, 2016 Meeting

Upon a motion duly made by Lucien Descheneaux and seconded by John Whatmore, it was moved to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2016 ACB-BCA meeting as read.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes of the September 12, 2016 Meeting

Al Gardner mentioned that all business arising from the previous meeting would be discussed under the current session's agenda items.

5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, Warren Mayhew, being absent, Al Gardner reported that there were no changes to the Association's finances since the last meeting.

He also stated that he had not received any news from Geoff Kelley's office regarding the BCA's grant request.

6. Decisions Regarding 100 Beurepaire and 205 Alton

Al Gardner informed the members that a consultation regarding both projects was held at the last city council meeting. It would appear that there is consensus on the 100 Beurepaire project, but resistance as to the 205 Alton proposal. He added that he expected that the city would approve both at the next council meeting and that the usual register/referendum process would begin.

He noted that while the 100 Beurepaire property would have to be rezoned from commercial to residential, the Alton property had already been rezoned.

7. Fund Raising and Membership Drive

Item 8, *Membership Fee* was discussed under this item.

The president mentioned that various approaches had been discussed at the previous meeting, such as calling members and asking them if they were receiving BCA emails and inviting them to contribute to the Association. However, he stated that it was imperative that the Association consider other approaches.

It was suggested that the BCA could greatly benefit from greater visibility. In that regard mention was made of the West Island Blog and a possible arrangement with it.

It was mentioned that Rhonda Massad had a new Facebook page on which she referred to the food drive. Al Gardner said that the BCA would be partnering with Rhonda and others on this project which would be held on November 19th from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Rec Centre.

The discussion ended with a proposal submitted by John Whatmore and supported by Charles Bourgeois that the Executive Committee meet to prepare a communications plan that would be then be submitted to the general membership at a subsequent monthly meeting.

The membership fee issue was discussed briefly with no resolution.

8. Membership Fee

See discussion in Item 7.

9. BCA Communications

See discussion in Item 7.

10. Candidates Night Organizing Committee

It was agreed that the Executive Committee would look into the various formats and venues for such an event, verify the DGEQ rules governing candidate participation and strike a committee. Larry McKinnon had already indicated his interest in chairing such a group. John Whatmore had also expressed his interest at the September meeting.

11. City Budget

The members discussed how the BCA could approach this issue and decided that the Executive Committee would need to explore it further and identify individuals willing to work on it. Mike Purvis indicated an interest in assisting in the process.

12. BCA's Annual Budget

There was also a discussion regarding the possibility of preparing an annual BCA budget. However, one member indicated that such an exercise would be futile since the Association did not know from one year to the next what its annual income would be. Without income data, it would be impossible to draw up a budget. The other members agreed with that objection.

13. Chiltern/Wakefield Water Emergency

Al Gardner described the events of October 8, 2016. A break in the temporary water line supplying the houses on Chiltern and Wakefield caused flooding. Calls to Municipal Patrol and the contractor yielded no solution and the residents had to take the matter into their own hands. They also contacted their city councillor, Karen Messier, who immediately got in touch with the mayor, director general and public works. Al presented a summary of the events and mentioned that he had contacted the city concerning the matter and expected that caucus would invest the matter at its November meeting.

14. City Pools

Al Gardner filed a request for information petition for data regarding the city's pools. The documents received pointed to neglect and improvements mandated by provincial law. The Rec Centre pool is still being repaired. This latter situation gave rise to the ill-conceived provincial rule requiring that contracts be awarded to the lowest bidder.

15. Pumpkin Patrol

Neighbourhood Watch has participated in this Halloween event in the past. Three volunteers have stepped forward for this year, but Al Gardner is looking for others. Pumpkin Patrol is designed to act as a deterrent during the 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM time frame on Halloween Night.

16. New Business

16.1 Food Drive

Al Gardner reminded everyone that the BCA is partnering with other players in this event which will take place on November 19, 2016 at the Rec Centre. More volunteers are needed.

16.2 Work at the Woodland and St. Charles Intersections

The members expressed displeasure with the traffic tie-ups caused by the work undertaken by the City of Montreal.

17. Next Meeting

Al Gardner reminded the members that the November meeting would be held at the Annex on November 2, 2016.

13 Adjournment

Upon a motion duly made by John Whatmore and seconded by Rick Jones, it was moved that the October ACB-BCA meeting be adjourned.

The motion was adopted unanimously.

Al Gardner, President

Charles Bourgeois, Secretar

