



**Minutes of the  
Beaconsfield Citizens Association (BCA) Meeting of  
Wednesday, May 20, 2015, 7:30 PM  
Herb Linder Annex  
303 Beaconsfield Blvd.,  
Beaconsfield, Quebec**

**Present:** Al Gardner, Nora Graham, François Jubert, Bruce Macdonald, Rhonda Massad, Larry McKinnon, Roger Nader, Derrick Pounds, Marcel Roux, John Whatmore.

**1. Welcome and President's Report**

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

He shared news about Charles Bourgeois who is doing better.

**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 May 20, 2015 BCA meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

**3. Approval of the Minutes of the April 15, 2015 Meeting**

Upon a motion duly made by Roger Nader and seconded by Bruce Macdonald, it was moved to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2015 BCA meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

**4. Business Arising from the Minutes of the April 15, 2015 Meeting**

Since all items arising from the previous meeting were to be covered below, no discussion took place.

**5. Treasurer's Report**

No report was presented.

John Whatmore expressed concerns regarding printing costs, but Al Gardner assured him that they were under control.

**6. The 505 Montrose Controversy**

Al contacted Joanne Hayward (an established contact of Al Gardner's through the Batshaw saga). There have been problems with the group home located at 505 Montrose. Peggy Alexopoulos visited the place. *Jeunesse en transit* is behind this and other group homes. There was a lack of communication with the neighbours and the BCA has acted and is still involved as a facilitator.

**7. Digital Billboard**

The *Beaconsfield Proposal for an Electronic Billboard* pamphlet encourages people to get informed about that proposal and get involved. Fifty-nine (59) individuals responded online to the BCA's sur-

vey: 37 responses were from BCA members and 22 were from non-members. 70% of responses indicate that people are against the billboard.

Revenue for city hall will have to be considered. The results of the survey will be made available to the mayor and councillors. When communicating with the councillors after the council meeting about the billboard, the BCA will be able to express its concerns.

Rhonda Massad suggests that the amount of revenue (\$300,000 per year) generated by the billboard is ridiculous. In her opinion, such a billboard should generate a much larger amount of money.

## **8. Next Meeting is the AGM**

June 10, 2015 at the Rec Centre. During the AGM, there will be an election of members of the Executive Committee.

## **9. New Business**

### **9.1 Artificial Turf**

No group should be excluded from using it. City Hall seems keen on having a designer solution. The artificial turf could cost as much as \$2 million. A survey in the turf case is useless and too expensive for what it will deliver.

### **9.2 Printing Costs**

The EAB flyer cost was \$200; the BCA flyer, \$550; the BAC banner, \$200. Al Gardner assured the members that these costs were well within the BCA's budget.

### **9.3 École primaire Beaconsfield**

Interaction between police and the children was reported after the sighting two Muslim women in full camouflage gear.

### **9.4 Canada Post**

Al Gardner believes that the Mayor and Director General should have bylaws ready to help control where those boxes should and should not go. There's a strong possibility that Beaconsfield will join other municipalities in a class action suit.

### **9.5 Review of 2014**

At the request of the membership, the BCA adopted a non-confrontational approach in 2014. Some individuals involved in the Neighbourhood Watch program became members of the BCA.

### **9.6 Neighbourhood Watch**

Coffee with a Cop events have suffered from poor timing and poor location choices. The next NW meeting will take place at the Rec Centre on June 9, 2015. Officer J-P Lévis will provide information on 911.

## **10. Next Meeting: June 10, 2015 at the Rec Centre**

## **11. Adjournment**

Upon a motion duly made by Larry McKinnon and seconded by François Jubert, it was moved to adjourn the meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

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Al Gardner, President

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Marcel Roux, Secretary