



**Minutes of the
ACB-BCA Monthly Meeting of
Wednesday, September 14, 2016, 7:30 PM
at the
Recreation Centre
1974 City Lane
Beaconsfield, Quebec**

Present: Lucien Descheneaux, Al Gardner, Richard Jones, François Jubert, Bruce MacDonald, Larry McKinnon, Roger Nader, John Parsons, D. Pounds, H. Pounds, Marcel Roux, Farid Tannous, 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 September 2016 regular meeting.

Al introduced and welcomed two visitors, Farid Tannous, President of the Town of Mount Royal Municipal Association, and Pierre Demers, Beaconsfield City Councillor and Chair of the Planning Advisory Committee (CCU), adding that the latter would do a presentation on the workings of the committee that he chairs.

Al commented on the recent Pet Fair, official opening of the dog park and wine and cheese event hosted by Karen Messier for Beaconsfield's senior citizens. All events were well attended and quite successful.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Lucien Descheneaux proposed that Train Speeds be added to the agenda under New Business.

Upon a motion duly made by John Whatmore and seconded by Larry McKinnon, it was moved to approve the agenda of the September 14, 2016 ACB-BCA meeting as amended.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. Presentation by Mr. Pierre Demers, City Councillor and Chair of the Planning Advisory Committee (CCU)

Pierre Demers thanked the president for the invitation and opportunity to discuss the CCU with the Association members.

He indicated that the CCU is the only advisory committee that is required by law in every Quebec municipality. It is composed of six city residents and chaired by a city councillor. Members are chosen from the names of qualified individuals responding to periodic calls for candidacies. The committee meets once per month and members receive \$50 per meeting for their services.

He reminded those in attendance that its mandate, as defined by the city, is the following:

The Planning Advisory Committee's mandate is to study and submit recommendations to the municipal Council on any questions regarding planning, zoning, as well as opinions on any comprehensive development program, on any plans concerning site planning, integration and architecture of constructions or the development of the land and related work and on any request for a minor exemption.

Even though guidelines tend to evolve over time, the Ministère des Affaires Municipales et Occupation du Territoire's Plan d'intégration architectural et d'aménagement (PIAA) and the architectural characteristics of the city's nineteen character areas provide the CCU with criteria for the evaluation of projects submitted to it. Once the Urban Planning Department has checked to ensure that proposals meet all city bylaws, the Planning Committee submits its recommendations to city council, the final arbiter in the process. Since the introduction of iPads and the possibility of viewing 3D models and having access to a broader range of documentation, the process has become considerably more sophisticated.

Al Gardner and the members thanked Councillor Demers for his presentation.

4. 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 June 16, 2016 meeting as read.

The motion passed unanimously.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes of the June 16, 2016 Meeting

Al Gardner mentioned that there were no new developments in the Junior Membership project.

He also referred to the ACB-BCA's reaction to the city's land use report. Charles Bourgeois commented briefly on the document's main points and reminded the members that the text was available on the ACB-BCA's website.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, Warren Mayhew, being absent, Al Gardner reported that, as of August 31, 2016, the Association's bank balance was \$1119.48.

7. Public Notices from the City

Al Gardner read the public notices concerning the 575 Elm, 205 Alton and 100 Beurepaire properties as well as that regarding Draft bylaw 720-109.

8. Fund Raising and Membership Drive

The president proposed the creation of a committee that would contact existing members to see whether or not they were receiving ACB-BCA emails. The committee would also be charged with identifying ways to increase membership.

On that second point, a question was raised as to whether the Association was properly equipped to promote membership at events such as the Pet Fair, the recent event for seniors, school openings and the like. Al Gardner responded that he and other BCA members were present at these events and handed out the ACB-BCA leaflet.

A question was raised regarding the former \$5.00 membership fee. Would it be beneficial to return to that practice? While the matter was discussed, no decision was taken.

Al Gardner informed the members that he had sent a letter to Geoff Kelley requesting his financial support. As of the current meeting, no response had been received.

9. BCA Insurance Policy

Al Gardner stated that all associations using the city's facilities have to meet certain liability insurance requirements. The UMQ has negotiated an arrangement with an insurance company allowing these groups to purchase the required coverage at a very reasonable price. The Executive Committee met and decided to pay a half-year premium of \$116. The BCA is covered until November at which point it will have to write a cheque for \$230 for 12 months coverage.

Al Gardner presented a slide summarizing the program. It is attached to these minutes.

10. Organizing Committee for a Candidates' Debate

Larry McKinnon and John Whatmore volunteered to serve on a committee that would organize a candidates' night during the 2017 election cycle. The president reminded the members that it had been agreed upon that the BCA would not get involved in federal and provincial elections, focusing its attention exclusively on municipal contests. He urged the members to become involved in the organization of an event allowing the citizens of Beaconsfield to hear from those standing for election as councillor and mayor.

11. City Budget

It was agreed that the topic would be discussed by the Executive Committee which would recommend a course of action at a regular ACB-BCA meeting.

12. Neighbourhood Watch

Al Gardner stated that a few more members had joined NW. He also said that NW would likely hold meetings in the coming months.

13. New Business

13.1 Train Speeds

Al Gardner stressed that the ACB-BCA's emergency preparedness committee had been looking into the issue and would have something to say about it.

The mayor has shown interest in the topic and has taken steps to involve other cities in an attempt to bring the matter to the attention of Francis Scarpaleggia and the Federal Government.

14 Next Meeting

Al Gardner reminded the members that the October meeting would be held at Centennial Hall on October 12, 2016. He added that the venue was too small for the BCA's needs and that he would try to negotiate a better arrangement with the city for all future meetings.

15 Adjournment

Upon a motion duly made by Larry McKinnon and seconded by Rick Jones, it was moved that the September ACB-BCA meeting be adjourned.

The motion was adopted unanimously.

Al Gardner, President

Charles Bourgeois, Secretary

BCA Insurance

- Required by the city to use their facilities
- Cost 2016=\$116.32 Per year = \$230.39
- Coverage
 - Property \$5000
 - General Liability \$5,000,000
 - Directors and Officers Liability \$5,000,000
 - Accident Insurance \$20,000