



**Minutes of the
Monthly BCA Meeting of
Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at 7:30 PM
Herb Linder Annex
303 Beaconsfield Blvd.
Beaconsfield, Quebec**

Present: Lucien Descheneaux, Stephen Drake, Al Gardner, Warren Mayhew, Allan Moore, Norma Moore, John S. Parsons, Derrick Pounds, André Tellier, John Whatmore, Charles Bourgeois.

1. Welcome and President's Report

The President, Al Gardner, welcomed the members to the December ACB-BCA meeting and opened the session by sharing the following information.

The November 19th Food Drive that the ACB-BCA helped to organize with other West Island partners was a huge success. Between 700 and 800 individuals contributed, the Desjardins trailer was on site and the media covered the event.

During a September meeting with CIUSSS representatives at City Hall chaired by the BCA, residents raised the issue of the neglected condition of the Batshaw property. The offending overgrown bushes and trees have since been removed. Another meeting with CIUSSS community relations representatives was held in November with the CIUSSS community relations group during which we were informed that the agency was filing its budget with the Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux and a response regarding its request for funds allowing for the completion of the project would be forthcoming in January. It was agreed that additional meetings would be held in 2017 to follow up on the project's progress.

A meeting was held with the SPVM regarding break-ins.

Al Gardner met with Pierre Demers regarding the traffic tie-ups on St. Charles even after the work had been completed. He also discussed the traffic cones that should have been removed.

Al Gardner and Lucien Descheneaux are scheduled to meet with Geoff Kelley later this month regarding an annual grant to the ACB-BCA, the Batshaw situation and our Association's positioning relative to the new law on lobbying.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Upon a motion duly made by John Whatmore and seconded by Lucien Descheneaux, it was moved that the agenda of the December 7, 2016 BCA meeting be approved as amended.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the November 2, 2016 Meeting

Upon a motion duly made by Lucien Descheneaux and seconded by John Whatmore, it was moved that the minutes of the November 2, 2016 meeting be approved as read.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes of the November 2, 2016 Meeting

The President indicated that all business arising from the previous meeting was covered in the agenda.

5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, Warren Mayhew, reported that there had been no change in the ACB-BCA finances since the previous meeting, except for bank charges.

The Treasurer indicated that a cheque covering the Association's liability insurance policy would be mailed shortly.

6. Register and Referendum Procedure

Registers will be held in December. The developer of the tennis club project is also approaching eligible voters with a register that covers additional items such as the number of storeys, setbacks, etc. Eligible residents can sign both.

John Whatmore informed the members that if developer can get enough favourable signatures (50 percent of those living in the designated zone), the result could override the city's register. It is in effect a way of bypassing the standard process.

7. Implications of the Lobbying Transparency and Ethics

Al Gardner informed the members that he would raise the issue with Geoff Kelly and the city clerk in order to determine whether the ACB-BCA must register as prescribed in the law.

8. Application of the Emerald Ash Borer Bylaw

Charles Bourgeois mentioned that his wife, Denise Bourgeois, asked for a permit to fell two ash trees. She was informed by the clerk on duty that this applied only to properties that were within a quarantined area. During a second visit to city hall, a permit was obtained. The experience made Charles wonder if this type of initial response to an application was standard procedure and what the city's motivation could be.

9. Holiday Train

Al Gardner referred to the letter that he had sent to the city regarding parking problems on the north and south sides of the city that would have made it impossible for emergency vehicles to get through. He conveyed a suggestion from Bruce Macdonald to the effect that shuttle busses should be made available in the future to reduce the number of cars coming into the city. He indicated that the city manager responded to his letter by stating that the city's events manager would take up the matter.

10. New Business

John Whatmore mentioned that when closing the Woodland crossing, a sign should be activated as soon as it is closed in order to warn motorists in advance.

Derrick Pounds suggested that when committees file reports at council meeting, they should provide a written summary of what they did.

11. Next Meeting

Al Gardner advised the members that the date and venue of the January meeting were yet to be determined and that he would inform them via email.

12. Adjournment

Upon a motion duly made by John Whatmore and seconded by Lucien Descheneaux it was moved that the December BCA meeting be adjourned.

The motion was adopted unanimously.

Al Gardner, President

Charles Bourgeois, Secretary

Beaconsfield Citizens Association

Financial 2016

Bank balance @ December 31, 2015.	\$1,336.95
Income:	
BCA money received from Larry McKinnon	\$75.00
Donations 2016	\$150.00
Less:	
Bank charges: 2016	\$62.25
Cheques 2016	\$390.72
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Bank balance @ November 30, 2016.	<u>\$1,108.98</u>
<u>Donations 2016</u>	
Donations towards Heroes Park brick	\$120.00
Lucien Descheneaux	\$30.00
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Total donations	<u>\$150.00</u>
<u>Cheques 2016</u>	
#3 - May 12 - Heroes Committee - Brick purchase	\$150.00
#4 - May 24 - Al Gardner - Printing supplies	\$124.40
#5 - July 27 - City of Beaconsfield - Insurance	\$116.32
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Total cheques	<u>\$390.72</u>

BCA Key Accomplishments

- Batshaw Project – Focus groups, agreements and ongoing meetings
- Neighbourhood Watch – key role in forming and ongoing operations
- EAB Legislation – worked to achieve a workable alternative.
- Emergency Preparedness – Review and suggestions
- Canada Post brief
- Electronic Billboard
- Assisted negotiations between neighbours
- Tennis Club and Esso Projects
- Meetings with Other Associations
- Partnership in planning and executing N4N Food drive