



**Minutes of the  
ACB-BCA General Meeting of  
Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 7:30 PM  
Recreation Centre  
1974 City Lane  
Beaconsfield, Quebec**

**Present:** Sylve Desprez, Al Gardner, Uzma Gilani, Rick Jones, Bruce Macdonald, Warren Mayhew, Allan Moore, Derrick Pounds, Marcel Roux, John Whatmore, Charles Bourgeois.

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

The President, Al Gardner, welcomed the members to the May ACB-BCA general meeting.

The President informed the members that Neighbourhood Watch and the SPVM held an event on May 3, 2017 at the Herb Linder Annex regarding break-in prevention.

He further informed the members that Lucien Descheneaux and he had met with Geoff Kelley following up on the letter that the BCA had sent regarding the bidding process.

Al Gardner also reminded everyone that the Club 55+ meets every first Wednesday of the month at the Herb Linder Annex from 2:00 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

**Upon a motion duly made by John Whatmore and seconded by Rick Jones, it was moved that the agenda of the May 4, 2017 ACB-BCA meeting be approved.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**3. Approval of the Minutes of the April 5, 2017 Meeting**

John Whatmore suggested that the minutes of the April 5, 2017 meeting be amended and that March 1, 2017 be replaced by April 5, 2017.

**Upon a motion duly made by Marcel Roux and seconded by John Whatmore, it was moved that the minutes of the April 5, 2017 meeting be approved as amended.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **4. Business Arising from the Minutes of the April 5, 2017 Meeting**

The President mentioned that Lucien Descheneaux and he had met with Geoff Kelley regarding the bidding process. He indicated that the meeting went well and that Geoff Kelley promised to convey the ACB-BCA's perspective on the issue to the appropriate minister.

Al Gardner said that the Association's letter regarding the Montreal Agglomeration's governance issue had been sent to Minister Martin Coiteux who in addition to being Minister of Municipal Affairs and Land Occupancy is also Minister of Public Security and Minister responsible for the Montréal region. He further mentioned that Mayor Bourelle might be interested in commenting on the letter and what he and his fellow mayors have been doing on the issue.

The ACB-BCA signed the agreement on banning the use of water bottles in city facilities.

#### **5. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer, Warren Mayhew, reported on the state of the ACB-BCA's finances. That document is attached to these minutes.

#### **6. Mayor Georges Bourelle**

The President introduced the Mayor stating that he had been invited to the meeting in order to discuss matters of common interest with the members.

The Mayor opened his remarks with a report on potential flooding in the city. He mentioned that only five homes were in some danger and the city had provided the owners with sandbags and was monitoring the situation.

He commented on Agglomeration governance. He referred to an earlier agreement that capped the suburban contribution to \$8 million whereas the previous agreement had suburbs paying a portion of each development project. It was also decided that the suburbs would be billed for water based on consumption rather than on property values. As to the last item, Beaconsfield no longer deals with Pointe Claire and that has resulted in a net savings for the city.

He went on to say that the resignation of Peter Trent means that l'Association des municipalités de banlieue will be losing its president. The mayors were working on a formula that would be fairer than the present one because they currently have no say whatever on budget matters. Part of the problem is a lack of interest because only a handful of citizens show up when capital and operational budgets are discussed. The Mayor mentioned that little would get done in an election year, but in meetings with mayors from other agglomerations, he discovered that discontent with the status quo is fairly widespread across the province.

He stated that an agreement with Montreal on the nonresidential coefficient is imminent, but coming up with a formula that is fair and will protect from abuses will be difficult because it will affect individual cities differently. With a few exceptions, most suburbs, including Beaconsfield, will benefit from the agreement that should come into effect next year.

The city ended 2016 with a \$2.13 M surplus, nearly all of which was due to the welcome tax (\$3 M). The city takes a conservative approach in estimating this revenue because it depends entirely on the real estate market. The working fund was \$6.7 M and could be capped at \$8 M.

Certain provisions will be made for 2017. These reserves include: money for the election, the purchase of small lots in Angell Woods (\$8 M), Centennial Hall (\$300,000), the tress, exterior pools, *l'équilibre budgétaire* to cover a possible shortfall and climate change.

The exterior pools owned by the city do not meet legal requirements for diving boards and races and correcting the situation will eventually be costly.

The Mayor commented on the lawsuits filed Yale Properties and Seda Holdings, indicating that there was a verbal agreement with Montreal that it would cover any financial fallout from such legal action. The problem is that there is nothing in writing to back this up.

John Whatmore asked why off-Island communities which benefit from what Montreal has to offer contribute nothing to the Agglomeration. The Mayor agreed with John's point and further stated that their involvement would perhaps strengthen the suburban cities' bargaining position with Montreal.

On behalf of the members, the President thanked the Mayor for his presentation.

## **7. Candidates Night**

Charles Bourgeois explained that Larry McKinnon had researched the issue with the city clerk and recommended that the ACB-BCA abandon the idea. He, Charles, and Al Gardner called the DGE and its representatives came up with a similar recommendation. Since the purpose of such an event would be to increase interest and participation in the election, both Al and Charles felt that the matter should be raised with Geoff Kelley to see if changes could not be made to the current regulations, thus allowing the type of event that the ACB-BCA had in mind.

## **8. AGM**

The President reminded the members that the AGM would take place prior to the June meeting and that elections would be held.

He agreed to contact André Tellier who had agreed to act as auditor to determine if he would be available to fulfill that responsibility.

## **9. Montréal's Presentation on Disaster Readiness**

Al Gardner mentioned that *la Commission de la sécurité publique* would hold a public event on public safety at Montreal city hall on May 9th, at 3:00 PM.

## **10. Updates**

### **10.1 CIUSSS (Batshaw)**

The president said that two meetings had been held regarding the maintenance of the building site. He has met with homeowners who have encountered problems selling their house and the situation is upsetting. The CIUSSS was supposed to produce a report on the status of the project, but has yet to do so. The CIUSSS had agreed to produce an article for the next *Contact*, but had

not met the deadline. Al Gardner wrote something and has shown it to the Mayor for further comment.

Derrick Pound wondered why the city had always been reluctant to publish anything about the sound wall in the *Contact*.

### **10.2 LGH's Request for Donation**

The city decided that it would contribute in accordance with the formula used in the past.

### **11. New Business**

No new business was discussed.

### **12. Next Meeting**

Al Gardner advised the members that the next meeting would take place on June 8<sup>th</sup> at the Recreation Centre and the regular monthly meeting would be preceded by the AGM.

### **13. Adjournment**

**Upon a motion duly made by John Whatmore and seconded by Warren Mayhew it was moved that the May BCA meeting be adjourned.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

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Al Gardner, President

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Charles Bourgeois, Secretary

**Beaconsfield Citizens Association**  
Financial 2017

Bank balance @ December 31, 2016.	\$855.49
Income:	
Donations 2017	\$550.00
Less:	
Bank charges: 2017	\$20.25
Cheques 2017	\$-
	\$1,385.24
Bank balance @ April 30, 2017.	\$1,385.24

**Donations 2017**

Government of QC via G. Kelley	\$500.00
Maria Pasquale	\$50.00
	\$550.00
Total donations	\$550.00

**Cheques 2017**

#7 - Feb 1 - Greg Stienstra - domain registration	\$-
Cheque for \$47.07 not cashed yet	
Total cheques	\$-