



**Summary of the
Monthly BCA Meeting of
Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at 7:30 PM
Recreation Centre
1974 City Lane
Beaconsfield, Quebec**

Present: Lucien Descheneaux, Frank Kruzich, Bruce Macdonald, Larry McKinnon, Allan Moore, Marcel Roux, John Whatmore, Charles Bourgeois.

Welcome and President's Report

The President, Al Gardner, being absent, the Vice President, Lucien Descheneaux, chaired the meeting.

Since the ACB-BCA Bylaws require that a quorum require the presence of half plus one members of the Executive Committee, the Chair declared that official business could not be transacted, but that the members could discuss the items mentioned in the agenda and the Secretary would write a summary of the conversation in lieu of minutes.

The Chair reported on the December meeting that he and Al Gardner had with Geoff Kelley during which Mr. Kelley confirmed that he would award a \$500 grant to the ACB-BCA. A copy of the document listing the Association's accomplishments presented to Mr. Kelley is attached to these minutes. Mr. Kelley congratulated the Association for its work. He further stated that he would support the CIUSSS' efforts to obtain the necessary funding to complete the Batshaw project.

Implications of the Lobbying Transparency and Ethics

The Chair informed the members that the matter was raised during the meeting with Geoff Kelley and the latter volunteered to have his lawyer look into it and even contact a government official to get an additional opinion. It appears that the ACB-BCA is not subject to the Act.

The members agreed that it would be important that the Association receive a letter from the government official contacted formally stating his/her opinion regarding the ACB-BCA's status.

Municipal Elections

Lucien Descheneaux read the following excerpt from the ACB-BCA Bylaws for the benefit of the members present:

5.2.2 An Executive Committee member seeking election to public office must tender his/her resignation upon submitting his/her nomination paper with the appropriate authority.

Larry McKinnon indicated that he would be contacting city hall regarding the rules applying to the 2017 municipal election. Several possibilities regarding the format of a candidates night were discussed. As far as the venue was concerned, Bruce Macdonald suggested that the BHS be contacted since city facilities could not be used for such an event.

2017 City Budget

The members were informed that Rick Jones had already begun the process of comparing the tax rates of Beaconsfield with those of surrounding cities. On behalf of Rick Jones, Lucien Descheneaux invited any interested members to step forward to help with the task of analyzing the 2017 budget and producing a written reaction to it. He specifically asked if someone could help in obtaining information on DDO's 2017 budget. Bruce Macdonald indicated that he would help to get the data.

Register – 100 Beaconsfield Boulevard

The members were informed that the rezoning had already been approved and consequently a register would not be held. However, even though the rezoning decision affects the entire zone, anyone wishing to benefit from it for his/her property must apply for the exemption.

EAB

The Chair reminded everyone that ash trees could be felled during the winter months.

Next Meeting

ACB-BCA monthly meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of the month through April 2017.

Lucien Descheneaux, Chair

Charles Bourgeois, Secretary

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