



Minutes of the

Beaconsfield Citizens Association (BCA) Meeting of

Wednesday, September 10, 2014, 7:30 PM

Beaconsfield Recreation Center

1974 City Lane, Beaconsfield, Quebec

Present: Al Gardner, Warren Mayhew, Daniel Mongeau, Derrick Pound, Marcel Roux, Greg Stienstra, John Whatmore, Francois Jubert, Ike Partington, Rhonda Massad, Steve Drake, Nora Graham, Larry McKinnon, Bruce MacDonald

1. Welcome

The President, Al Gardner, welcomed everyone to the BCA's September meeting after the summer hiatus and asked the participants' to introduce themselves as there were a number of new members present.

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 September 10, 2014, BCA meeting.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the regular June 11, 2014 meeting

Upon a motion duly made by John Whatmore and seconded by Daniel Mongeau, it was moved to approve the minutes of the regular June 11, 2014, BCA minutes. The minutes of the Annual General Meeting will be considered at the 2015 June AGM.

4. Business arising from the minutes of the June 11 ,2014 meeting

This will be considered under item 6 relating to memberships

5. Treasurer's report

Warren Mayhew stated that all the arrangements for the transfer of cheque signing responsibilities had been completed and that the monthly statements will henceforth be forwarded to his attention.

Bank balance as at July 1,2014	\$ 956.14
Expenses incurred since the June meeting	\$ 854.75

6. Membership update

Al Gardner reported that as of mid-June the number of members was 80,July 1 was 135 and as of September 11 it was 180. New rules required that all members had to sign up again to be on the list. This required that members of the executive call all members on the old list, verifying that they lived in the City, asking them if they wished to be added to the new list and where possible obtain an e-mail address.

7. Neighborhood Watch

This was launched July 2,2014 at the City Hall with the local Police Director, Public Security, some members of Council and city citizens including Mr. Roux, project coordinator in attendance. The first proposed area meeting will be at the end of September.

8. Bill 3 and Safety Day

This event was postponed until next year because both the Police and the Fire Department personnel were not present due to the ongoing protests relating to Bill 3 which concerns the reorganization of Municipal pension plans.

9. Pet Fair

The Fair was held at Centennial Park and was very successful. John Whitmore

informed the meeting that Councilor Messer appreciated the help of several members of the BCA with the organization of the event.

10. BCA flyers and banner

BCA flyers were printed and were ready to be distributed by members. Some had already been distributed. Al also showed the new large banner which will be shown at the various events where the Association is present.

11. Scarpellegia corn roast

Al invited members to attend the corn roast hosted by our local M.P. on Saturday September 13 in Pierrefonds. Al and Bruce will attend on behalf of the BCA.

12. Telephone calls to non-PC equipped members

E-mails are being sent to members that have PC's. However for those few members that are without computers, members will be assigned to call them to inform them of future meetings and other important information about the BCA.

13. Summer Activities

Al Gardner informed members of the very busy schedule for the executives including a number of special meetings as well as meetings with members of Council.

14. Emerald Ash Borer

There was a general discussion lead by Al on the major problem associated with the destructive potential to the many Ash trees in the city. He met with representatives of the administration to review the proposed Ash Borer by-law and the impact it will have on many of the residents who have trees. Recommendations were made by the BCA for changes to the By-Law. He indicated that Councilors were willing to consider some changes. It is Al's opinion that changes will be made to the By-law before final approval.

Related pamphlets were prepared by the BCA and distributed in the various sectors of the city. Initial proposed fines for non-compliance with the By-law was a minimum of \$ 750 per tree when in reality it will be \$ 150/ tree. However citizens that have several trees may not always be able to pay to protect their trees. This is a major problem for them.

Complaints were received from citizens that some of them were not advised that city representatives were taking inventory of the trees on their property as well as those on city property located in front of their home.

There will be a Town Hall meeting on September 15,2014 with an open house starting at 12H00. On Monday 22,2014 at 19H30 there will be a Public Consultation. The By-law will then be presented at the October regular Council meeting for approval. Al then spoke of the product that will be available to citizens to help prevent the spread of the disease. So far the city has tested 350 trees. No bugs have been detected. Statistics obtained from Oakville Ontario show that there is a 98% success rate when treating the infected Ash tree. The city has installed a number of EAB bug traps on Ash trees located on their property. This is to monitor the possible progress onto Beaconsfield territory.

There was also a discussion on the problems associated with the movement of firewood between March 15 through October 1. Greg wondered what was the position of the railways, utilities, schools and other institutions that have Ash trees on their properties .

15.Adjournment

Upon a motion duly made by John Whitmore and seconded by Daniel Mongeau,it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 21H50. The motion was approved unanimously.