



**Minutes of the
Beaconsfield Citizens Association (BCA) Meeting of
Wednesday, April 15, 2015, 7:30 PM
Herb Linder Annex
303 Beaconsfield Blvd.,
Beaconsfield, Quebec**

Present: Maria Gagliardi, Al Gardner, Roger Nader, Marcel Roux, John Whatmore, Bruce MacDonald, Andre Tellier, John Parsons, Francois Jubert, Warren Mayhew, Rick Jones

1. Welcome

The President, Al Gardner, welcomed everyone to the BCA's April meeting. Al reported on a member's health issue.

Al reported on a number of meetings attended by him throughout the month:

- ✓ Met with Francis Scarpalegia with Marcel Roux
- ✓ Met with SPVM (PDQ1) and a Kirkland councilor and citizen to discuss the formation of a Kirkland Neighbourhood Watch.
- ✓ Met with all Councilors except Peggy Alexopolous to discuss Canada Post issue and others.
- ✓ Discussed comments about Waste Management (branding Beaconsfield 2nd worst polluters)
- ✓ Thanks to Andre Tellier for efforts with translations

2. Approval of the Agenda

Upon a motion duly made by John Whatmore and seconded by Roger Nader, it was moved to approve the agenda of the April 15, 2015 BCA meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the March 18, 2015 Meeting

Upon a motion duly made by Roger Nader and seconded by John Whatmore, it was moved to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2015 BCA meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes of the March 18, 2015 Meeting

Derrick's request on 2 items from our previous meetings were addressed as follows:

- ✓ Councilor's travel expenses are duly submitted following a trip and approved following established procedures.
- ✓ With regards to a written Agglomeration report, much of the items addressed are the mundane approval of expenses and other minor business. Information is usually available late for Council meetings and as such, the Mayor provides a verbal summary of the highlights. This response seemed to satisfy those present.

Since items regarding the Federal Election from the previous meeting were to be covered below, no discussion took place.

5. Treasurer's Report

Warren Mayhew, reported that after contributions received, Association balance is ~\$1400.

6. Canada Post

Following the last meeting, Canada Post Guidelines indicate that they must respect provincial and municipal regulations. While George and Patrice indicated that Patrice would discuss it at the DG's meeting, this was not done. Subsequently, Al met with all Councilors except Peggy Alexopolous to discuss the possibility of passing by-laws to cover placement of Community Mail Boxes. There appears to be agreement that the City will take some action on this subject.

Al met with Francis Scarpalegia to discuss the Canada Post brief and discuss the situation. According to Federal law, Canada Post is able to virtually do what they want as far as placing CMB's. Francis did investigate and indicated that Canada Post seems to state that they will respect municipal and provincial regulations. Furthermore, the Postal Act states that ONLY Canada Post can delivery mail to addresses in Canada.

Canada Post municipal relations in contact with Al, to schedule a meeting to attempt to reply to our concerns. No change in status.

7. Municipal Budget Consultation

The City has no intention to hold a consultation meeting with the citizens regarding budget. They will however hold a survey and meetings to consult citizens about issues, which could potentially provide a means of input.

8. Update on Emerald Ash Borer

We will have to request the city to do better job of responding to requests to fell trees as fall approaches.

9. Federal Election

Al Gardner reported that the subject of a debate night was discussed briefly with Francis Scarpalegia. After some discussion with those present, it was voted that the BCA would not host a Candidate's night or debate. Item Closed

13. Next Meeting

The next BCA meeting will be held at the Recreation Center on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 7:30 PM.

9. Adjournment

Upon a motion duly made by John Whatmore and seconded by Rick Jones, it was moved to adjourn the meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

Al Gardner, President

Charles Bourgeois, Secretary