



**Minutes of the
ACB-BCA Regular Monthly Meeting of
Thursday, June 8, 2017 at 7:30 PM
Recreation Centre
1974 City Lane
Beaconsfield, Quebec**

Present: Al Gardner, Uzma Gilani, Warren Mayhew, Allan Moore, Norma Moore, John Ohberg, John Parsons, Derrick Pounds, Mike Purvis, Marcel Roux, John Whatmore, Charles Bourgeois.

1. Welcome and President's Report

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

The President informed the members that a letter regarding the governance of the Montreal Urban Agglomeration Council had been sent to Minister Coiteux, but that the BCA had yet to receive an acknowledgement, let alone a response to the content of the letter.

He further informed the members that the Batshaw issue was still unresolved and would be discussed at greater length during the current meeting.

Al Gardner also reminded everyone that the City's fund raising effort to assist flood victims was ongoing and that the City would match contributions up to an overall limit of \$20,000.

The President also mentioned an upcoming meeting designed to encourage better relations with the SPVM.

2. Approval of the Agenda

John Whatmore proposed that the item Agglomeration Taxation Methodology be added under New Business.

Upon a motion duly made by John Whatmore and seconded by Mike Purvis, it was moved that the agenda of the June 8, 2017 ACB-BCA meeting be approved as amended.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the May 4, 2017 Meeting

Upon a motion duly made by John Whatmore and seconded by Marcel Roux, it was moved that the minutes of the May 4, 2017 meeting be approved as read.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes of the May 4, 2017 Meeting

Al Gardner announced that the meeting planned by the City of Montreal on emergency preparedness had been cancelled because of the flooding in the metropolitan region.

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. Updates

6.1 CIUSSS (Batshaw)

Al Gardner said that the West Island CIUSSS had agreed to produce a press release regarding the status of the Batshaw project, but, in the end, failed to do so. He wrote an article on the topic and the City published it in the latest *Contact*. He informed the members that the CIUSSS would be holding an open board meeting and that he and the mayor would attend that session.

6.2 Letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Land Occupancy regarding the Bidding Procedure

Al Gardner said that the Minister had yet to respond to the ACB-BCA's letter. He intends to meet with Geoffrey Kelley regarding the matter, asking him to intervene with Minister Coiteux and other ministers concerned.

6.3 Letter to the Minister regarding the Rules of Governance of the Montreal Urban Agglomeration Council

The President informed the members that Minister Coiteux' office had yet to acknowledge the ACB-BCA's letter regarding the Agglomeration. He stated that part of the problem was that the general public had not expressed its concerns regarding the Agglomeration's current mode of governance. This suggests two further approaches: (1) writing to the minister requesting a follow-up meeting or (2) contacting *The Gazette* and hoping for a broader public discussion of the matter. The members suggested that the Association remain in close contact with the mayor in order to support the initiatives that he and his fellow suburban mayors have been putting forward to effect change.

7. ACB-BCA Priorities

Al Gardner said that since 2017 is an election year, the Association might want to identify issues that it considers vital to the City's future. He handed out a worksheet and requested that the members complete it by identifying their priorities and returning it to him as soon as possible so that the Executive Committee could analyze everyone's suggestions and condense them into approximately five key priorities. He also suggested that, contrary to tradition, a regular monthly meeting be held in August. The members agreed to these recommendations.

8. New Business

8.1 The Agglomeration Taxation Methodology

The President indicated that the current imbalance was based on a formula and the non-residential coefficient was about to be changed. The suburban mayors have accepted that they will not get a complete reimbursement of all excess back payments, but have worked out a deal so that their tax bill will be reduced over three years (on a 1/3, 1/3, 1/3 basis). The agreement will require provincial approval. The formula will be revised on a regular basis.

John Whatmore mentioned that Marian Hall, which had been acquired by the Agglomeration, was in very bad condition and posed a danger to citizens. He urged that steps be taken to improve the situation.

9. Next Meeting

Al Gardner advised the members that the next meeting would take place in August at a time and place to be determined.

10. Adjournment

Upon a motion duly made by John Whatmore and seconded by Uzma Gilani it was moved that the June ACB-BCA meeting be adjourned.

The motion passed unanimously.

Al Gardner, President

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	\$-
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Bank balance @ April 30, 2017.	<u><u>\$1,385.24</u></u>

Donations 2017

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

Cheques 2017

#7 - Feb 1 - Greg Steinstra - domain registration	\$-
Cheque for \$47.07 not cashed yet	
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Total cheques	<u><u>\$-</u></u>