



BRIDLEWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
MONTHLY MEETING

February 14, 2023

EXECUTIVE ATTENDEES: Mark Kozlowski, President; Marc Favreau, 1st Vice-President; Danny Gress, 2nd Vice-President; Cathy Sceviour, Treasurer; Katherine Robertson-Parrott, Secretary

Total attendees: 19

President Mark Kozlowski called the virtual meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mark Kozlowski moved and Jim Humphrey seconded a motion to approve Agenda. Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Katherine Robertson-Parrott moved, and Marc Favreau seconded, that the minutes from January 10, 2023 be approved, with the addition of Erin Coffin's last name. Carried.

KANATA SOUTH UPDATES:

Councillor Hubley noted that there is a budget meeting to be held on February 15th, 2023. This budget is expected to be a budget of restraint given high inflation and wanting to keep taxes low. Michael Cowpland Drive is expected to be rehabilitated, and the extension of the road will also hopefully be started this year.

Councillor Hubley thanked the BCA for their support at the tree lightings and wagon rides. There is also going to be a call-out for volunteers in order to make the Canada Day in Kanata happen this year, as well as the next Christmas parade. Interested parties can contact Councillor Hubley's office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DEVELOPMENT: An e-mail was sent to the developer of the proposed self-storage unit on Denzil Doyle Court to see if they can come to a future meeting. There is currently work being done on the boardwalk at the Nature path on Old Richmond – where the parking lot is closed off. This is being done to ensure the safety of those who might want to use the pathway, and is expected to remain closed until the end of February/March.

SOCIAL: Danny Gress wished everyone on the call a happy Valentine's day, and noted that almost 40 people entered the Valentine's day contest, which is another year of growth. Three winners were chosen and almost all of them have already picked their gift cards up! There is a possibility that there will be a March break movie night – however this is currently unconfirmed.



RINKS: Weather continues to be challenging, especially for those rinks that are on grass. All of the rinks were up and running for a short period of time, however weather forecasts are not looking good for a long season. Residents are encouraged to use them whenever possible and take advantage of them whenever they are available.

COMMUNICATIONS: Stephanie Hart advised that there are a lot of people asking for posts to be shared on the BCA social media pages. A thank you to Councillor Hubley for cross-posting and sharing local events and happenings on his pages too.

TREASURER: Cheques will be prepared soon for the contributions for the local elementary school councils.

WEBSITE: The BCA newsletter is sent via Mail Chimp, who has recently advised that they are changing their packages. This would result in increased charges for the service. The Website coordinator, Hitesh Patel, has looked into other options, however nothing that is comparable is standing out. It is likely that the BCA will decide to continue on with the Mail Chimp service.

BLOCK PARTY: Set for June 24th, this year's block party will include afternoon programming, and possibly evening programming. It will be held at Eva James, and will have food trucks present. There is a need for volunteers, and students who might volunteer would be able to get their volunteer hours confirmed for their school.

SPRING SPORTS: Team Snap was renewed, and the committee is still waiting to hear back about the field requests from the city. Registration is tentatively set for the first week of March.

Bridlewood Business Network (BBN): No update to report

NEW BUSINESS

Transportation – Tanya Southern mentioned challenges with OC Transpo. With the return to office for the Public Servants, many are reluctant to return to public transit due to the increased time it is taking since the train came into service. Tanya requested information about how is the best way to relay concerns, and asked how quickly improvements to the system can be made. Councillor Hubley mentioned that all concerns should be emailed to his office, and noted that riders should use the OC Transpo trip planner – and that it shouldn't be taking that long. He also noted that as ridership increases, and therefore revenues increase, the schedules will be updated.

Pool in Bridlewood – Tanya Southern inquired about whether there would ever be a possibility of having a pool in the Bridlewood area. Councillor Hubley and others on the call noted how it had been discussed and attempted for well over 15 (over 30 is more realistic) years. With the Recreation Master Plan hopefully coming out in the next year or so, hopefully there will be a possibility for a phase 2 expansion, however that will likely result in charges to the surrounding tax payers.

Memberships – Mark Kozlowski reminded those on the call that BCA memberships for the current calendar year are now available for purchase on the website.



NEXT MEETING (virtual) will be Tuesday, March 14th, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

Mark Kozlowski moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jim Humphrey.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katherine Robertson-Parrott