



BRIDLEWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
MONTHLY MEETING

March 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: 17

President Mark Kozlowski called the virtual meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mark Kozlowski moved and Marc Favreau seconded a motion to approve Agenda, with the addition of a discussion of the BCA constitution in the New Business section as suggested by Lance Mitchell. Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Katherine Robertson-Parrott moved, and Brenda Merkley seconded, that the minutes from February 14, 2023 be approved. Carried.

KANATA SOUTH UPDATES:

Councillor Hubley noted that in clarification of the previous minutes, the pool discussed in the February 2023 meeting ended up being built as the Richcraft Center after development funds were merged in the City.

Councillor Hubley mentioned that he discussed with Councillor Curry (Ward 4 – Kanata North) that the Kanata Central BIA had indicated a desire to expand to include Kanata South businesses. A study will be conducted in order to look into the feasibility of this.

Councillor Hubley noted that the city will hire a consultant to look into the possibilities for an Eva James phase 2 expansion, and will look to consult with the public due to challenges with the possible need to cut down trees etc... Lance Mitchell noted that originally, the expansion was planned to be to extend the building towards the basketball court (which was understood to be temporary when built because of this), and noted that another large area of land surrounding the community center had been purchased and could potentially serve for this expansion. Councillor Hubley noted that the additional land was purchased using funds dedicated for 'natural features' only and so an expansion of Eva James would not qualify for that. The basketball court would definitely be one of the possible options for this consultant to look into.

The city budget has been approved and more details will be available shortly – may be shared



in the next meeting of the BCA if available.

Erin Coffin suggested that one area for possible improvement in Kanata South could be an increase in the number of splash pads – which might bring more children to the parks. Councillor Hubley noted that this may be an option given that they are well used resources. It was noted that this likely will come out of the Rec Plan – and major capital grants could also be an option to be used to build these.

Dr. Rouba Fattal mentioned that the Kanata-Carleton Small Business Network is putting on a Small Business expo on April 26 (5pm-8pm). Over 200 local business leaders will be there, and Volunteers are still needed for this. Dr. Fattal also asked about the difficulties with level 3-7 swim classes which are hard to register for due to limited availability – and whether additional instructors could alleviate these challenges for parents. Councillor Hubley responded that this is a city-wide issue, and that the shortage of lifeguards is coming from reduced numbers of new people getting lifeguard certifications. The City is working on several options, but that usually there are more lifeguards available for the summer recreation program offerings due to school breaks etc...

Brenda Merkley thanked the Councillor for the 11th annual Women's day dinner, which was well attended by Bridlewood women. Karen Sparks – Executive Director of Wesley Clover Parks – among other roles – was a guest speaker.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RINKS: The season is now officially complete, and thanks to huge effort from volunteers, and despite a very difficult year weather wise, all rinks did open at least for a short period of time.

SOCIAL: Danny Gress noted that there is no March Break movie night this year – but look forward to a possible movie at the Block Party. The annual BCA Easter Egg Hunt is planned, where eggs are hidden around Bridlewood. This annual event encourages all residents to go around to places all over the community to hunt for eggs and submit their locations to the BCA for contest entry. Past challenges of eggs destroyed by young Bridlewood residents are expected to happen this year, but the volunteers will attempt to monitor for this as much as possible in order to replace any that are removed if this happens again.

SPRING SPORTS: Registration is officially open and will run until April 16th, and big signs will be going up in select locations in Bridlewood to encourage additional registrations. Students can volunteer as assistant coaches in order to get school required community service hours. Schools are also sharing the registration details for this program whenever possible. This year's season will run from May 15th until the first week of July.



BLOCK PARTY: Set for June 24th, and entertainment is being confirmed. This afternoon event (and possibly evening too) will include food trucks and local restaurants, as well as other things still in the works.

TREASURER: Cheques for contributions for local elementary school councils going out soon.

DEVELOPMENT: No update to report.

WEBSITE: No update to report

Bridlewood Business Network (BBN): No update to report.

COMMUNICATIONS: No update to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Lance Mitchell noted that the BCA Constitution has been around for at least 40 years, and the last update goes back to 2006. It is in need of a significant renewal, and some draft comments have been sent for consideration by the BCA executive. It is noted that it would be a good time to review it now so that it can be tabled for approval at the next AGM. Mark Koslowski agreed, and noted that a committee should be put together soon in order to really thoroughly review it.

Councillor Hubley noted that a request to add in lights to the basketball court near the Eva James Community Center has been received. This could extend the timeline of when people could gather to play – but noted that residents within earshot might not agree with the addition of lights. Bridlewood Community Elementary School (BCES) has lit basketball courts already which is not too far away. Mark Kozlowski noted that the BCES courts are not in good shape though. Erin Coffin noted that the light pollution is already really strong from the soccer fields near by, and the lights at Kristina Kiss near the rink are positioned in a way where they are obstructed – so this would possibly drive new people to our area too.

Jim Humphrey asked if there will be a Big Bridlewood Garage Sale this year. Mark Kozlowski confirmed that it would be held on the first Saturday in June (June 3, 2023). Laura McKenzie noted that the condo rules at the condos in Monahan Landing make it so that garage sales are not allowed on their property, and asked if parks could be used instead for those residents wanting to participate. Councillor Hubley noted that it is definitely possible, and residents could get in touch with his office to arrange.

NEXT MEETING (virtual) will be Tuesday, April 11th, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

Mark Kozlowski moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Lance Mitchell.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katherine Robertson-Parrott