

BRIDLEWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
MONTHLY MEETING

April 19, 2022

EXECUTIVE ATTENDEES: Mark Kozlowski, President; Marc Favreau, 1st Vice-President; Danny Gress, 2nd Vice-President; Trevor Mulligan, Treasurer; Brenda Merkley, Secretary

Total attendees: 18

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA and APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Mark Kozlowski moved and Jim Humphrey seconded a motion to approve Agenda. Carried.
- Brenda Merkley reviewed and moved and Danny Gress seconded a motion to approve March 2022 meeting minutes with minor corrections. Carried.

KANATA SOUTH UPDATES: Councillor Hubley discussed a recent motion that was put forward in council to get a full estimate of costs for a 'free transit' promise that is expected to be a factor in the upcoming municipal campaign. Preliminary numbers are being shown at an estimate of 500\$-1000\$ more in taxes per household for a house valued at \$400,000. Councillor Hubley also noted that it was recently announced that a Federal Promise of 55 Billion dollars which has helped Ottawa buy new electric busses, can also be used for operational costs. The city will be trying to get some of those funds for that purpose, which could lower the cost to transit users. The city is also looking at what changes need to be made to transit services post-pandemic. The 18-hour model communities are one possible example of what it could look like, with the focus being on needing to make it easier to get to/from services including groceries, doctor's offices, etc.... Erin Coffin asked the councillor why busses were decommissioned when the LRT was coming in, but now they will need to look at increasing the number of busses again. The Councillor noted that those busses that had been decommissioned were end of life busses that carried a very high maintenance cost and cost to run overall, and that they were decommissioned as part of the strategy to cover the cost for the LRT. The Councillor noted that in the end, no drivers were ever laid off. Trevor Mulligan inquired about the possibility of increasing the cost of parking downtown to help pay for transit costs, but the Councillor noted that this would unfairly tax only those living in the suburbs.

Councillor Hubley mentioned an upcoming zoom call that is planned for Thursday April 21 to discuss the Solid Waste Master Plan.

Coucillor Hubley noted that there were several parks slated for improvements in the Bridlewood area, including JJ Clarke Park, Stonemeadow park, and also lots of roads and sidewalks. The exact list will be shared, and it would be shared in an upcoming newsletter as well once finalized.

Jim Humphrey asked the Councillor if he would be running again in the next Municipal election, and if so, how residents can support his campaign. The Councillor confirmed that he will be running again, and appreciates the support.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

WEBSITE: Hitesh Patel noted that the service for web hosting has been upgraded to make it faster.

SPORTS: Margaret Kellaway advised that the Paul Van Steen award nominations will be opening May 1st. A volunteer will be needed to take it over as Margaret will be moving outside of the Bridlewood community.

SOCIAL: Danny Gress noted that they recently wrapped up a successful Easter egg hunt, despite some issues with eggs being vandalized/taken down. There was a lot of interest though this year in the hunt, with more entries than last year. Another brew donkey tour is in the works, maybe for May or June.

BUDGET: Full update to be provided at a future meeting, but the budget is in good shape so far this year.

SPRING SPORTS: The total numbers for spring sports are up from previous years, with the totals sitting at 106 registrations for t-ball/coach pitch, 356 registrations for soccer, 25 registrations for ultimate. This brings the total registrations to 487, which is up from 2019 numbers of 455, 2018 numbers of 386, and 2017 numbers of 367. This brings in a revenue of approximately \$26,000 which will be reinvested into the program. The start date will be May 16th due to the City not granting any early access to the fields, and will run into the first week of July. There is always a need for new coaches for the teams, and new equipment has been purchased. Myers Nissan in Bells Corners has generously sponsored the t-shirts, and Inflector Environmental Services has also agreed to generously sponsor the program. Coaches clinics will be run via zoom, and equipment is being sorted to be handed out to the coaches.

DEVELOPMENT: An update to the school being built on Cope drive was received – details will be given at the next meeting. No news yet on what business might be moving into the space that is currently occupied by Your Independent Grocer in the Hazeldean Mall which has announced it will be closing. Similarly, there has been no announcement about who will be moving into the space where Goodlife used to be in behind the 700 Eagleson complex.

BLOCK PARTY: Due to COVID restrictions, the Block Party will have to be different this year, but options including Movie night are being explored. It is currently expected to be held at the end of June.

COMMUNICATIONS: Stephanie Hart noted that there will be an effort to create a tie in to events like when the Merry Dairy truck came, and will also make an announcement regarding the Spring Sports numbers.

Bridlewood Business Network (BBN): No update to report

NEW BUSINESS – Rouba Fattal noted that she would like to support events that might be coming up.

- The Big Bridlewood Garage sale is planned to be held on the first Saturday in June (June 4th)

PROVINCIAL ELECTION: An all candidates information night (not a debate, or for questions of candidates) is in the works, more details to come soon.

NEXT MEETING (virtual) will be Tuesday, May 17th, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. It is planned that it will include an all candidates information night (not a debate, or for questions of candidates) if possible – pending invitations following the writ being dropped.

Mark Kozlowski moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trevor Mulligan.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katherine Robertson