

GBCA Annual General Meeting – May 10, 2022

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:31.

Coun. Keith Egli report

Not seeking re-election, there will be at least 1/3 new council and a new mayor

Predicts housing will be the next big issue

Knoxdale-Merivale Ward Council was a real success over last 12 years

Council terms ends in November

Between now and mid-July, council will do a lot of business before blackout period before election

Questions on

Cash in lieu of parkland fees raised

Housing

Policing

Intensification

Investment properties

Secondary plan

Repairing the pathway in General Burns Park

Garbage collection in General Burns Park, need for extra bin

Pickle ball at General Burns Park – practice tennis court could be measured, might be loud for neighbours

Adding a water fountain at General Burns Park

Financial report by Jason Stanley

Main revenue for 2021 was rink fund from the city of Ottawa

No lodge rental for 2021. One cheque was cashed from 2020. Rental income for the lodge is shared 50/50 with the City of Ottawa. The community association uses these funds to support community events such as the Fun Day.

A GoFundMe fundraiser raised funds for a new snowblower. Snowblower cost \$3,275

Bank balance will be added to the income statement.

Account still healthy so able to offer Fun Day this year

William Watt moved to accept the financial statements. Peter Melvin seconded.

Bookings report by Alexandra Kealey-Morin

Price for rentals has remained the same for 8 years.

Bookings have resumed now that health measures have lifted. Enhanced cleaning protocols remain.

Rink report by Karl Marszowski

Good year at the rink. Accounting doesn't quite jive because the winter season ends up being shown in two years.

Two new shovels bought every year because some walk away.

\$5,300 from the city received. \$4,400 goes to the maintenance crew. \$200 is set aside for the snowblower fund.

Schools able to use rinks again.

Haven't needed supervisors during the pandemic. If City requires again, we will have budget issues.

Skating party was successful. Good turnout. Broadways chili again.

Change room only open for changing skates and warming up. Rest of event was outside.

Tennis report from Peter Melvin

Tennis court is doing well. 410 members last year. A few years ago below 300. Membership increased during pandemic. New president.

Don't have to be a member to use the practice court.

Communications report from Kathryn Shaver

Facebook page – main page, buy and sell group, outdoor rink, butterfly garden page

Sharing weekly newsletter from the councillor, community updates

Want to revive Twitter channel, Mail Chimp email list

Website report by Samy Kourdes

Easy automated updated through wordpress

Links fixed. New events and flash page.

Spring Clean-up, Fun Day, AGM and Plant Exchange on there

Building new section history of GB – historical news stories

Geo Ottawa – interactive map – hoping to add

Video time lapse of community growing

Will share on Facebook

Events report by Kristina Proulx

Skating party was successful – 60 to 80 people attended – Karl donated chili

Snowshoes, art in the snow, Timbits, coffee, games, skating

Fun Day coming up on 28 May – 11 am to 3 pm – bouncy castle, smash cage, ice cream truck, tattoos, music, police officer, tennis club, magician

No rain date. Budget \$2,500 to \$3,000

Need volunteers

Jason will confirm donation of \$200 from councillor

Environmental report by Margaret Sambol

Clean-ups have continued spring and fall. Butterfly garden is doing well. Volunteers are being recruited for the summer.

Plant exchange will happen during the Fun Day

Executive for 2022-2023 acclaimed.

President	Jeff Seaman
Vice-president	Karl Marszowski
Secretary	VACANT
Treasurer	Jason Stanley
Bookings co-ordinator	Alexandra Kealey-Morin
Programs co-ordinator	Suyin Lee
Events co-ordinator	Kristina Shaver
Environmental projects co-ordinator	Margaret Sambol
Website co-ordinator	Samy Kourdes

Communications co-ordinator
Directors-at-large

Kathryn Shaver
Tanya Londero
Alex McAuley
Peter Melvin

Tennis club representative

New business

Alex McAuley will join the mailing list for city developments for the area so can be shared on facebook and given more visibility.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04.