

GBCA meeting - Sept. 30, 2025

Attendees: Jason Stanley, Peter Melvin, Kathryn Shaver, Margaret Sambol, Alex McAuley,

Regrets: Kristina Proulx, Alexandra Kealey-Morin, Samy Kourdes, Suyin Lee, Carolyn Hebert

Notes: (action items in bold)

Margaret

- New insurance forms received from the City for the optional insurance program. Samy will update on the website.
- Margaret put up signs in the basement for contacts for GBCA content and reported hole in basement wall to Brody (no response yet.)
- Rink office is in rough shape.
 - **Alex McAuley will contact the Boys and Girls club to arrange to donate bats and balls.** Some items are trash.
 - **Margaret to contact Mike Hayden and Karl re: the sound system in the rink office.**

-Fall cleaning the capital was completed on Sept. 28. Three participants collected one large bag of trash. The final report is submitted to the City, which completes our Adopt a Park obligations for the year.

- Margaret will put away the garden supplies in October. The small rain barrel needs to have the spout repaired.

Peter

The tennis club hosted a junior tournament on Sept. 27-28 and had a good turnout with 54 kids competing from across Ontario.

Summer camps went well. Best week had 28 kids and slowest week had 12 kids. Teo ran the camps.

152 memberships this year.

Tennis club AGM will be in November.

The club is planning to resurface the courts next year. Cost was \$6,000 per court the last time (approx. 5 years ago.)

City trimmed the hedges but need to come back to finish the tops. A new agreement is being signed with the City and may not include hedge trimming in the future. Peter will raise this as a concern with Coun. Devine.

Alex M.

Alex is helping stand-up an advisory council with the councillor. Sean's focus is on drainage following flooding last year. Council includes GB, Carleton Heights and Fisher Heights. First meeting is planned for October.

Pipes in our neighbourhood were installed in 1955 and have 50-100 year lifespan.

Ottawa side has had full road reconstruction including water mains. Nepean side has not been done yet.

Flooding issues include ditches not being maintained, additional infill creating more runoff, driveway widening and sump pump connected to sanitary sewers.

Hydrant spacing east of General Burns Park doesn't meet the current standard.

Councillor likes permeable pavement but may not hold up to Canadian weather.

New hydro poles on Fisher are making it harder to see traffic to turn out.

Argue Drive traffic calming was installed on Sept. 30. Narrowing the road visually makes people slow down.

Traffic calming is coming to Fisher to make people slow down and on Viewmount near the allotment gardens.

Kathryn

Kathryn will create "Save the Dates" for the Skating Party (Jan. 31) and Fun Day (May 23) and pin them to the top of the Facebook group.

Should we post new photos of the re-painted lodge to Facebook to attract new rentals? **(Alex K-M - can we handle more rentals?)**

And new pictures to the website? **(Need to get photos to Samy)**

Ask Sean Devine re: replacing the kitchen and the floors in the lodge (Alex M. to follow up.)

Alex, Alex, Margaret and Brody to meet on state of the lodge. (Margaret to send meeting invitation.)

Jason

For our 2024 financial statements, under "Income", I accidentally included \$2400 in "Donations" that should have been "Rentals". With the change, Rental income went up from \$5,190 to \$7,590, which means our remittance to the City increased from \$2,595 to \$3,795.

Painting and cleaning supplies are deducted from the remit as valid expenses.

Jason will prep a cheque to remit to the City.

Rentals for 2025 are just over \$9,000, wow!!

General discussion

Two folding tables are in the lodge but don't know where they are from. One was outside the lodge for a week.

GB is the largest outdoor pool in the City and third in revenue (including indoor and outdoor pools.) Issue with closure this summer was that there had been layers and layers of paint on top of previous paint. It kept chipping this summer and clouding the water. Pool was stripped back to the concrete and repainted. Last day is Oct. 3 and will end with a dog party in the pool.

GB logo - We have a very small version of the logo in very low resolution. No one has a higher res version. **Kathryn - get youth involved in designing a new logo - What does GB mean to you? Margaret has contacts with arts teachers at Merivale High School and can share a challenge poster.**

Action: Pick a wall to re-hang photos (currently in the basement).

When was the lodge built? Are we nearing a commemo