

GBCA meeting – Jan. 27, 2026

Attendees: Alex Kealey-Morin, Peter, Kathryn, Karl, Samy, Margaret, Kristina, Alex McAuley

Notes:

1. Logo

Action item: Margaret to get Julianna to design a few more options. It needs people not just the lodge. Direction should include tennis, hockey, soccer, swimming

2. Sponsorship policy

Policy has been updated to give the executive more flexibility in accepting sponsorships. It still requires a vote of the executive, but no longer protects an exclusive right to one sponsor per industry. All in favour of the new policy.

Action item: Margaret to send new policy to Samy to upload on the website.

3. *Skating party*

All set for Jan. 31. Kristina has ordered the food. Two high school volunteers are going to come. Volunteers will arrive at 10:30 a.m. Music, food, and activities, food bank donations. Alex M to bring pylons. Margaret to bring fire pit.

No barbecue this year. Kristina is buying chili in cans.

4. *Upcoming meetings with City reps*

Action item: Margaret to meet with Jenna at Carleton Heights to follow-up on wifi and renters code of conduct

Action item: Alex KM and Karl to attend the next Knoxdale-Merivale Council meeting.

For basement apartments, the City isn't picking up garbage for the second unit. Karl is raising this issue with Coun. Devine.

5. *Storm water management update*

Alex M met with Gary and Ralph last week. Infrastructure concerns letter to the city with our concerns outlined, we have drainage issues, fire hydrants, aging roads. Gary wants MPP and MPs involved. That stormwater group will focus on stormwater and drainage. Another water break near St. Rita's this year, Falaise, Normandy, Argue Philip, roads, potholes, sidewalks are puddles and ice rinks. Gary and Ralph are passionate about it. Active transportation and sidewalks. Curbs, sidewalks and sewers.

Asking the city to look at holistic problems with water management. There was a survey on FB group. Sean Devine's newsletter. Need to follow-up with the City. Alex to share the presentation again.

In CityView – restoring ditch system if your ditch is filled in without permission, then it is dug down and replaced. If you had permission to put in a culvert, unclear if it will be dug out.

Need to remind people when it floods to call 311

6. Recruitment of new volunteers

- Kathryn and Kristina are not continuing after this year. Alex KM is looking for someone to take over the rentals, as she's been doing this a long time.
- **Action item:** Kathryn to create a document with a description of roles, time commitment to share on social media and on GB website in "opportunities" section. Also advertise volunteer hours for young people
- Explore new social media platforms: Instagram or LinkedIn
- Post in NROCRC newsletter and Coun Devine's newsletter to reach out for volunteers.
- Volunteer booth at Skating Party and Fun Day
- Add purpose / mandate on website

7. Annual general meeting

AGM will be on Tuesday, May 12. From 7 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. we will give our annual updates and vote on executive. We'll invite the councillor from 7:30 to 9 p.m. for the annual update on City issues and local issues.

Action item: Alex to ask if Coun. Devine is available and preferred time 7:30 p.m.

Margaret to update AGM signs and put up once the snow melts.

8. Lodge updates

Brody to look at bathrooms in the basement. Margaret to get teens to help sweep in advance of skating party.

Service order is in to replace the light in the basement.

Alex to look at the hole in the basement again.

Basement is mostly cleared out. Office space is looking good. Bats are gone.

9. Fun Day

Fun Day – permit cost will be absorbed this year. 200th anniversary history photo display

Kristina needs financial documents to submit the request for civic events funding before the end of February.