



## **Greater Avalon Community Association**

### **MINUTES**

**Re:** Meeting of October 10, 2017  
**Location:** François Dupuis Recreation Centre, Avalon Room  
**Time:** 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

**In attendance:**

Danick LaFrance      Brendan Walker  
André Arsenault      Rachelle Lecours  
Alain Bourgeois      Margarita Iraheta

**Absent :** Nadia Elajjouri

**Guest:** Ian Baker-Gregory  
Sandy Ian Baker-Gregory

**1. Welcome**

The President welcomed everyone and introduced the two guests.

**2. Approval of the agenda**

Margarita Iraheta moved to accept the agenda as presented, seconded by André Arsenault. All in favour. **Motion carried.**

**3. Welcome Guest**

The President welcomed Mr. Ian Baker-Gregory and Sandy Ian Baker-Gregory to the meeting. Ian mentioned he would like to present his candidacy for a Director position at the upcoming AGM while Sandy would like to sit as a Member-at-Large.

**4. Reading and Approval of the minutes of the last meeting**

Alain Bourgeois moved to accept the September minutes as read, seconded by Margarita Iraheta. All in favour. **Motion carried.**

**5. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer reported a current balance of \$4,568.00 (including \$1,000.00 committed to the Edible Forest Project).

**6. Update from City Hall**

Jason Coulas provided an update on behalf of Councillor Blais. Phillippe and Joshua no longer work in the Councillor's office. Alicia Martin will be assuming some of the responsibilities.

Jason reported that Brian Coburn was open from Trim to Navan Road. The construction of the Fire Station on Portobello is well underway. The Councillor invited Cst. Arbuthnot of the City of Ottawa Police Services to a meeting with concerned citizens living around Vista Park to hear their concerns and work on possible solutions. The Councillor has since

met with the Chief of Police to discuss the recommendations and the concerns brought up during this meeting. The TransOrléans pathway is progressing well and will be maintained this Winter based on the snowfall. A change has been made to the bicycle lights on Tenth Line Road to make it safer for motorists and cyclists. The Councillor met with the working group dedicated to creating an ‘edible forest’ next to the greenhouse at Gisèle-Lalonde Secondary School and offered his support. A roundabout at the corner of Brian Coburn and Strasbourg Street is being proposed and another at Gerry Lalonde Dr. and Brian Coburn.

## **7. AGM November 17<sup>th</sup> (Friday) – Planning**

### **a) Discuss agenda and Guest speaker**

The secretary invited Cst Arbuthnot, City Police Services. She will attend and discuss neighbourhood safety and security as well as the Neighbourhood Watch Program.

### **b) Discuss advertising options**

Advertising will be done through our Facebook page, local newspapers, bus shelters, grocery stores and the François Dupuis Recreation Centre (flyers and outside billboard). Jason suggested sending the invitation in both languages to Councillor Blais’s office to include in the Councillor’s Newsletter.

Danick moved to approve \$200 to print new street signs, seconded by Alain Bourgeois. **All in Favour. Motion Carried.**

**Action Item:** Bren will do the art work for the poster and flyers. He will check to see what can be salvaged from last year.

**Action Item:** The Secretary will check the price with different suppliers and work with Bren on ordering new street signs if necessary.

**Action Item:** The President will boost the ad on Facebook a few weeks before the AGM at a cost of \$25.00

The Secretary will follow-up with a request for a gift basket from Chocolats Favoris or a selection basket from Sobeys to give away as a prize/contest on our Facebook page to bring attention to our upcoming AGM.

## **8. Other Business**

### **a) Project Edible Forest update**

The Secretary reported that a meeting was held with a representative of Gisèle-Lalonde, the Rotary Club and Councillor Blais to seek the City’s support. Follow-up meetings and discussions are planned to move the project forward.

### **b) Application for Civic Event 2018**

The Secretary will finalize and forward the application for a grant for Family Day to the City before the deadline.

### **c) Discuss venue for the December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting**

Possibilities to hold the December meeting at a member’s home (6-8pm) was discussed. Bren offered to host again in Metcalfe. Margarita and Rachelle will decide if they can host also. The Secretary will report on the time and location at a later date once a decision is made.

**9. Round Table**

The Secretary mentioned that Staples had given the GACA a cartridge for the printer (value \$100.).

**Action Item:** André to add the Staples logo to our web site and Alain to add the logo to our Facebook page.

**10. Date of next meeting – Note:** The monthly scheduled meeting dated November 14 is cancelled. The next meeting will be the **AGM on November 16, 2017 at the Aquaview Community Centre, 318 Aquaview Drive.**

**11. Adjournment** – Bren called the meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.