



## **Greater Avalon Community Association**

### **MINUTES**

**Re:** Meeting of January 9, 2018  
**Location:** François Dupuis Recreation Centre, Avalon Room,  
**Time:** 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

**In attendance:**

Danick LaFrance	Brendan Walker
Alain Bourgeois	Stefan Baginski
André Arsenault	Rachelle Lecours
Justin Chan	Cyan Berkel
Denis Bohémier	Gail McQuaid-Bohémier

**Regrets :**

Ian Baker-Gregory  
Sandy Ian Baker-Gregory

**Guests:**

Janina Baginski  
Jason Coulas, Assistant to Councillor Blais

**1. Welcome**

The President welcomed everyone.

**2. Approval of the agenda**

Three items were added to the agenda under Item 7. Other Business: d) Survey on state of active transportation; e) Volunteer to sit on Planning Advisory Committee; and f) BBQ planning. André Arsenault moved to accept the agenda as amended, seconded by Alain Bourgeois. All in favour. **Motion carried.**

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

Alain Bourgeois moved to accept the December minutes as read, seconded by Stefan Baginski. All in favour. **Motion carried.**

**4. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer reported a current balance of \$3,046.00.

**5. Update from City Hall (Jason Coulas Assistant to Councillor Blais)**

Jason Coulas brought the group up to date regarding proposed roundabouts and the status of the new fire station amongst other announcements.

On the question of the closure of community newspapers, the City is reviewing its commitment to communities and will be providing additional information in February. It was mentioned that Orléans may not be as affected since the Star and l'Orléanais will still be published. However it was noted that these papers are not readily available and most members agreed they had not seen the publication for the past two months.



Jason mentioned two City programs that could help the elderly and disabled. The SnowGo Assist program for seniors and disabled persons and the Snow Angel Program.  
**Action Item:** Jason will send the information to Danick for posting on our Facebook page.

## 6. Family Day Planning

### a) Review Task List

The task list was reviewed and cost and responsibilities confirmed and reassigned. All action items related to this item were completed or are in progress.

### b) Advertising

The group discussed different advertising possibilities including renting a billboard for a month.

**Action Item:** Rachelle will forward rental information to the executive committee for approval.

Other forms of advertising including distributing posters, parent newsletters in schools, etc. were discussed and will be prepared for distribution.

### c) City Grant Approved

The City approved a grant of \$2,500.00 to host the Family Night event. The President expressed his gratitude to the City for their financial assistance.

## 7. Other Business

### a) Review Working Group document

The Secretary led the review of the document. Directors identified which working groups they were interested to lead or support.

**Action Item:** The Secretary will update the document and distribute at the next meeting.

### b) Project Edible Forest update

The Secretary reported that the work for Phase 1 was completed at the end of December. The invoice has been paid in full. Planting will start in the Spring.

### c) Petition to Stand Up for Community Newspapers update

It was reported that the City has no obligation to communities except to ensure that amendments to by-laws and regulation, etc. are well advertized. The City reported that Orléans was still served by the Star and l'Orléanais. The Secretary reaffirmed every members concern that contrary to the city's observation, this area of Orléans had not seen a copy of the Star or l'Orléanais for over two months. Members questioned why these two publications were not distributed with the flyers.

**Action Item:** The Secretary will get an update from the publishers of the Star and l'Orléanais and report back at the next meeting.

Meanwhile the GACA will continue to send articles and announcements to both papers.

### d) Survey on state of active transportation

**Action Item:** André Arsenault will respond to the survey.



e) **Volunteer to Sit on Planning Advisory Committee**

**Action Item:** The Secretary will get additional information on this new committee and their objective. She will report her findings at the next meeting and a decision can be made at that time in response to the City's request for nominations.

f) **BBQ planning**

Reserve Enbridge

**Action Item:** The President is to reserve Enbridge for the September 8<sup>th</sup> BBQ.

**8. Round Table**

No new items were identified.

**9. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held at the François Dupuis Recreation Centre, Avalon Room from 7:30 to 9:30 on **February 13, 2018**

10. **Adjournment** – Bren called the meeting adjourned at 9:23pm.