



## **Greater Avalon Community Association**

### **MINUTES**

**Re:** Meeting of April 10, 2018  
**Location:** François Dupuis Recreation Centre, Avalon Room,  
**Time:** 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

**In attendance:**

Danick LaFrance	Justin Chan
Brendan Walker	Stefan Baginski
André Arsenault	Rachelle Lecours
Alain Bourgeois	Ian Baker-Gregory
Denis Bohémier	Gail McQuaid-Bohémier

**Regrets:**

Cyan Berkel  
Sandy Ian Baker-Gregory

**Guest:**

Councillor Stephen Blais  
Alicia Martin Councillor Blais's Assistant  
Alisdair MacRae and Chi Wei Lee

**1. Welcome**

The President welcomed everyone.

**2. Approval of the agenda**

Item no. 6 Presentation on 'Alcohol in Ottawa' is deleted from the agenda since the presenter could not attend. A motion to approve the amended agenda was proposed by Ian Baker-Gregory seconded by André Arsenault. All in favour. **Motion carried.**

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

The March meeting was cancelled because of lack of quorum. Stefan Baginski moved to accept the February minutes as read, seconded by Ian Baker-Gregory. All in favour. **Motion carried.**

**4. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer reported a current balance of \$9,942.00.

**5. Update from City Hall**

Councillor Blais mentioned that construction of the roundabout at Brian Coburn and Strasbourg will start at the beginning of May for completion August 18th. It will be the same size as the one at Portobello and Brian Coburn. Aquaview and Esprit at Brian Coburn are both going to have traffic lights. Aquaview is funded and may get done at the end of this year, if not in 2019. Esprit will need a left turn lane so engineering work is underway. Funding is being secured for 2019.



A left arrow for the North bound traffic at Vanguard and Tenth Line will be installed this year. An environmental assessment to extend Vanguard through to Mer Bleue is being conducted. A public meeting will be held to decide on the road alignment.

Minto tried to develop the lands around Avalon Pond 4 years ago and have now submitted an application with the City. Public meetings will be held to discuss the proposed development. Construction will be a year or so away. Minto has also submitted an application for the *Isgar* development located at the end of Lakeview Drive. Public meetings will also be scheduled to get local input.

The lands originally belonging to Mr. Legault situated on the West side and East side of Portobello Blvd. at Aquaview Dr. was sold to the Regional Group and development will occur in phases. No date has been provided.

Light Rail Transit (LRT) is to open in November. OC Transpo customers can now load their Presto card at Shoppers Drug Marts.

Councillor Blais announced big plans for the land around the François Dupuis Recreation Centre such as soccer field, cricket pitch and expanded parking. He is looking to get more land and build a 50 acre park that could possibly include an active and passive park, a tennis court, toboggan hill, duck pond and board walk. The City planners are looking at two development plans as a long term project.

#### **6. Presentation on ‘Alcohol in Ottawa’**

The guest speaker was not available therefore the presentation will be rescheduled for a later date.

#### **7. Discussion regarding ‘Fire Station 55 Public Art Project’**

Mr. MacRae and Mr. Lee discussed the criteria for the art work and asked the members to provide their opinion on what kind of art work they would like to see and where. They mentioned that they were one of four finalists for the project. The members preferred to have the art work located on the North face of the Fire Station instead of in front or at the back. They also agreed that they wanted a sculpture made of shiny metal such as aluminum to reflect the light as opposed to concrete. They also did not want any kind of abstract art. The members hoped to be able to view the submission of the four finalists in order to provide their comments before the contract is allocated.

**Action Item:** The Secretary will advise the Councillor’s office accordingly and see if that can be arranged.

#### **8. Family Day Night Postmortem**

The layout of the park was discussed. It felt too crowded. A suggestion was made to clear the snow further up to the ice rink next year. Parking on the street was also a major problem. It was recommended to ask the City to provide ‘No Parking’ on the side streets, especially the corners, to give the wagon unrestricted access. The City will have to be



contacted to make this possible. It was also recommended to use a generator or two to avoid the use of extension cords.

Justin Chan reported on the survey conducted on Family Night.

- 1) Advertising: 46% of people surveyed saw the invitation on Facebook, 28% on Billboard at Brian Coburn and 8% at Alain Fortin Catholique Elementary School.
- 2) Event participation in previous years: 58% attended BBQs, 8% responded to Garage Sale and 29% participated in Family Night
- 3) 55% of families live in Avalon, 17% come from Chapel Hill and Fallingbrook and 14% Avalon South
- 4) 45% of respondents said they were familiar with what the GACA does, 49% said no and 6% said somewhat.
- 5) Other events respondents would like to see in the future was: a magic show, outdoor movies, camping.
- 6) 64% preferred the Family Day event to be held at night, while 32% preferred daytime, and 4% had no preference

## 9. BBQ Planning

- a) Review Planning Document  
The document was reviewed and further tasks assigned.
- b) Review Partnership Document  
Mr. Baginski is planning to visit and possibly recruit new partners. It was suggested to look at Minto more closely to encourage them to be a primary partner. Their contribution to the Association has been going down while they currently are applying for 2 more developments in the area.

## 10. Other Business

- a) **FCA/FAC discussion and motion to become member**  
Mr. Baginski recommended that the Association should become a member and suggested he could be the representative. A motion to approved the membership fee of \$30.00 was proposed by Alain Bourgeois, seconded by Justin Chan. All in favour. **Motion Carried.**  
**Action Item:** The Treasurer will give Mr. Baginski a cheque for \$30.00 to pay for the FCA membership for 2018.
- b) **Stop Publicity on GACA Web and Facebook for MPP M-F Lalonde.**  
All publicity on our web and facebook pages will stop on May 9<sup>th</sup> as directed due to the upcoming provincial elections scheduled for June 7<sup>th</sup>.  
**Action Item:** Alain to remove the ad from Facebook and André to remove the ad from our Web site on or before May 9<sup>th</sup>.
- c) **Application for Community Environmental Projects Grant Program (CEPGP)**  
An application was submitted by the Secretary on behalf of the GACA for a \$4000.00 grant to help fund Phase 2 of the Edible Forest at the Gisèle-Lalonde Secondary Public School. A response is expected by end of May.
- d) **Old GACA signs to be recycled**



The Secretary asked the members to let her know if they had old signs that needed to be recycled since someone was asking for them.

**Action Item:** All members to let the Secretary know if they have old signs.

e) **Request for financial support – Summerside Public School**

Because of lack of time, this item will be scheduled for the next meeting.

**Action Item:** The Secretary is to place this item on the agenda for the next meeting.

f) **Invitation to Councillor Blais’s Ladies Tea**

The Secretary extended the invitation to the spouses of the committee members.

g) **Yoga in the Park**

The Association received an invitation to partner with a yoga instructor to hold yoga classes in the park this Spring, Summer and Fall. The Councillor mentioned that he would be able to share the information on his Web page.

**Action Item:** Alain Bourgeois will communicate with Anik Elgin and see if there is an interest in the community.

h) **Proposal for All Candidate meeting – Provincial Elections**

The President suggested that the Association organize or participate with other community Association to host an All Candidate meeting.

**Action Item:** The President is to contact other neighbouring Associations to gauge the possibility of an All Candidate meeting to be held in Orléans.

## 11. Round Table

a) **Community Garage Sale May 26th**

The Secretary reminded everyone about the upcoming Community Garage Sale to be held **May 26<sup>th</sup>**.

**Action Item:** The President is to divide our catchment area to put up the signs.

**Action Item:** The Secretary is to prepare the advertising for the local newspapers and the François Dupuis electronic billboard.

**Action Item:** Alain is to post the information on Facebook.

b) **Edible Forest Project**

The Treasurer mentioned that the Association needs to provide more visibility on our Facebook page to the Edible Forest Project.

**Action Item:** The Secretary is to prepare an announcement to publicize the project.

## 12. 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 **May 8, 2018**

**Adjournment** – Alain called the meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.