



Greater Avalon Community Association

MINUTES

Re: Meeting of May 8, 2018
Location: François Dupuis Recreation Centre, Avalon Room,
Time: 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

In attendance:

Justin Chan Cyan Berkel
Brendan Walker Sandy Ian Baker-Gregory
André Arsenault Rachelle Lecours
Ian Baker-Gregory Gail McQuaid-Bohémier
Denis Bohémier

Regrets:

Stefan Baginski
Alain Bourgeois
Danick LaFrance

1. Welcome

In the absence of the President, the Vice-President welcomed everyone.

2. Approval of the agenda

A motion to approve the agenda as presented was proposed by Ian Baker-Gregory seconded by Brendan Walker. All in favour. **Motion carried.**

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

Brendan Walker moved to accept the April minutes as read, seconded by Sandra Baker-Gregory. All in favour. **Motion carried.**

4. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported a current balance of \$11,888.00.

5. Garage Sale May 26th

a) Post signs

André has approx. 50 signs to put up.

Action Item: Bren and André will post the signs on May 21st.

b) Advertising

Announcements have been sent to the Orléans New and Orléanais local papers and to FDRC to post on the outside electronic billboard. The President will advertise on Facebook.

Action Item: Danick to boost the ad for the Garage Sale on our Facebook page.

6. BBQ Planning

a) Review Planning Document

The document was reviewed and further tasks assigned.

It was discussed to divide the requirement for the food between the three grocery stores instead of putting the onus on Metro only.



Action Item: Brendan will prepare a draft letter identifying the food required ie hot dogs, buns chips condiments napkins etc. and the quantities required for the BBQ.

Action Item: Once the letter has been approved, Brendan will meet with the grocers to elaborate the plan for the BBQ. The Secretary offered to attend this meeting since she is familiar with the owners.

b) Review Partnership Document

The Secretary reported on behalf of Mr. Baginski. A few new partners have been identified and Mr. Baginski met with some of them. Boston Pizza will participate this year as a new partner. He approached Hyundai on Youville, Rogers and an Optometrist shop on Innes and CAA. He received no responses so far.

Action Item: Gail and Denis Bohémier will follow-up with CAA since they know someone who may be able to help.

c) Contact all volunteer groups for BBQ

The Secretary reminder the volunteer coordinators to contact them soon since people will be away for the Summer.

Action Item: Cyan is to contact the High Schools for student volunteers and the Army Cadets.

Action Item: Stefan is to contact the Scouts to give them a heads-up.

Action item: Alain to contact the Air Cadets.

d) Discuss partnership level for major sponsor ie \$2K+.

A new level of partnership was discussed for contributors \$2K and above. A new category called Community Leader, Star, Benefactor or Spotlight was mentioned.

Action Item: The Secretary asked the members to think about a title for this new category and send her the suggestions.

7. Update on Edible Forest Project

a) Community Environmental Project Grant Program (CEPGP) application

The secretary submitted an application for a grant under the CEPGP program at City Hall. She is expecting an answer by the end of May.

b) A photo opportunity will be held on May 25th. Brendan will attend if possible.

Action Item: The Secretary will remind Brendan of the time and place.

8. Other Business

a) Update – Yoga in the park

The survey conducted by Alain showed a great interest in the yoga sessions. The instructor will give free yoga sessions once a week on Mondays in the evening to anyone interested. The Secretary sent a request to rent different City Parks within our catchment area. Total cost would be \$372.45 for 13 classes. She also contacted two programs offering incentives to use City parks this summer through



Ecology Ottawa. Negotiations are underway to be able to use their services and possibly get financial support. The contact for this project is Alain Bourgeois.

b) Request for financial Support – Summerside Public School

The consensus is to give schools and other non-profit organizations moral support, letters of support and visibility on our Facebook page only but no financial support.

c) Update- Proposal for All Candidate meeting – Provincial elections

Since the President was absent, this item was not discussed.

9. Round Table

a) Creating a garden around the FDRC

This project was mentioned last year and need to be discussed with Councillor Blais's office. Cyan Berkel will lead this project with the objective of creating a garden on the North side of the recreation centre.

Action Item: The Secretary is to schedule a meeting with Councillor Blais to discuss further.

b) Spring Cleaning in the Capital

No one was willing to take the lead on this one. No action will be taken.

c) HST recovery for the GACA

The Secretary asked if anyone had experience in claiming HST from Revenue Canada.

Action Item: Brendan will check with someone he knows and get back to us.

a) 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 **June 12, 2018**

Adjournment – Brendan called the meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.