

**Qualicum Graham Park Community Association
Annual General Meeting
Thursday October 14, 2004
7:30 p.m.**

Present: Executive members = Lauria Blackwell, Linda Ryan, Kim Butler, LeoPaoletti, Sue Finlay, Shaunna Taylor, Nicole Cardillo and approximately 80 members of the community.

1. Introductions - Sue Finlay opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking them for coming. She introduced the proposed executive and asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none.

2. Voting - Scott Pegrul motioned that the proposed executive be accepted as is and this was seconded by Brenda Ferguson. All were in favour and the motion was carried.

Pres = Susan Finlay

Vice-Pres = Leo Paoletti

Treasurer = Kim Butler

Secretary = Linda Ryan

Members-at-large = Lauria Blackwell, Karen Leggatt, Liz Barrett, Leslie Zanetti, Nicole Cardillo, Shaunna Taylor.

3. Treasurer's Report - was given by treasurer Kim Butler. We have a positive year-end balance.

4. Volunteer Thank you - There is an evening planned for Sat Nov 6th at the community center to provide a tangible thank you for community volunteers. These are people who have donated their time over a prolonged time frame and/or donated lots of time for single large events. They have all contributed for the benefit of the community and we thank them.

5. Reserve Fund Update - Last year at the AGM we learned that the community's choice to replace the skate shack was too costly for the \$20,000 set aside for us from Nepean's reserve fund. So the vote at last year's AGM placed the Nanaimo park rejuvenation as the next option. Plans have been drawn up and were on display for all to see. There would be trees/shrubs added along the houses from Brian that back onto the park to provide some privacy for them; a pathway laid down from the path on Beaumaris to the play structure with trees along the path (this is the line that divides the park from the school property); possibly benches; and a low fence along the curve near the play structure onto Nanaimo Dr. Depending on the final cost there could be fundraising opportunities for a family to sponsor a bench or a tree.

6. Lighting at the side of the School - There has been a number of residents concerned that the lack of lighting on the west side of the school is dangerous. Rick Chiarelli said last year he would look into this but we will ask him again. One resident who backs onto the school did not want any lighting. Residents mentioned that the community needs to talk to the owners of the Rambam school to discuss common issues. It was mentioned that someone on the exec had already agreed to do this.

7. Community Center Update - The center is well utilized with good variety of programs. Check the web site or call Leslie Zanetti for more info or if you wish to rent the centre or run a program.

8. Community Memberships - The memberships are very important for having a voice with the city on issues that affect our community. The small fee also pays for the bulletins, Community Day, Winter Carnival and the web site. Please encourage your neighbours to join.

9. Soil Remediation - Nancy Horton from the City of Ottawa provided info about the recent work that was done. The sensors that they placed in the soil showed that there was some oil coming from under the school and migrating to the west. The original work only dug up the pathway and some of the abutting yards. This time they dug under the school to remove remaining oil. There is no health risk. See attached document from the city for more details.

10. Local Traffic Issues - Leo placed a speed detector on Nanaimo, Okanagan, and Beaumaris to make drivers aware of their speed. Many of the speeders live in the neighbourhood. There is also the problem of cut through traffic. Both of these problems may be helped by traffic calming measures like speed bumps or narrowing the streets but there are drawbacks to these. Leo is supposed to get some ideas from the city. Good news is that the advanced green light for the left turn lane into our neighbourhood from Bayshore is now triggered by the first car! People were reminded to be sure their lawn lights are in good repair and lit. Also for people walking at night to ensure they have reflective or light clothing on so the drivers can see them. (Slides from this presentation are on the MTO web site)

11. Queensway 417 Assessment - Leo presented info from MTO's website regarding the Queensway and its safety. MTO's goal is to make the access to it and the 417 safer as well as move traffic along the road more efficiently. Our community will be affected by their plan to close most of the on/off ramps from the 417 onto Richmond Rd and re-route the cars onto Holly Acres Rd for access. This will change the noise levels in parts of the community. Leo will investigate why a sound barrier is not already built along part of Richmond Rd with current sound levels. The closing of the ramps will allow a continuous sidewalk along Richmond Rd to Bayshore.

12. Transportation Master Plan - Chris Snider has been following this issue and provided info to group. The city plans to expand the light rail service. The current draft plans show a light rail running along the homes that back onto the greenspace on Aleutian and Sioux. This line would connect the future rail from Carling Ave to the current train rail across from the Queensway Carleton Hospital. There is a station currently planned across from the hospital and a Bells Corners station behind Loeb's. Apparently QCH has written to the city supporting the rail through the greenspace but they wish the station to be at the back of the homes on Sioux. Chris Snider motioned that our community propose an alternate route along the north side of Richmond Rd where it would intersect the current train line at the Bells Corners station. This avoids having the expense of having the light rail crossing Richmond Rd and Baseline Rd. Also he proposed that we do not support a station in the greenspace

or across from the hospital as it is too close to the BC station. The motion was seconded by Sue Finlay and passed by a show of hands. No one opposed. There was discussion of the fact that it has been some time since the exec had contact with QCH and there should be an effort to re-establish this link. (Slides from this presentation are on the web site)

13. Queensway Carleton Hospital Update - Chris Snider informed us that the construction on the current phase 2 is well ahead of schedule and is due to open in Feb or March of 2005. The ground floor will have a much larger emergency dept and a new east-facing entrance. The next floor up will have a new ICU and 34 medical beds. And the top floor will have 13 Geriatric beds and 25 Rehab beds.

Phase 3 construction will add 4 more operating rooms, a small addition to the mental health unit and a large addition to the current front for out-patient Rehabilitation, Cardiopulmonary and ambulatory care. This is due to be finished in 2007.

14. Rick Chiarelli - Was unable to make it due to an emergency meeting regarding the paramedics. A suggestion was made that if Rick is unable to make it that he send someone from his office to provide us with info and we may pass along our concerns to him.

15. Community Association Accomplishments - Sue mentioned just a few of the great things that volunteer hours have accomplished over the past year - Community Day in June - Winter Carnival in February - painting and sprucing up of the community center - increased usage of the community center - air conditioning installation in the large room of the community center - new bulletin format - securing a simpler name for our web site.

16. Website - We have a new website name = www.qualicum.org. People can send their suggestions for the website to postmaster@qualicum.org. Thanks to Andy Miller for all his work on the website.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30.

Linda Ryan
Recording secretary