

QUALICUM -GRAHAM PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OCTOBER 17, 2002

1. Introductory remarks - Joel McGrath

Joel briefly welcomed everyone to the AGM and thanked them for attending.

2. Community Activities - Joel McGrath

Joel reviewed the following activities that are running well within the community. He thanked the people in charge of them and mentioned that all events can always use more volunteers to spread the workload out.

Winter Party - Sheila Armstrong and Linda Ryan
Play Group - Sheila Armstrong and Lauria Blackwell
Skating Rink - John Willson
After School Program - Bhanu Mistry

The QGP web site has up-to-date community directories for anyone to print off.

Joel also thanked people like Marcia Hayes (treasurer) and Len Grummet(neighbourhood watch). Commented on how it is unfortunate that there are no Beavers, Cubs, Sparks or Brownies in our community centre this year but hopefully in the future.

3. Election of Executive Members and Directors - Joel McGrath

New members are need to fill the positions of President and Vice President.

The slate was agreed upon as follows -

President.....	vacant	
Vice-Pres.....	vacant	
Treasurer.....	Marcia Hayes	726-1177
Secretary.....	Linda Ryan	829-8916
Past Pres.....	Joel McGrath	829-8702
Members at Large.....	Steve Dzioba	820-7011
	Wendy Hartley	820-2811
	Beth Graham	828-9252
	Paul Bodnoff	596-6732

4. Financial Report - Marcia Hayes

Report as attached was reviewed. We are in a good financial position.

5. Neighbourhood Safety - Constable Dave Stewart 236-1222 ext 2284

Dave grew up in the west end of Ottawa and has worked our area for 17 years. He reviewed the statistics in our area.

Of interest is that break and enters have dropped by 50% in our neighbourhood.

Suspicious incidents are up which Dave says is good that people are reporting them. He asked people to continue to report them because things that are out of place can indicate something serious. For instance #1 Beaumaris was raided in May 2002 because police found it was a grow house for marijuana.

Qualicum-Graham Park is known as a desirable place to live due to affluence therefore he cautioned us to be careful and take all precautions to protect our belongings.

Tier 1 number to call police	236-1222 ext 2284(Dave)
Tier 2	230-6211
Tier 3	911

6. State of Baseline ward - Rick Chiarelli

Rick's number at Ben Franklin Place = 727-6634

☞ Reserve Fund Allocation - The former city of Nepean was successful in keeping the reserve fund within our former city. There will be \$2 million of it going to the Queensway Carleton Hospital, \$2 mill to build Ben Franklin Park at the corner of Hunt Club and Greenbank and \$260,000 for a skate board park probably near the Woodroffe transit station and Ben Franklin Place.

There is also \$20,000 per community available for a capital building project. One possible project is to replace the run down skate shack with one that is larger and new. Please call Joel A.S.A.P. as we need to decide within the next 2 months what we want to do.

☞ There are still legal issues around the oil contamination around the community centre and the school. The city of Ottawa will complete the clean-up.

However the city staff have recommended the QGP community building be taken over by the city and that it be leased to Academie de la Capitale during the day. Apparently this private school is short on space and could use this building. The city feels that we are not using it enough. There is play group 3 mornings week plus Common Threads meetings as well as the after school program.

The city seems to have forgotten that we raised money to build this place and it belongs to the community and should be used for the community.

Motion by Liz Barrett that the community centre not be leased to the school for non-community purposes. Seconded by Carol. Passed by the group.

City of Ottawa Corporate services cte will review the idea of leasing this community ctr. Liz Barrett and Larry Woods will go to the cte and present our motion to defend keeping this building for our community.

☞ Question regarding the lack of grass cutting on Baseline road and Nanaimo/Richmond roads as well as weed control. Rick said that the bylaw harmonization process will take a total of 10 years and some of these issues will be covered with this process.

☞ Animal control bylaw will take into account 27 former bylaws. This bylaw has been completed.

☞ Rick is chair of the Long Range Financial cte. This cte is advocating a pay-as-you-go policy like the former city of Nepean had. There may be public/private partnerships as well as selling off surplus city assets. The proposal goes to full council Oct 23rd. Predictions are that there will be a \$270 million gap between revenues and expenses in the next 2 years. Please call , write or e-mail Rick to let him know your views on the pay-as-you-go policy.

☞ Library amalgamation has been one of the successes of amalgamation. Library usage has gone way up since amalgamation. Centrepointhe usage is up 50% and before amalgamation it was the 2nd busiest branch so it is now probably the busiest branch in eastern Ontario.

☞ Pesticides - Some council members want a full ban on pesticides on private properties. Motion by Chris Snider and seconded by Liz Barrett to support a ban on chemical pesticides. This was defeated.

Motion by Joel McGrath and seconded by Karl Roth to support a public education campaign on the use of alternative, safe methods to control pests and weeds. Motion was passed.

☞ There was a concern that Leslie Zanetti, who does the bookings for the community ctre, is personally liable for everything that happens at the ctre. Rick's office is looking into this issue.

7. Valley Stream Tennis Club - Colleen Corby

The courts need to be resurfaced. The last time they were done was 14 years ago. Colleen will apply for the \$20,000 for the Valley Stream neighbourhood to do the resurfacing.

8. Queensway Development Studies - Joel McGrath

Joel has all the details for the east and the west expansion plans. The west study is done and this will see some parts of the 417 widen to 8 lanes near the 416 highway. This is to accomodate the heavy traffic they are predicting will head to Kanata each morning for work in the future.

The east study is just getting underway to determine what the plan will be.

9. Other business - Joel McGrath

Baseline and Guthrie will see 17-25 townhouses being built on the site. The wooded area west of it will not change from its present state.

No news when the 2nd half of the footpath to Bayshore will be completed.

**Meeting adjourned @ 10:00 p.m. for wine and cheese
secretary**

Linda Ryan recording