

**Qualicum-Graham Park Exec Meeting
Tuesday September 28, 2004**

Present - Joel McGrath, Susan Finlay, Leo Paoletti, Linda Ryan, Nicole Cardillo, Shaunna Taylor, Kim Butler, Jill Angus, Chris Snider for item #1

1. **Light Rail Expansion** - Chris updated the group on the history of the greenspace between Queensway Carleton Hospital and our neighbourhood. Before the hospital was built it (the hospital) received approval from our community due to an agreement that stipulated that QCH would not build between the current John Sutherland Dr and our community. Despite this the hospital has attempted to build an office block in 1978 and 1988. Both times the community opposed the projects. In fact, in 1978 the City of Nepean put a by-law in place that provided a 400-foot buffer between the community and QCH. In 1996 QCH pursued a plan to build parking lots within the 400-foot perimeter. And in 1998 a possible Alzheimer facility. RMOC, in 1996, proposed 552 high-density town homes but vocal opposition had this plan scuttled as well. The new City of Ottawa is now proposing that light rail be run from Bayshore along the Greenbelt behind our community to link with the current rail line running south of Baseline Rd. Unfortunately the hospital is supporting this light rail proposal. At a special community meeting March 3, 2004 there was a unanimous vote to oppose the use of the Green belt for light rail.

The exec has approved Chris' suggestion to commence a campaign to divert the light rail to the west side of Richmond Rd. This would avoid the light from crossing both Richmond and Baseline roads reducing the distance and the embankments hence reduce the cost. Also the rail would then join up to the existing rail in Bells Corners closer to the current retail and enhance their business.

At the AGM we will ask for volunteers to assist with this project.

2. **AGM Agenda** - The usual items such as treasurer's report; voting in of the exec; traffic update; importance of membership and how it benefits the community. Also light rail update, oil spill update, and Rick Chiarelli.

The date for the AGM is Thurs Oct 14th at 7:30 at the community centre.

Posters - Linda

Refreshments - Linda

Food - Shaunna

Flyers – Sue, Lauria, and Linda

3. **New Residents Program** -Nicole Cardillo has agreed to take on this role. She will learn of new residents through word of mouth as well as updates from the bulletin distributors. Nicole will give the residents info regarding the web site, the benefits of membership, and the latest bulletin.

4. **Voting on Exec Changes** - Shaunna is stepping down as vice-president. Sue motioned that

Leo take the VP position - Kim seconded and voted yes by all present. Linda motioned that Nicole, Jill, and Shaunna be added as members-at-large. It was seconded by Sue and voted yes by all present. There was an e-mail vote in July to have Kim Butler replace Kathy Kaitola as treasurer since Kathy moved out of the neighbourhood.

5. **Signing Authorities/Financials** – This will be changed to reflect Kim as treasurer and Leo as VP. Shaunna’s motion, seconded by Jill, and all in favour.

The following changes to signing authority were approved and will be implemented with the bank. Main account signing authority will be two of the following – Susan Finlay, Leo Paoletti, Kim Butler, Leslie Zanetti, Joel McGrath. Money Market account will be two of the following – Susan Finlay, Leo Paoletti, Kim Butler.

Kim said the statements at year-end will be done on an accrual basis. We may get a QGP credit card with 3 people having signing authority to pay for expenses for the community day, photocopying etc...

6. **Traffic** - Leo said there is cut thru traffic and we now need to discuss traffic calming measures for this. Also the left turn lane from Bayshore is now triggered by the first car in the lane instead of the second.

7. **Community Center** - The new city has streamlined the guidelines for all community centre bookings. The groups who have already signed up for this year under the old policy will remain. We will use the new guidelines for any people signing up. Also the community centre is being well used.

8. **Reserve Fund Update** - The Nanaimo Park spruce up will go ahead. We do not know the date when it will be done.

9. **Budget 2005** - George Angus will be approached to see if he would be interested to help with a community response to the upcoming budget.

10. **Baseline Monterey Creek Development** - This was voted by city council to go through but apparently the developer has agreed to preserve the 100-year-old bur oak tree as well as retaining most of the area as green space (2/3?)

11. **Oil Spill Clean-Up** - There is some ongoing clean-up being done at the west side of the school/community centre. There will be someone from the city at the AGM to answer any questions regarding this.

12. **Follow-up Items** -Lighting around the school is still a problem.

- Joel McGrath agreed to contact the owner of the school regarding the poor building appearance as well as the Rabbi about the bullying behaviour of the students and the lack of supervision from the teachers.

- The contact for new signboards discovered the business he knew of has gone under so we need to look for another volunteer to start looking.

13. **Accomplishments** - Community Day
- Winter Fun Day

- New simpler web site address
- New garage sale date
- Paint job and spruce up of community centre
- Addition of air conditioning in the large room of the community centre
- New bulletin format
- Increased usage of the community centre - Yoga, Pilates, Kindermusik, Scouts, Jugglers, After school program.
- Traffic monitoring of speed and volumes
- Maintaining hockey rink and pleasure rink

To celebrate all the accomplishments we will plan a volunteer thank you at the community centre in early November.

Recorder
Linda Ryan