

**Minutes of Bayview Village Association
Executive Meeting: Tuesday, 17 January 2017
Susan Wires' Residence
52 Citation Drive -7:30 p.m.
Chair: Tim Storus**

In attendance: Tim Storus, David McGhee, Jean Probyn, Jan Siegel, Courtney Doldron, Sue Wires, Debbie Bristow, Judi Codd, Sharon Johnson, Monty McDonald and David Magil.

Absent: Eric Bristow and Jane Robertson.

1. Welcome/Call to Order

At 7:45 p.m., Tim Storus welcomed the members of the executive, called the meeting to order and thanked Susan Wires for hosting the meeting.

2. Approval of Tonight's Draft Agenda

Jan Siegel made a motion to approve tonight's Agenda subject to amendment to add new business items. The motion was seconded and the Agenda was unanimously approved.

3. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting on 15 November 2016

David Magil was unable to attend the previous meeting. He questioned the motion passed on 15 November 2016 to earmark the funds raised at the Gala for future social events rather than putting them into general revenue. Sharon Johnson thought these funds should be used for all future social events and activities. Jan Siegel and others explained the rationale for the decision but it was thought the wording of the resolution that was passed was sufficiently broad for this purpose: "Use of the funds for any particular social event is to be discussed and decided or approved in the ordinary course by the BVA executive."

Judi Codd moved to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of 15 November 2016. The motion was seconded by Jean Probyn and the Minutes were approved.

4. Treasurer's Report

Debbie Bristow reviewed in detail her written Treasurer's Report as at 17 January 2017. In particular, she reviewed the bank account balances and the receipts, dues and expenses. Debbie

Debbie Bristow moved to have her report accepted. The motion was seconded by Jan Siegel and the report was accepted.

Debbie Bristow moved to have each committee meet and develop a budget to be tabled at the executive meeting on 21 February 2017. The motion was seconded by Sue Wires and carried.

5. Committee Reports

(a) Membership

Jean Probyn reported in Jane Robertson's absence. She said there were two new memberships

and the total membership was now over 400. She said envelopes had been ordered in preparation for a membership drive. The Directory was in preparation. Judi Codd noted the Newsletter would be canvassing membership renewals and an e-blast would be sent to encourage online renewals.

David Magil asked whether the names of all who attended the Gala have been kept for the purpose of canvassing potential new members. It appears they have.

Advertising for new members in the directory was discussed. It was noted there are weather problems related to delivering envelopes and it was a long, tedious, time-consuming process. It was also necessary to consider the budget required to prepare membership applications, envelopes and the directory.

(b) MAGA

David Magil reviewed his written report regarding local developments in particular those at Bayview/Burleigh Heights and Bayview/Blithfield.

3057 Bayview & 1 Burleigh Heights

David explained that the settlement between the City and the developer of this townhouse project had been approved by the OMB. The OMB has published its reasons in the respect. He advised that the BVA's objections had been rejected and that the project will set a precedent for the construction of townhouses in Bayview Village.

3049 Bayview & 2 Blithfield

David requested authorization to represent the BVA at the OMB with respect to this project. Sharon Johnson made a motion to authorize David Magil, Eric Bristow or another member of the MAGA committee, to attend the OMB pre-hearing on 25 January 2017 with respect to this development and seek standing as a party or participant in order to obtain disclosure, make submissions and participate in any settlement discussions. If a settlement was not reached between the City and the developer, they were authorized to represent the BVA as a participant in the OMB hearing. The motion was seconded by Debbie Bristow and approved. The BVA secretary was to prepare the necessary Authorization.

BVA Submissions on OMB Reform

David Magil said he and Eric Bristow had spent a considerable amount of time preparing BVA's submissions on OMB reform, although there was no firm deadline for making submissions. Judi Codd suggested that if the BVA is offered an opportunity to attend a meeting in this regard, it should avail itself of the opportunity to attend in order to convey the right impression. There was general agreement in respect to her suggestion.

(c) Neighbourhood Watch

Sue Wires reviewed the items in her written report of 15 January 2017, in particular, the ongoing traffic and parking issues on Bunty Lane and elsewhere in Bayview Village.

d. Environment

Sharon Johnson reviewed her written report and noted she had seen herds of deer coming out from the ravine onto the streets. Monty McDonald said this was not unusual in his experience.

Her report was mainly read-only but she said she had been monitoring the erosion etc. in the ravine, illegal tree removal, and climate change. There was nothing urgent to report at this time. Sue Wires said she had seen several conservationists removing fish from the river in the ravine prior to "shocking" the river. Sharon explained that the "shocking" is done with a heavy dose of chlorine in order to kill algae. It will also kill any fish remaining in the river.

There was general discussion of ideas for pursuing environmental issues, including appointing "street captains" and coordinating with the City's "Tree for Me" program. Sharon suggested holding an event to get free trees and perhaps combining it with the "Vimy Ridge tree" event and/or the "Environment Day", and perhaps mentioning it in the Newsletter to see what response is received from the community. The BVA could help people apply for trees and hold a tree planting day in May. Tim thought this might be an event related to Canada's 150th anniversary celebration. Under the City's tree program, registered charities can get a number of free trees, while residents are entitled to one free tree. It was noted that the BVA is a non-profit organization not a charity.

David Magil made a motion to conduct a survey in the Newsletter regarding such a tree event. Jan Siegel seconded the motion and it was approved. Monty explained that this year was the 100th anniversary of the battle of Vimy Ridge. The intention was to plant 100 trees on Vimy Ridge and others trees across Canada to mark the occasion. He thought churches, schools or parks would be suitable places for the planting of the trees, conditional upon their acceptance. He moved for the BVA to sponsor a Vimy tree in such a location. The cost would be \$175 to plant the tree plus a plaque costing approximately \$200. Monty and Jean agreed to explore and report back on the possibility of partnering with the church and sharing the cost up to a total of \$400. Courtney Doldron noted that such requests should be recorded in committee meeting reports and funded in the budget to be submitted in February 2017. Judi Codd noted that the Toronto Parks and Trees Foundation will partner with eight (8) groups to plant trees.

e. Events

Jan Siegel reviewed and commented on her written report. She suggested that alternate dates and venues should be considered for the Park Party. The cost of the event was discussed. Jan suggested that to minimize cost, families should bring their own food to the event. Jan made a motion to allocate funds up to \$2,500 for the Canada 150th Celebration as approved in committee. The motion was seconded by Debbie Bristow and approved. The events committee will prepare a budget for the event to be presented at the executive meeting in February 2017. Sharon Johnson questioned the allocation of \$2,500 to this event. David Magil also questioned the amount and said MAGA too has significant costs. Jan explained that the funds were needed to maintain momentum and although it seemed like a large amount, there were many costs associated with the event. Further, this amount had been previously "earmarked" from the Gala.

Debbie noted the MAGA committee also has \$19,000 “sweatered” for its purposes. Jan Siegel made a impassioned plea for the funding and expressed her impatience with the social committee being repeatedly questioned on its budgetary needs. She noted she had put a great deal of work into these events which benefit the entire BVA community. The motion as seconded and passed.

Jan described other planned events and activities, including the book launch by Reza, the architect, the restaurant series, and the Loblaws cooking classes for which there were 30 spots.

Courtney Doldron wondered whether the tree planting might not be combined with a social event. Jan thought it could and that it was not too late to combine it with the 150th Celebration.

David Magil raised the need to up date the By-laws on the BVA website.

6. Strategic Plan Summary 2017

Tim Storus thanked all for the committee members for their input to date on the strategic plan. Jan Siegel and Tim Storus then reviewed the first draft of the BVA Strategic Plan Summary 2017 as set out under the various subheadings, in particular, Strengths and Weaknesses. They discussed the various subcommittee groups and the connections between them and the value for membership, etc. In particular, they reviewed the list of items under the subheading Notables on the last page of the summary. These action items and things to consider and debate, such as, the declining enrolment, the budget, the need to build reserves, marketing, block captains, volunteers, new members, membership follow up, etc.

They discussed the proposed weekend retreat to be held in April 2017 at Jan and Courtney’s residence in order to prepare a Strategic Plan report for the AGM. Tim proposed that the various committee groups work in separate rooms to discuss particular problems and issues. A “press statement” would be prepared at the end to capture all their conclusions. David Magil suggested there was merit in getting others involved outside the group, such as outside facilitators. Tim questioned this and noted it had been previously rejected. Sharon Johnson thought it was unnecessary. In any event, people beyond the executive would be consulted and Jan would be sending out an email in this respect. Jan said many of the executive are facilitators and outside facilitators were not needed. David Magil agreed to proceed without outside facilitators. Tim was of the view that the process of holding fireside chats and the proposed discussions was open and transparent, frank and productive and would lead to concrete strategies, plans and proposals and the chair of each committee would report back to the executive. Courtney Doldron made a motion to approve a budget for the retreat of up to \$500. Sharon Johnson seconded the motion which was passed.

7. Neighbourhood Watch

Sue Wires deferred her report on home safety to the meeting in February 2017.

8. Resolution Appointing signing officers at TD Bank

Tim moved to approve the appointment of Jan Siegel, Debbie Bristow, Tim Storus and David

McGhee as the BVA signing officers and that any two of same may sign, for the purpose of the TD bank account. The motion was approved and Debbie Bristow was authorized to file the banking resolution in this respect with the TD Bank.

10. Date and Location of 2017 BVA AGM

Tim Storus noted the AGM would be held either on Monday, 29 May 2017, or Wednesday 30 May 2017 commencing at 7:30 pm. Jean Probyn would check with the church as to its availability. The date would be confirmed at meeting on 21 February 2017.

11. Environment

Sharon Johnson said the committee was just Monty McDonald and her and they needed more volunteers as she was working much more now. Jean Probyn would put the matter in the Newsletter. Sharon said her son Ethan was prepared to help with the tree planting.

MAGA

David Magil said the MAGA Committee also needed more volunteers and he would send a note to Jean and Judi in this regard

New Business

Alamosa - Donna Wong of the Alamosa residents association had advised that Counsellor Shelly Carroll was to speak to Alamosa residents about construction in the area. There would be a liberal sign-up table and she wondered whether she should invite BVA residents to the meeting. David Magil said it was a separate ridding and perhaps we should get our counsellor to speak to the residents of Bayview Village on this issue. However he had no objection to BVA residents attending the Alamosa meeting.

Willowdale Rotary - Courtney Doldron noted it was the 65th anniversary of the Willowdale Rotary Club which would be holding a Gala event at the Grand Luxe on 25 May 2017. Ian ? would be the speaker on that occasion. Tickets would be \$125 each and a tax receipt would be issued. He moved that the BVA purchase two tickets to the event. Sharon Johnson suggested holding a raffle for tickets to the event. David Magil seconded the motion and it was passed without objection.

12. Adjournment

David Magil moved to adjourn the meeting which seconded and the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: 7:30 pm, Tuesday, 21 February 2017, at the residence of Susan Wires, 47 Citation Drive .

President: Tim Storus

Secretary: David McGhee