

KBCA 2016 AGM President's Report

Thursday, May 12, 2016

First I'd like to say thanks to all the KBCA Directors and community volunteers, with special mention for Jim Shearon, Beata Myhill, Cheryl Meek and Julie Gourley for their dedication and hard work.

This past year saw the following highlights:

- Community renewal – the last 2 to 3 years and particularly in 2015 has seen a substantial change in the demographics of Beaverbrook with many empty nesters downsizing and young families moving in. This will be a major factor in KBCA planning for the next 12 months/5 years.
- Thanks to KBCA directors – Hugh Nelson (Treasurer) retired shortly after the 2015 AGM, Mary Stuart has moved out of Beaverbrook, Beata Myhill (Vice President) has taken a sabbatical and Elise Farrell and Jim Shearon are retiring as of the 2016 AGM. Many thanks to all of them.

The KBCA is planning a BBQ and evening event this fall to thank past KBCA Directors and key volunteers this fall – details will be provided by the end of the summer 2016

- KBCA & Directors Awards – the KBCA and a number KBCA directors were recognized at the Kanata North Community Recognition Awards in 2015/2016
 - ◇ KBCA – Community Association Award nominee 2015
 - ◇ Hugh Nelson – Citizen of the Year 2015
 - ◇ Jim Shearon – Senior Citizen of the Year Award nominee 2016
 - ◇ Beata Myhill – Citizen of the Year Award nominee 2016
- Financial
 - ◇ Community Centre – We expected our rental revenue to drop due the Elevator project construction, but it was less than expected from \$20,700 to \$17,800. We dropped membership fees as of 2015 to encourage people to join which had minimal impact on our cash position
 - ◇ Treasurer and Accounting Strategy – with Hugh Nelson retiring as Treasurer after the 2015 AGM, we struggled with getting the right fit of Treasurer, Accounting method & technology and Audit/Review strategy. We brought in one Treasurer through Volunteer Ottawa, but that did not work out. A key disagreement was over the costs which would have required a \$2,500 financial review each year, \$1,000+ in training for the Accrual accounting method, plus \$1,000/year for a specialized on-line accounting package.
 - ◇ New Treasurer – Brenda Richardson filled in as the interim Treasurer (with my personal thanks. We approached Anthony (Tony) Vantellingen, who joined us as our new Treasurer in April 2016.
 - ◇ Accounting strategy – In discussions with Tony I'll summarize by stating that he did not feel the cost outlay that had been proposed was justified for the financial

requirements and cash flow volume of the KBCA. He also did not feel we needed to change to Accrual accounting – that Cash accounting was sufficient, that he would do a financial review prior to accepting the Treasurer role and that the current desktop Accounting technology (QuickBooks) was sufficient.

- Community Centre Renovations

- ◇ Elevator Project – the project was planned to start in May or June last year and take approximately 3 months, but was not actually started until Nov 2015 and completed in mid-April 2016 (5 ½ months). We got an unexpected bonus with an Accessible washroom within the Community Centre, on the 1st floor, but missing an Accessible door opener on the second floor.

Disruptions for our renters was longer than planned, but the drop in revenue and relocation costs (paid for by the KBCA) was much less than expected. I'd like to personally thank Vanessa Hines-Ouellette - our Community Center Coordinator - for finding and booking alternative rental space as required

- ◇ Floor refinishing – we had to refinish the parquet flooring in the 2nd floor main room twice, once for loose parquet tiles and after the elevator project completion due to construction damage (and loose tiles). Replacing this flooring is a priority for future renovations.
- ◇ Post Elevator Project plans – we had planned for and asked at the last AGM for \$15,000 (\$5,000 for architect/design fees, \$10,000 for initial renovations) towards planning interior renovations after the Elevator project was complete, but could not proceed due to delays in the Elevator project. We are asking to have the \$15,000 budget remain in place for 2016.

- Neighborhood Improvements

- ◇ Beaverbrook Signs – a number of community members approached the KBCA on refurbishing the Beaverbrook sign on Campeau Drive and replacing the one on Teron and Steacie. We now have several people who are interested in leading and doing the work which we'll be contacting them to get this project planned and funded for completion by Fall 2016
- ◇ Park Benches – we did some initial investigation into having a number of park benches installed on the Beaverbrook Pathways, which is a potential project for the next year or two

- Planning – there were no new major development/rezoning applications since April 2015. 2 The Parkway construction is now fully underway with completion scheduled for Fall 2016. The 1131 Teron property was granted a “minor zoning variation” to keep the original design, and the property is now up for sale. However, the market for that style/cost of condominium in Kanata appears to be limited (2 the Parkway is being built to less than 50% of its permitted size)

- Events – The 50th Anniversary Mayfair Parade and Picnic and the Pot Luck Supper were a huge success and events we will consider in 2016 and future years if we can get sufficient volunteers and leaders. We currently do not have sufficient volunteers for a Victoria day (May 23) Mayfair event for 2016 and are asking for volunteers to hold a similar event in Sept 2016.

- Community Group support – we held discussions with and formalized our support and sponsorship for the Scouts and Guides organizations, the Thursday Night Family Group under Cheryl Meek. The Sustain Beaverbrook group, under Julie Gorley has expanded on multiple fronts and has been a huge success. We are still looking for more clusters and streets to host street parties, garage sales and other local events for which the KBCA will promote and sponsor for \$100 per event

- Communications – we have continued to be sought out by the local CBC radio and TV, CTV news plus the Citizen and Kanata Kourier with articles on Community Mailboxes, the closing of the Beaverbrook Mall ScotiaBank branch and other issues.

In addition to our mailing list and web site, we have recently refreshed our Facebook page and will be using Twitter – both of which are the preferred communication model for young families.

- Heritage – the KBCA joined Heritage Ottawa in 2015 and did a presentation and walking tour of Beaverbrook for the Heritage Ottawa Annual Forum in Sept 2015 and were the featured community in the Dec 2015 Heritage Ottawa newsletter. The City of Ottawa has announced that there will be a Heritage study done on Beaverbrook in 2018.

Planning for 2016/17

Key plans for the remainder of 2016 and early 2017 include:

- Planning for Mayfair in September 2015
- Strategic Planning

The KBCA needs to work with the community to renew the KBCA's mandate and update it for 2016 and our changing demographics.

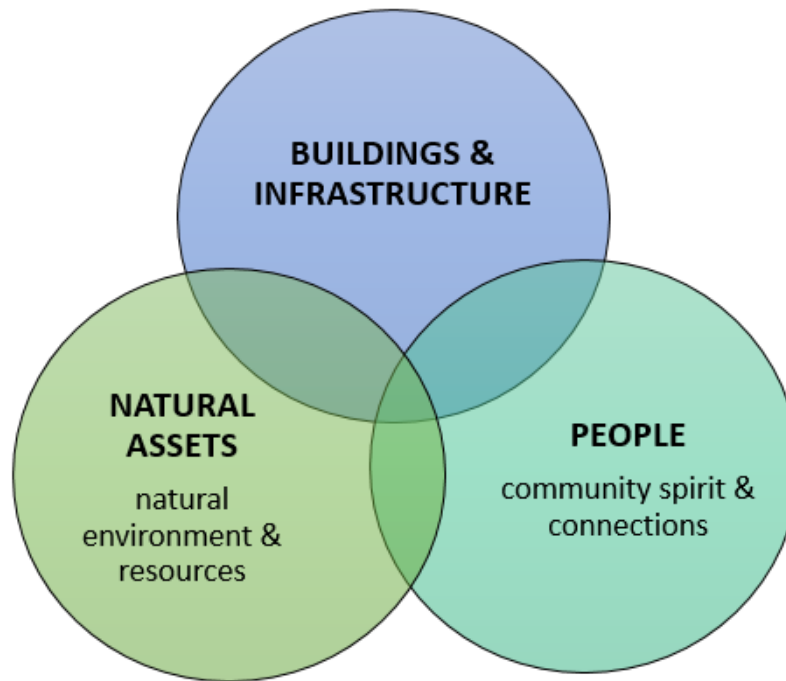
We are planning a number of strategy workshops from now until early fall to look at 3 main “pillars” on which to focus and short and long term projects within each category:

- ◇ Buildings and Infrastructure
- ◇ Natural Assets
- ◇ People

For more detail, see below:

- Renovations - Working with an Architect on our options for renovating the Community Centre, then commissioning the design and costing in preparation for applying to the City of Ottawa Recreation Capital Grants program for joint funding and working with potential community and business sponsors to fund development over the next 5 years

Elements of a Community



Current thinking on KBCA Mandate/Strategy using this approach:

Buildings & Infrastructure	People	Natural Assets
Enhance community facilities	Support community groups, events & programs	Promote parks & gardens
Promote complimentary development (Planning)	Coordinate across schools, churches & other community groups	Sustain the "Garden City" concept
Represent community on issues	Promote civic engagement	Greenspace Plan
Recognize neighborhood character	Enable community-wide communication	
Oversee rental of community center		

Refining the Mandate and turning into short and long term projects:

KBCA is undertaking a strategic review that will result in a list of achievable priorities to make our community a better place:

- living list of big and small projects
- will need community members to help get projects done
- process will take place over the summer

Let us know how you would like to be involved in this review:

- put your name beside a project that interests you
- list a new project that you would like to support
- be part of the strategic review process