

KBCA 2017 AGM President's Report

May 9, 2016

First I'd like to say thanks to all the KBCA Directors and community volunteers, with special mention for Cheryl Meek and the rest of the group running the Beaverbrook Thursday Night Family Group and Julie Gourley with Sustain Kanata North for their dedication and hard work.

This past year saw the following highlights:

- Thanks to KBCA directors – Brenda Richardson is stepping down due to other commitments at the AGM and Tony Vantellingen will be the acting Treasurer until we can find a replacement due to business travel. Many thanks to both of them.

The KBCA planned, but regrets not executing on a planned a BBQ and evening event last fall but will make sure it happens this fall to thank past KBCA Directors and key volunteers this fall – details will be provided by the end of the summer 2017

- KBCA and Community Member awards – I was flattered and humbled to be presented with the Governor General's Sovereign Volunteer award along with 63 other deserving volunteers in the Ottawa area in a ceremony at Ottawa City Hall on April 28. The KBCA has also nominated a community volunteer and a community group for the upcoming Kanata North Community Awards

- Financial

- ◇ Community Centre – In the first 3 months of 2016 we continued to see lower revenues, which did not rebound as quickly as we expected in the rest of 2016. Our revenues are still better than 4 years ago and we are looking make community center improvements and will be looking for Communications and Marketing director and a part time marketing consultant to help boost use of the community centre
- ◇ Treasurer and Accounting Strategy – working with Tony Vantellingen we have streamlined and cleaned up the KBCA accounting, book keeping and reporting, including collections and retiring bad debt.

- Community Centre Renovations

- ◇ Change in expectations – we have not experienced demand for additional upgrades for Accessibility, but possibly that is due to lack of promoting that we are a wheelchair accessible facility. Part of the issue is that all the planned renovations, including evening and weekend access to the elevator are more limited than was originally planned.

We are refocusing on measures to attract more longer term, frequent users, including a bridge club and others through upgrading our lighting and electrical and adding lockable storage for groups who need to leave specialized equipment at the Community Centre

- ◇ Floor refinishing – we continued to experience issues with the wood parquet flooring with \$1500 to \$2,000 repair and refinishing every 6 months due to humidity variations on a 50 year old floor. We eventually replaced the floor with

linoleum tile at a cost of just under \$6,000 which was the lowest cost, but one of the longest lifetime solutions (white tiles with black dots in the Centre date to 1965).

- ◇ Post Elevator Project plans – we are scaling back plans for substantial renovations and are carrying forward a deficit of \$10,000 for renovations in 2017.
- ◇ Fire and Theft – we also found out, much to our dismay, that the Community Centre was not covered by Fire and Theft insurance for contents (the City covers the building as they pay the lease), which has been rectified.
- Neighborhood Improvements
 - ◇ Beaverbrook Signs – the signs project progressed well, but the volunteer hours available dropped, so the signs were not delivered in 2016. Both signs are due to be completed construction and initial finishing, with the installation at the Steacie location for mid-June 2017 and the one at Campeau in Sept 2017
- Planning – there is essentially no change since 2016 with no new major development/rezoning applications since April 2015. 2 The Parkway construction for the tower is complete, but the renovation of the old Post Office building is still incomplete. Not all units in either the tower or the Post Office have been sold.
- Events – We were able to stage as many events in 2016 as we would have liked, due to a lack of Volunteer Leaders willing to run events like Mayfair – Jim Shearon, your time and dedication is missed. The KBCA was able to participate and sponsor the “Pedal Play” bike rodeo in 2016, which was a great success and which is being repeated on June 4, 2017 – also sponsored by the KBCA
- Community Group support – we have continued to upgrade our support for community groups and get their commitment to participate in KBCA sponsored projects. The KBCA arranged to have the Beaverbrook Thursday Family Night group covered for insurance for outdoor activities and have provided the Scouts and Guides free use of the Community Centre and sponsorship funds for their projects. and support programs.
 - ◇ We are happy to see Sustain Kanata North (formerly Sustain Beaverbrook) expand support for local food/produce programs, work in Tom Thompson park and home renovation and green energy seminars
 - ◇ 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
 - ◇ We have provided a letter of support for a local Community Garden project which should be in a position to announce publically for the 2018 growing season
- Communications – we are continuing to grow our use of our web site, the KBCA Facebook page and related pages in the community, our email mailing list and will look to expand on this in 2017.
- Heritage – the KBCA will be providing a Heritage Walking Tour on Sunday July 9, 2017 as part of the Heritage Ottawa Sunday Walking Tour program.

Renewing the KBCA

A large part of the effort of the renewed KBCA director group was to revisit the KBCA as to its vision, mission driving our strategy and selection of projects to pursue in coming years. This can be found in the document

- KBCA Vision and Mission AGM 2017.pdf

This included heavily revising the KBCA By-Laws – which had not been revisited since 1989.

- 1989 bylaws: <http://www.kanatabeaverbrook.ca/resources/KBCABylaws7jun1989.pdf>
- 2017 bylaws: <http://www.kanatabeaverbrook.ca/resources/KBCABylaws2017.pdf>

Note: all these documents can be found on the KBCA web site – look for the AGM 2017 article.

Planning for 2016/17

Key plans for the remainder of 2017 and early 2018 include:

- Following through on soliciting projects and prioritizing them for the KBCA and community volunteers driven by our revised Vision.
- Build on managing our greenspace with steps towards a tree management program with the running of a Tree Inventory course/seminar in June and closer ties with the City Forestry Program.
- Build a community event kit equipping the KBCA and the community with all the information to run small to large events, including safety, insurance, available local and City resources, volunteer management planning tools plus experience from past events (e.g. MayFair, PotLuck Supper, New Year's Levee, Winter Carnival)
- KBCA and Community Awareness
 - ◇ New Resident Welcome booklet
 - ◇ Membership drive (still free!)
 - ◇ Local services and organization listings.
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- Neighborhood improvements
 - ◇ Community Signs
 - ◇ Lit Street Corner signs