**BRCA - MINUTES**

12 February 2015

Attendees:

**Board Members**

John Dwyer, Inge vanGemeren, Jill MacDonald, Brad Smith, Juri Wallner, Maureen Wilson

**Community Residents in Attendance:**

Ann Martin (First discussion point only)

**Other Persons in Attendance:**

Daniel Brunette, Manager, Development and Donor Services, Community Foundation of Ottawa (First discussion point only)

Geraldine Taylor, Member of the Community Foundation, North Grenville (First discussion point only)

**Dialogue with the Community Foundation of Ottawa (CFO)**

Community resident Ann Martin and Mr. Brunette of the CFO explained that the Foundation is a public, non-profit organisation with a mandate that includes pooling the monies of charities into income-earning endowments for the benefit of the said charities.

There is currently an endowment created in the name of Pat Stroulger, and there is nothing to prevent the BRCA, as a registered charity, from creating a general endowment itself. The advantages of doing so are that the pooled resources allow a better return on investments (last year 7% in 2014, 15.8 in 2013 and an average of 8.53% since inception) than could likely be attained individually. In theory, and with sufficient contributions, a charity, like the BRCA, could ‘live off’ its return of investment.

Further details on the CFO can be obtained at [www.cfo-fco,ca](http://www.cfo-fco,ca)

The Board determined to make a one thousand dollar donation to the Pat Stroulger endowment fund. It will consider other possibilities, including creating a ‘general’ BRCA endowment at subsequent meetings.

**Rental**

In early February the OPP required renters of the Hall to move their vehicles off Grenville Street as the authorities felt that the parking impeded the safe flow of traffic. This caused some consternation and the issue was discussed at some length at the meeting. While there is contradictory information about the occurrence and the ‘rules of the road’ that apply, as an immediate measure the Chair has ensured that North Grenville will remove the snow from the street in front of the Hall. In addition, renters and their clients are to be cautioned to park on one side of the street only, and as tightly into the snow bank as possible.

The Board recognises that this is a stop-gap solution and is continuing to speak to appropriate authorities about a more permanent fix.

**Side Street Committee**

The Chair reported on the work of the above-mentioned committee. The Committee had a positive meeting with the appropriate authorities in North Grenville during which those authorities discussed a variety of ways in which drainage might be improved. They indicated that Engineering Coop students will be asked to look into the issue on their behalf in the Spring.

For its part, the Committee will concentrate on developing principles and objectives over the next little while, which they hope will apply to the ultimate decision taken by North Grenville.

**Traffic Calming**

The Chair reported on her meeting with Mr. Les Shepherd the person responsible for roads for the County. In summary, Mr. Shepherd was appraised of the results of the 2014 AGM, at which various options were considered, and asked to develop a ‘blue-print for action’. That blue-print will be based on these, as well as traffic calming measures that have been shown to be effective.

This ‘blue-print’ will be considered by the Board once it is available.

**Financial Statement**

There were no financial statements presented.

**Minutes of the AGM**

The minutes of the January 2015 Meeting were approved unanimously.

**Other Business**

***Historic Signage***

It was agreed that a core group of residents were to proceed with displaying uniform signage on the historic nature of their properties. The actual template for the signage is to be considered at the next Board Meeting.

***Clean-up of the Hall Attic***

Board member Juri Wallner is to coordinate efforts to clean up the storage space in the Hall attic when he can get together volunteers for the task.

 ***Application of the City of Ottawa Grant***

The Chair person informed the Board that she has commenced completing the appropriate application forms and will submit them soon.

***March Meeting***

A number of Board Members are unavailable to meet in March, as a result the next monthly meeting will be held in April.

**NEXT MEETING**

**Thursday April 9 2015**

**Residents Are Invited to Attend**