**BRCA - AGM MINUTES (Draft)**

30 November 2016

Attendees:

**Board Members**

John Dwyer, Jeff Gauthier, Inge vanGemeren, Jill MacDonald, Brad Smith (interim), Juri Wallner, Maureen Wilson

**Guest Presenters:**

Ms. Ann Martin, Friends of the BR Community Hall Fund

Mr. Les Sheppard, Ms. Melanie Knowles, United Counties of Leeds and Grenville (re traffic calming)

Mr. Phil Gerrard, NG Municipality (re Secondary Plan for Burritt’s Rapids)

**Community Residents in Attendance of AGM:**

Buzz Conn, George Hawkins, Lynn Hawkins, Sean Leogreen, Bob Walker, Fairlie Ellis, Dick Hegan, Mary Hegan, David Simpson, Olivia Mills, John Tilbury, Kathy Knott, Michael Koch, Chris Roberts, Tiiu Wallner, Paula Dunning, Stephen Dunning, Renee Smith, Nina Donald, Ann Martin, Aileen Weston, Jennifer Rennicks Lalonde, Joe vanGemeren, Drew Avis, Andrea Cordonier.

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(Please note if you were in attendance but forgot to sign the attendance list, let me know.)

**Annual Report**

**Achievement and Plans**

The Chairperson of the Association presented the Annual Report (see attached) and highlighted the achievements of the Board during the year and the proposed priorities for the coming year.

**Financial Report**

The Treasurer ran through the budget figures for the year and projections for the future. While the report showed a loss this year – due to renovations completed at the Hall – the overall financial picture remains highly positive, in large part due to continued good rental income. The Treasurer did point out the substantive increase in hydro costs – they have more than tripled over the last 5 years – but this apparently is not related to increased usage.

It was moved that the Financial Report be accepted as presented. This was seconded and approved unanimously.

**Friends of the BRCH Fund**

Ms. Martin provided a general outline of the Fund, its purpose (to support the BRCA, which is its sole beneficiary, without requiring the association to manage and report on it) and how individual residents might contribute to it.

More information on the fund can be obtained by contacting Ms. Martin @ 613-269-2042.

**Secondary Plan for Burritt’s Rapids**

Mr. Gerrard walked the community residents present through the results of the Visioning Process and the follow-up to it. He presented draft proposed policies to the North Grenville Official Plan. (There was some initial discussion on these but as the issues are substantive, it was suggested that the draft policies, and their intent and potential implications, be discussed more thoroughly at an up-coming time with the Board and the community.)

Mr. Gerrard was to proceed to further develop the draft policies in line with the results of the Visioning exercise and the contents of the existing Ottawa planning document. As mentioned above, the issue will be addressed in the coming year by the Board and the community.

**Traffic Calming**

Ms. Knowles presented a proposal for traffic calming on Grenville Avenue – two removable speed humps. The presentation (attached in PDF) included an analysis of available options and their relative efficacy and drawbacks.

There was considerable discussion related to efficacy and noise – speed humps slowed traffic without causing extreme slow-downs and attendant noise – and impact on those with physical problems – speed humps were gentle and elongated elevations which minimalized jarring and attendant discomfort.

After the presentation and discussion, the community members in attendance unanimously affirmed the proposal. This will be implemented in 2017.

**Greening Committee**

The Greening Committee presented their report, highlighting the introduction of a Monarch Butterfly Waystation into the community. The Chairperson of the Committee (Renee Smith) indicated that there will not be a plant sale next year but that the Committee was considering planting a commemorative tree in celebration of Canada 150. The community would be involved in this latter process if it proceeds. She also thanked the Greening volunteers for their support and appealed to other residents to consider helping out as well.

**Other Committee Reports: BRREA**

BRREA reported on continuing efforts to begin a micro-generation program for the benefit of the community.

Their most recent proposal was rejected due to a technicality. They have developed a new proposal, this one without the partnership of North Grenville, and remain hopeful that it will be approved.

Further details are available on their website [www.brpower.ca](http://www.brpower.ca)

**Election of a New Board**

As required by the by-laws the existing Board stepped down.

Andrea Cordonier indicated her willingness to join the Board as a member at large dealing primarily with special events. This allowed Brad Smith, who has served as an interim Board Member since the 2015 AGM, to step down. The Board thanked Mr. Smith for his many years of service to the Board and the community. All other Board members indicated a willingness to continue. The Board was elected by acclimation.

No volunteers came forward to assume the post of rental agent and so the new Board will need to address that issue at its first meeting in 2017.

The Meeting was adjourned.