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**BNA Annual General Meeting Minutes  
June 13, 2018 @ 7:00 pm  
Ron Kolbus-Lakeside Centre**

*Executive Committee Members Present:* Alex Cullen (President), Jérôme Nantel (Past President), Marion Craig (Secretary), Nicolas Brunette-D'Souza (Director), Annie McDougall (Director), Chris Moore (Director), Sharon Rosenberg (Director), Leah Travis (Director) / *Executive Committee Members Absent:* Russell Latham (Vice-President), Marianna Oprea (Treasurer).

*See the AGM sign-up sheet for a complete list of attendees.*

### **1. Call to Order & Introduction**

President Alex Cullen called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm with a quorum of 28 attendees and introduced the current Executive.

### **2. Approval of the Agenda**

It was moved that the agenda for the meeting be approved as circulated.		
<b>Moved by:</b> <i>Marion Craig</i>	<b>Seconded by:</b> <i>Chris Moore</i>	<b>Carried</b>

### **3. Approval of the June 15, 2017, Annual General Meeting Notes**

It was moved that the notes of the previous meeting be approved as circulated.		
<b>Moved by:</b> <i>Marion Craig</i>	<b>Seconded by:</b> <i>Nicolas Brunette-D'Souza</i>	<b>Carried</b>

### **4. Report on City Hall Issues by Bay Ward Councillor Mark Taylor**

Mark Taylor opened his remarks by thanking the participants for their engagement on neighbourhood issues and, given time constraints, offered a few quick updates:

1. After last year's flood, the City was really prepared this year and its local info session was well attended. The flood plain in Belltown has been remapped. The City recognizes that the bike path berm isn't a sufficient flood defence and that the major sewer line which runs alongside it is at risk. It is looking at remediation measures.

2. Our street mural project has been approved.
3. Carling Avenue from Pinecrest to Bayshore will be repaved this year (and Bayshore to Crystal Beach next year).
4. The Lincoln Fields Riocan redevelopment is progressing. It is committed to “no lights off” for the grocery store (no move contemplated until next year) and is willing to engage with the City and community on its plans.

Mark Taylor took some questions from the audience:

Q: How long will it take the City to fix the sewer pipe? A: The sewer is a functioning collector pipe (comes all the way from Stittsville and Kanata and runs along bike path through Belltown). The city is committed to maintaining its integrity. Upgrading it will be a major project and unlikely to be undertaken before 2020-21.

Q. What will the City do about the drainage, slippery roads and side walks that are generally issues throughout the neighbourhood? A. The City is committed to maintaining neighbourhoods to the level at which they were built. Significant upgrades are only made in the context of important City-owned infrastructure repairs (i.e. sewers) or if the community comes together and agrees to a levy to pay for upgrades.

Q. What plans are there for the beautification of Carling (especially businesses)? A. There is a tax incentive for businesses to expand and upgrade their footprint but they have to be willing and able to make the investment. There is also a public art fund and some resources for tree planting – if you have ideas, let Mark Taylor’s office know. If you see properties that are unkempt, call 311.

## **5. Report by BNA Executive on Activities since June 15, 2017 BNA AGM**

### **Canada 150 Celebration July 2, 2017 - Belltown Paddle Parade & Community Potluck**

Alex Cullen noted that last year’s inaugural event was a success: there were 11 float-ables and approximately 50 participants at the potluck. A big thanks went out to the Neptunes for the music.

### **Update on Flood-proofing Initiative (outlet under bike path, letter to RVCA & response)**

Alex Cullen reported that, during last year’s 1-in-50 year flood, Belltown was threatened by water coming in through the culvert at Birchdale/Maplehurst. The City has put in a better steel plate as an interim measure this year.

The NCC has granted permission to the City to install a stronger temporary plate that could be readily removed to allow drainage when there are no flood risks.

### **Street Intersection Painting Initiative (Scrivens & Houghton vs Ritchie & Houghton)**

Chris Moore and Nicolas Brunette-D’Souza reported that, after almost eight years, the City has approved our traffic-calming street painting proposal, and encouraged people to come forward with design suggestions. A community painting event will be held after the potluck.

Participants voted on two possible street painting locations: Houghton and Scrivens OR Houghton & Ritchie.

It was moved that the Ritchie & Houghton intersection be selected		
<b>Moved by:</b> <i>Chris Moore</i>	<b>Seconded by:</b> <i>Leah Travis</i>	<b>Carried</b>

### **Cars Accessing Greenview Avenue from Grandeur and Farrow**

Alex Cullen reported that a bollard – which could be raised and lowered to accommodate City vehicles – is being considered to address the issue of cars crossing to Greenview Avenue.

### **23 Boyce Ave. Committee of Adjustment**

Alex Cullen briefed participants on the outcome of the Committee of Adjustment hearing regarding 23 Boyce Avenue. The application for a minor variance was not approved and no appeal has been filed. The RCVA has an easement on the property to ensure the basement and garage meets its standards.

The current limit for increasing a building footprint is 120% for properties on the 100-year flood plain – with a possible exception of up to 150% if a property is on the flood fringe. Approximately 80 Belltown properties are currently considered to be on the flood plain but may more appropriately be considered flood fringe.

The Belltown Neighbourhood Association has written to RCVA to see if we can be considered flood fringe. The RCVA has responded with the suggestion that BNA make representations to the City to determine if the existing berm and drainage works are capable of performing effectively and are reliable as a flood control dyke under regulatory (1:100 year) flood conditions on the Ottawa River.

### **Letter to NCC regarding the Sir John A. Macdonald Parkway Proposal**

Alex Cullen reported that, in response to BNA's letter to the NCC regarding plans to reduce SJAM Parkway to two lanes, the NCC has responded that there are no plans – or supporting traffic study – to reduce lanes until after LRT2.

### **Britannia Park Revitalization Project**

Alex Cullen advised that the City will be putting together a 5-year plan with the new Council starting 2019. BNA will input our survey results into the process.

### **Lincoln Fields Shopping Centre Redevelopment Initiative**

Alex Cullen advised that we are awaiting a response from the City to the letter sent from six local community associations regarding a community planning exercise on the redevelopment.

## **Spring Clean the Capital May 2018**

Alex Cullen reported that 62 people participated in the clean-up, generating over 30 bags of garbage.

## **Birchdale & Maplehurst Neighbourhood Watch Initiative**

Marion Craig advised that Birchdale / Maplehurst has signed up more than 50% of neighbours needed to qualify as a full-fledged neighbourhood watch. A meeting will be held this week with community policing to locate signage.

## **Mud Lake Clear-cutting Fiasco**

Alex Cullen advised that a letter has been sent to the NCC to place in the record BNA's concern about the clearcut and to ask that BNA be consulted regarding any future plans or proposed actions for the conservation area.

He noted that we can expect the NCC will be taking further remedial action to address an infestation of Japanese knotweed in the area.

## **Provincial Election Candidates Meeting (with BVCA & LHPCA)**

Nicolas Brunette-D'Souza reported that over 150 people attended the meeting held on May 30 at Dr. F. J. McDonald Catholic School from 7:00-9:00 pm. with the NDP, Liberal and Green Party candidates. It was noted that Wendy Huff did an amazing job of facilitating the debate.

## **BNA Newsletters (February 2018, April 2018, May 2018)**

Alex Cullen reported that three newsletters were distributed since the last AGM.

## **5. Presentation on Belltown Community Survey**

Alex Cullen presented the results of the Belltown Community Survey (see separate documents).

## **6. Canada 150+1 Anniversary Celebrations in Belltown (Saturday June 30): Paddle Parade & Community Potluck Again!**

Alex Cullen invited everyone to the paddle/potluck on June 30.

## **7. Election of Executive: Chair (President), Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and up to 5 Directors**

Thank you to OCDSC Trustee for Bay Ward Theresa Kavanagh for chairing this item on the agenda.

According to the BNA Constitution, there are 9 officers of the Belltown Neighbours Association: a Chair (also known as President); a Vice-Chair, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and up to 5 Directors, representing where possible the geographical distribution of Belltown.

Nominations for positions on the BNA Executive are made by residents of Belltown age 18 or older, and are made at the Annual General Meeting of the BNA. Persons being nominated must agree to be nominated.

In the absence of any other candidates, it was moved that Alex Cullen's nomination as Chairman / President of the Belltown Neighbourhood Association be approved		
<b>Moved by:</b> Leah Travis	<b>Seconded by:</b> Nicole McDougall	<b>Carried</b>

It was moved by the Nomination Committee that the following residents of Belltown be nominated and approved for the following positions:

In the absence of any other candidates, it was moved that Russell Latham's nomination as Vice-President of the Belltown Neighbourhood Association be approved	
<b>Seconded by:</b> Penny Sutherland	<b>Carried</b>

In the absence of any other candidates, it was moved that Maria Oprea's nomination as Treasurer of the Belltown Neighbourhood Association be approved	
<b>Seconded by:</b> Nicole McDougall	<b>Carried</b>

In the absence of any other candidates, it was moved that Marion Craig's nomination as Secretary of the Belltown Neighbourhood Association be approved	
<b>Seconded by:</b> Nicole McDougall	<b>Carried</b>

In the absence of any other candidates, it was moved that the following nomination as Directors of the Belltown Neighbourhood Association be approved: Nicolas Brunette-D'Souza, Annie McDougall, Chris Moore, Sharon Rosenberg, and Leah Travis	
<b>Seconded by:</b> Marian Fischer	<b>Carried</b>

Jérôme Nantel will continue to serve as Past President.

## 8. Other Business

### Derelict Property at 2928 Ahearn

A resident raised concern about the condition of the property at 2928 Ahearn. The City's Property Standards division is the first level of response on serious issues with derelict sites (squatters, roof

falling in) which has the power to fix and bill the owners. When this doesn't resolve the problem, a next step can be to escalate the issue with your councillor's office. When property taxes aren't paid for 3 years in a row, the City can step in and sell it. It was noted that the property at 2928 Ahearn is listed on the MLS.

### **Wesley Clover**

Leah Travis reported that Wesley Clover Park has leased additional lands in the NCC Greenbelt along Corkstown Road and is proposing to add commercial (theatre, child care) changes to use, potentially impacting wetlands and avian migratory paths.

It was moved that the Belltown Neighbourhood Association send a letter to the NCC calling for a public consultation on Wesley Clover's proposed use of Greenbelt lands		
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<b>Moved by:</b> Leah Travis	<b>Seconded by:</b> Marion Craig	<b>Carried</b>
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### **Cutting Trees and Shrubs on NCC Land**

Concern was raised about residents cutting down shrubs and trees along the bike path to improve river views. Alex Cullen suggested that any cutting should be reported to the NCC which has the power to impose fines or fence off areas at risk.

## **9. Next Meeting**

The next Annual General Meeting will be held in June 2019.

## **10. Adjournment**

There being no further business, as moved as Marion Craig, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.