

**GREELY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY MARCH 11, 2009, 7:00 P.M.
Greely Community Centre**

Attending: Gill Toll, Will Ney, Shelagh Heatlie, Bruce Brayman, Dan McNicoll, Micheline Nez, Jim Heatlie, Barry Duchene, Wayne Throop, Stephen McDonnell, Brently Summers, Kris Gough, Lisa Ste. Marie, Theo Janssen Lori Erling, Don Perly, and Doug Thompson.

Absent: Wayne Ragoobir

- 1.0 Gill Toll called the meeting to order.
- 2.0 Gill Toll welcomed every one to the meeting.
- 3.0 The Agenda was accepted.
- 4.0 The previous minutes were not approved as most members did not receive them.
- 5.0 Treasure's Report – none.

6.0 Presentations/Discussion

None

7.0 New Business

None

8.0 Committee Updates

8.1 Canada Day – there is still no committee for this event. Gill Toll is applying for the fireworks permit and for event funds from the City. Gill is looking for volunteers to look after this event. *Bruce Brayman volunteered to assist..* Meanwhile Gill is also looking for sponsors for activities during the Canada Day event.

8.2 Winter Carnival – Jim Heatlie gave the report on the success of the Winter Carnival and agreed to stand as chairperson for the 2010 Greely Winter Carnival. Stephen McDonnell handed over the Winter Carnival bank account to the GCA on condition that the money would be used exclusively for the Greely Winter Carnival.

8.3 Recreation

8.3.1 – Barry Duchene reported that the rink at the Community Centre was well managed by the City. The grant application for the development of the well and a well shed must be completed and sent to the city (Luc Lavictoire, City Recreation Facilities). Total cost is estimated at \$20,000. Dan McNicoll will try and find a well drilling company to provide half the cost of the well as a community service.

8.3.2 Barry Duchene is trying to get cycling and cycling paths under the City Transportation budget. In addition, a request should be made to include this in the infrastructure budget that the City expects to get from the Federal budget.

Messrs. Summers, Janssen and Gough from the National Valley ATV Club out of Winchester asked to speak to the meeting about using the railroad corridor for ATVs. They stated that Doug Thompson had signed off this year for the corridor to be used by snowmobiles, and the club had maintained the route. They want the same for ATVs. They want to ensure that motorized vehicles are not kept off, and it is shared with bikers and walkers. There was some discussion. Councilor Thompson then arrived and he agreed with their position. The chair of the Transportation Committee, Barry Duchene, declined to comment.

Doug Thompson is trying to champion the rail corridor and hydro line corridor to be inclusive for all users i.e. walking, cycling, ATV, Snowmobiling. Bentley Summers, Kris Gough, and Theo *Janssen* reported that the ATV club is already using the rail corridor and is doing maintenance work such as removing fallen trees and removing scrub brush. They ask that ATV and snowmobile use be included in any plans for use of the rail corridor. They request a letter to this end should be sent to Pierre Polivier and John Baird for infrastructure funds.

8.3.3 Doug Thompson reported that.... The sports park at Albion and Rideau roads is still being developed and *no* approvals have been given yet.

8.4 Transportation

8.4.1 Barry Duchene said he will revamp the 14 point letter to the city on transport issues within Greely.

8.4.2 Doug Thompson reported that the new lights at Parkway and Bank cannot be turned on until the lane lines on the roads have been painted this spring.

8.4.2 Doug Thompson noted that he is aware of the issues with Parkway Road and said that revamping of the road shoulder support from Old Prescott highway to Stagecoach road is to be done this year. Doug Thompson reported that we should know this spring if the Quinn Farm subdivision is approved and when it may commence building. Barry Duchene reminded the meeting that there had been a meeting with representative of the City regarding the Parkway Road problems, but that nothing has been done.

8.4.3 Dan Perley stated that Limebank is becoming impassable and although the north is to be done, south of needs to be done too. Dan suggested that Doug Thompson call a public meeting, and Doug Thompson agreed to see if he can set up a meeting on Greely and area roads with the Councillor Steve Desroches, and the City representatives.

8.4.4 Doug Thompson reported that the *Orgaworld* recycling plant has been approved and that when operations commence in 2010 there will be an increase of truck traffic on Mitch Owens road of approximately one truck every 8 minutes.

Barry Duchene reminded the meeting that there had been a meeting with representative of the City regarding the Parkway Road problems, but that nothing has been done.

8.4 Development – Doug Thompson reported that Dan Anderson has received permission to begin building his subdivision on Parkway Road and Bank St. It will be called the “Greely Centre” for the commercial aspect and 58 homes will be built.

8.5 Web site – Shelagh Heatlie will send out draft guidelines on advertising to the GCA executive.

8.6 GCA Co-op Playgroup – Lisa reported that all is going well, and reminded us that the playgroup is closed during March Break.

9.0 Information

9.1 House Sales for Greely area – Wayne Throop reported that generally Ottawa house sales are down by 22%. In Greely house sales are down about 64% over last year. There are 125 listings in Greely with 83 of those listings valued at above \$400,000. Only 4 houses have sold so far in 2009.

9.2 Upcoming Community Events – CPR will be held at the Greely Community Centre April 4, 2009. Monday March 16 at townhall in Metcalfe the rural and official plan review. Monday March 30 at the Metcalfe arena a meeting on the Community Design Guidelines for rural villages will take place. The Catholic Church on Bank Street wants to build a new parish hall. The city says a turn lane from Bank st will be required. The church says that they cannot afford this and Doug Thompson will try and *get* the requirement for turn lane removed.

9.3 Library – Gill Toll has received an email back from Pierre Pollivier office supporting the GCA application for the expansion of the library. Community support is needed and individuals need to send in and support the GCA request.

9.4 Notice Board – Gill Toll reports that she has the key and will manage the GCA notice board at the Community Centre.

10.0 Next Meeting

Wednesday, April 8, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., Greely Community Centre

11.0 Adjournment

Subcommittees break out meetings.