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Canada Day "Picnic in the Park" was a success



Photo by: Paula Brand

Beacon Hill Park – Against all odds, the sun was shining this Canada Day as children of all ages began to flock to Beacon Hill Park to celebrate Canada's 142nd birthday. This would be the 1st Annual "Picnic in the Park" hosted by the Beacon Hill North Community Association. "This is what community is all about and as a association, something I look forward to continuing." said Tim Tierney, President of the Beacon Hill North community association. Tierney also said "Plans are already underway for a winter carnival and we hope for the same level of success".

The day began at 10 a.m. with a scavenger hunt , organized by Wendy Shaughnessy. The teams of hunters would search the park looking for odds and ends hidden everywhere, winning prizes based on what they had found.

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24 bus route to stay! ; Public BHNCA outcry saves route

You may remember on April 20th 2009 we first alerted you to the possibility of the 24 bus route being cancelled as part of the current transit plan. OC Transpo only left a FIVE day period to respond which required urgent action. A bulletin was emailed to the Beacon Hill North Community and you all responded. A flurry of emails and comments were sent to OC Transpo's head office stressing the importance of the route 24.

Recently I was informed by OC Transpo that the proposed 24 route cancellation was removed from the transit plan changes as a result of community feedback.



Special thanks to Andréanne Baribeau of the East Ottawa Star for bringing the story to the residents attention, residents for helping spread the word, and others for helping to inform the bus riding population. This could have easily gone unnoticed until it was too late to act upon.

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Canada Day "Picnic in the Park" a great success (Continued)

The fun did not stop there as volunteer Britta Cox rounded up the troops and followed up with more activities in the park including 3 legged races, potatoe sac races and of course a water balloon toss. Out came the red paint and volunteers began painting maple leaves on the children; as well they got to make posters and flags at the arts and crafts table.



Full house watching Magic Man Chris Philsworth

Now that the children were drained of energy, painted and wet, that was the best time to pull out the cotton candy machine and fill them with sugar. Local resident and volunteer Dan Ruddy, setup up his Cotton Candy making machine and dished out the pink floss to the content of all. Many had the choice to DIY (do it yourself) cotton candy cones.



Dan teaching the art of Cotton Candy making



Johnsons Taekwon-do students

All full of sugar, they packed the Beacon Hill North community centre awaiting the start of the magic show performed by magician extraordinaire Chris Philsworth.

Chris entertained the audience of onlookers for an hour even bringing up many of the crowd to take part in the acts. Just as the sugar seemed to be wearing off, out came the Canada inspired cupcakes and some feezies to refresh the kids.

In the afternoon, many were entertained by the Johnsons Taekwon-do demonstration, showing us the power of the mind by kicking over 6 feet in the air, self defense moves and breaking boards (some 3,4 or 5 boards thick!). In the backdrop 3 jets screamed by to celebrate Canada Day adding to the excitement.

Music continued throughout the day, as well as sporting events like baseball and soccer took place in the park. Many thanks to all that took part in putting together such a wonderful event.

Community Spotlight Phil Schleihauf : Unicycle King !

Phil Schleihauf has been traveling the 4700 KM across Canada from Victoria to Ottawa on one wheel.

The goal of the trip is to raise awareness and money for Invisible Children. Invisible Children is an organization dedicated to ending the longest running war in Africa.

Phil has been presented with a congratulatory certificate from councillor Rainer Bloess, and a framed photo to commemorate his success to date. Visit his website www.unicycleacrosscanada.ca for more information.



1st annual Big Beacon Hill Garage Sale a BIG success

The sun was shining and the streets were full for our 1st ever community garage sale.



Jim Watson MPP and Tim Tierney BHNCA President

With over 85 sales sites in the community as well as local school fundraisers, by all accounts it was a great success.

Our community garage sale attracted local celebrities including Jim Watson MPP. Our BHNCA looks forward to our 2nd annual in 2010.

Thank you all that took part in the Big Beacon Hill Garage sale or simply went hunting for treasures in the neighbourhood.



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Possible closure of Colonel By (ARC process) UPDATE

by Tim Tierney, BHNCA President

The Beacon Hill-East Ottawa Secondary Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) presented its final recommendation to trustees on Monday, June 15. The ARC recommendation was "Do not close any of the schools" (Rideau, Gloucester, Colonel By).

The ARC committee has now completed its role, and is now dissolved but this is not the end of our associations involvement. School board staff members are scheduled to make their report and recommendation in October and trustees are expected to make their final decision in December.

A big thanks to Evelyn Power-Reid (and alternate Barb Sinclair) for representing your association during this process. Your BHNCA will keep you informed as the process continues as we may need further action to make sure our (Colonel By) school remains in the community. Please make sure you have signed up to the BHNCA newsletter on the www.BHNCA.com website. Thank you for all the support to date.

Interprovincial Bridge Update

By Jeanne Gillanders, BHNCA Interprovincial chair

Phase 2 of the Interprovincial Bridge Environmental Assessment (EA) is currently in progress. The National Capital Commission (NCC) is searching for an engineering consultant to complete phase 2 through a Request for Proposals process. The selection of a consultant is to be completed in the fall of 2009. Note that phase 2 of the EA will study 3 corridors: Kettle Island crossing (Aviation Parkway to Autoroute 50 via Montée Paiement, Lower Duck Island (highway 174 to Autoroute 50 via Lorrain) and the corridors at Gatineau Airport/McLaurin Bay (Ottawa Road 174 to Autoroute 50 at Gatineau Airport).

Phase 2 of the study is to evaluate the more detailed environmental, social, economic, heritage and transportation effects of the corridors and propose mitigation measures to address these effects. The analysis is to include impacts on communities, economic development and transit.

Public consultations are expected to be announced sometime in 2010. The BHNCA continues to monitor the situation and impacts to our community. For more information please check the BHNCA web site, and click the "Issues in the community" section.

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Beacon Learning Centre Breaks New Ground for Long-Awaited Building

by Jeff Kaluski



Tim Tierney, BHNCA President - BLC Children - Jackie Ruano, BLC Director
Photo: Jeff Kaluski

Beacon Hill Learning Centre, Ottawa - In a short ceremony on Tuesday, June 23, 2009, the Beacon Learning Centre, (BLC) broke ground for their new, planned building. Located between the Beacon Hill Shopping Centre and Colonel By High School, the 36+ year old Nursery School, Daycare and Kindergarten building is currently composed of 4 temporary portables under one roof.

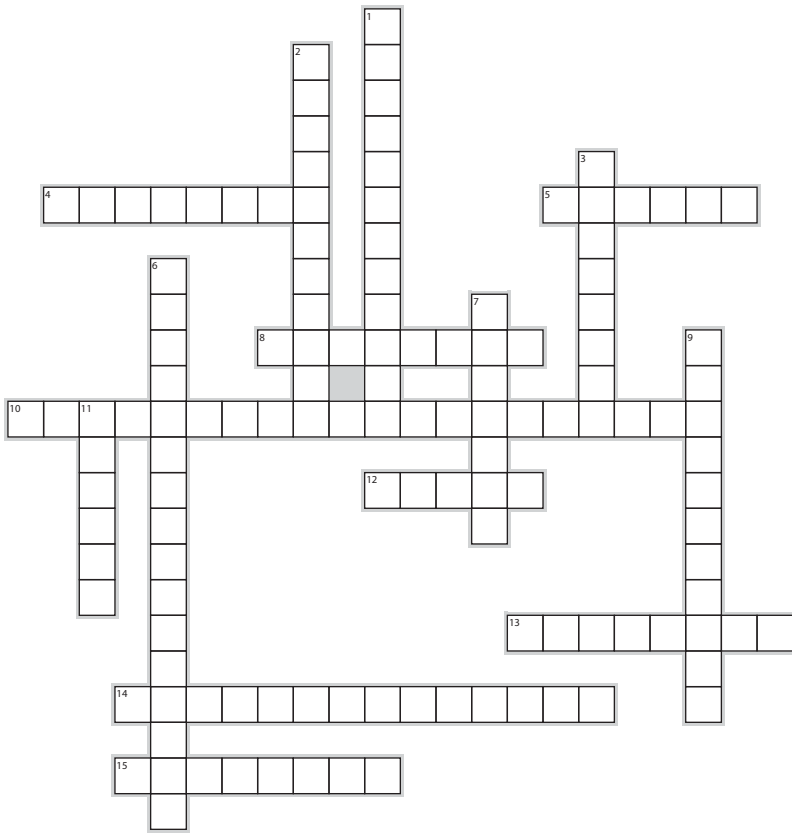
The school has been well-maintained over the years, but the portables are long past their expiry date and they simply can't support any more construction. The new building will be an energy-efficient building, with acoustics for teaching incorporated into its design. After a long process of planning, architecture, fundraising and paperwork, the centre is gearing up for construction to begin next month.

The centre serves approximately 100 children from our community, about 40 of which were part of the ground breaking ceremony wearing construction gear including hard hats, safety vests and shovels. The Centre's director, Jackie Ruano, conducted the majority of the ceremony and introductions, thanking the many supporters who have been key contributors to this process, in particular, the current President of the BLC's Board of Directors, Ondina Buttle. With so many supporters, it is clear that this is an accomplishment driven by the community, for the community.

Finally, the children were set loose to start digging. Although they were only able to scratch the surface of the land, it marked the end of the planning stage and beginning of the construction phase. When complete, the little hands passed a few shovels on to Randy Lefloor and Peter McDonald, representing McDonald Brothers Construction who have taken the lead role in erecting the new building.

A presentation of a certificate from the city of Ottawa was given by councilor Rainer Bloess. Please note that construction will begin shortly and continue through to (planned) mid-October.

"Know your community?" crossword puzzle.



Across

- 4. Eastern Ottawa _____ Centre
- 5. Local Hockey Arena
- 8. Sports and Karaoke pub on Shefford
- 10. Non-profit educational facility for children (3 words)
- 12. Newly named local grocery store in the beacon hill area.
- 13. Pharmacy on Ogilvie road
- 14. Your neighbourhood computer fixer people (2 words)
- 15. Non-profit educational facility for children; Beacon _____ Centre

Down

- 1. _____ of the Lord Church
- 2. Sports organization on Shefford road (2 words)
- 3. Popular shock comedian that grew up in Beacon hill. (2 words)
- 6. The 1970's Beacon Hill Express bus service nickname.(3 words)
- 7. Name of the minor hockey recreation team
- 9. Local large toboggan Hill (2 words)
- 11. Local automobile service centre

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BHNCA Membership

Become a member of the Beacon Hill North Community association today ! Help our community to remain vibrant and have a voice when it comes to matters that concern Beacon Hill North.

- Individual membership \$5.00**
- Household membership \$10.00**

Your name _____

Spouse/partner _____

Home address _____

Postal code _____

Home phone _____

Email _____

Number in the Household _____

Date of application: ____/____/____
day month year

Please complete and return to:
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*** You will be contacted when your membership is approved.**

President's message

I would like to thank everyone in the community that has signed up to the website and played a active role in community events. Some of the many accomplishments over the last 9 months include :

- Lead a campaign to save Colonel By "Don't mess with success"
- Saving the 24 bus route from being discontinued
- Through community concern Hydro Ottawa paying personal damages as the result of the sub-station fire
- The BIG Beacon Hill garage sale attended by many in the city
- Canada Day Picnic in the Park
- And much more ...

We continue to look for new ideas including craft fairs, winter carnivals and youth movie nights. To continue to make this happen, we hope you take the opportunity to take a membership to the BHNCA and signup to the www.BHNCA.com to remain informed about community issues and events.

This October we will be holding our AGM (details to follow on the website) and hope to see all members of the community come out. Feel free to contact me if you have questions or need information. Have a wonderful summer.

Cheers,
 Tim Tierney
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