



**Comité d'orientation - Steering committee**  
**Notes de reunion – Meeting notes**

**Date :** 6 février 2019, 19 h 00, Salle de conseil

**Présents :** Robert Mercuri, président, Karen Messier, membre  
Mary Allen, André Bergeron, Geoffrey Kelley, Anna Polspoel, Daniele Bouchard Serhan,  
Wade Staddon, Sam Watts, Lena Zahnan

**Absent(s) :** Katherine Crewe

**Administration :** Patrice Boileau, Julia Levitin, Denis Chabot, Andrew Duffield

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**1. Ouverture de la réunion**

- M. Robert Mercuri remercie les membres du comité de leur participation et explique le rôle du Comité d'orientation

**2. Présentation des participants et des intervenants de la Ville**

- À tour de rôle, les personnes présentes parlent brièvement de leur expérience, de leur formation et de ce qui les motive à participer au présent projet
- Il est rappelé que chacun des membres du Comité remette l'entente de confidentialité dûment signée

**3. Mot du maire**

- Son Honneur le maire s'adresse aux membres du Comité pour traiter des objectifs du projet tout en rappelant certaines contraintes possibles, dont celle d'offre financier

**4. Présentation de M. Cédric Bourgeois**

- M. Bourgeois présente les lignes directrices du projet ainsi que les règles de fonctionnement, le mandat et le rôle du Comité

**5. Informations pratiques sur le déroulement des consultations publiques**

- Il sera important de poser des questions aux résidents pour que ces derniers amènent des idées nouvelles et des suggestions plutôt que de répondre aux questions ou de donner des affirmations
- Seules des questions de clarification seront permises
- L'objectif principal des consultations publiques est de permettre aux gens de laisser aller leur imagination et leur créativité sans se soucier des contraintes financières ou techniques

**6. Dates des rencontres du Comité et des consultations publiques**

- Le calendrier des activités est établi comme suit :
  1. 20 février 2019 : consultation publique ayant pour thème le diagnostic du parc
  2. 27 février : réunion du Comité
  3. 13 mars 2019 : atelier créatif n° 1 (Édifice Centennial)
  4. 27 mars 2019 : réunion du Comité
  5. 3 avril 2019 : atelier créatif n° 2 (Centre Multifonctionnel)
  6. 17 avril 2019 : réunion du Comité
  7. 24 avril 2019 : atelier créatif n° 3 (accès au bord de l'eau, marina, activités récréatives)
  8. 8 mai 2019 : réunion du Comité



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9. 15 mai 2019 : atelier créatif n° 4 (verdissement, espaces verts, mobilité)
10. 29 mai 2019 : réunion du Comité
11. 5 juin 2019 : réunion du Comité pour la production du rapport final
12. 6 au 14 juin 2019 : révision, résumé, traduction et mise en forme du rapport
13. 21 juin 2019 : date limite pour soumettre le rapport au Conseil
14. 8 juillet 2019 : réunion du Conseil pour analyse du rapport

### **7. Questions, échanges et discussions des membres :**

- Il est convenu de rediriger toute demande médiatique aux représentants de la Ville de Beaconsfield
- Il est convenu de permettre, voire d'encourager les jeunes à participer au processus de consultation pour leur donner l'occasion de se faire entendre
- Aucune contrainte d'ordre légal n'existe (par exemple, la propriété du Lord Reading appartient à la Ville; elle seule décide des projets futurs)
- Il est convenu que la gestion documentaire se fera via Google Drive; un rapport préalable et des documents de travail seront transmis aux membres avant chaque rencontre du Comité
- Il est convenu d'inviter formellement les groupes et individus les plus touchés par le projet à participer aux consultations publiques pour leur donner la chance de s'exprimer, notamment, les représentants de la propriété du Lord Reading, la société historique, etc.
- Il est établi qu'une fois le rapport final soumis au Conseil, ce dernier sera en charge de décider de la viabilité et de la mise en œuvre du projet

### **8. Clôture de la rencontre à 21 h 00**



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**Date :** 2019-02-27, 19 h 00 Salle de conseil / 7 pm Council Chambers

**Présents - Present:** Robert Mercuri, président,  
Mary Allen, André Bergeron, Geoffrey Kelley, Anna Polspoel, Daniele Bouchard  
Serhan, Wade Staddon, Sam Watts, Lena Zahnan, Katherine Crewe

**Absent(s) :** Karen Messier

**Facilitateur – Facilitator:** Cédric Bourgeois, Transfert Environnement

**Administration :** Julia Levitin, Denis Chabot, Andrew Duffield

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### 1. Opening of the meeting

- Mr. Bourgeois presents the agenda of the meeting

### 2. Discussion, interaction and information exchange between the members of the Committee

- A suggestion is made to manage the process better;
- In order to add visibility in the process, a suggestion is made to put a link of the LinkedIn profiles of the members or to create a Facebook page where people could post suggestions;
- Mr. Bourgeois invites the members to ask themselves how to make the process more interactive in order to feed the reflection of citizens or the Committee;
- It is agreed that the concern is not how qualified are the members of the Committee but what was the selection process, what was the motivation of the members and, ultimately, will the members be objective in presenting the ideas submitted;
- A suggestion is made to address a global statement in order to avoid the focus to be taken away from the real issues;
- It is pointed out that this is an open process, but there will always be a small group of people that will be skeptical no matter what; overall, people are interested in the project;
- It is agreed that people will accept ideas if they respect the process and believe in the integrity of the process because the mandate of the members is not to present their personal ideas;
- The role of the Committee at each of the activities is to synthesize the process, reiterate that anything is possible and remind the mandate (we are here not to decide, we are here to recommend) because not always the same people will be present at the workshops;
- A suggestion is made to invite younger citizens to join the consultations;
- A suggestion is made to present a virtual visit at the consultations for people who have never been at the Centennial Park or the LRYC;
- Precision: Google Drive worked very well for all of the members, the information will continue to be sent this way;
- It is agreed that all the ideas will be put together and provided to the members.



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#### 3. Presentation by Mr. Duffield of the ideas and comments submitted by the citizens

- Shoreline:
  - Precision: the docks are not excluded
  - Precision: the jetty that goes out into the Lac St-Louis is crumbling; the City will be intervening within the next 2 years (concrete it will be replaced) but there is no plan to re-landscape and change the profile the entire shoreline
    - Since the request to the Ministry has already been deposited, the Committee will not intervene on this matter;
    - The shape of the jetty will remain the same but it will be stabilized with natural techniques;
    - Although the first 10 meters will be restored, people will have access to the shoreline.
  - Mr. Chabot responds to the suggestion of the citizens asking to extend the shoreline in order to have one big extended park:
    - It will be hard to naturalize the marina because of the nature of the activities at the LRYC;
    - The jetty cannot be lowered because it will cause stabilization problems.
- Centennial Park:
  - In the event a building exists, there is a consideration for a place to park without affecting the natural character of the area
- Centennial Hall:
  - A building audit was deposited and approved by the Council; it could be available under access to information;
  - It is agreed that the building is not functional and has space issues
  - A suggestion is made to reinforce the message that leaving the building in its actual state is not an option because of its poor condition;
  - A question is raised: Why can't the different groups and clubs meet in "chalets de parc"?
    - Mr. Chabot responds that the City used to have a deficit in maintaining buildings (i.e. Centennial Hall, "chalets de parc") that are currently in poor state; now, the parks are being redone, one by one
  - Precision: the Parks Master Plan does not address the Centennial Hall; however, it is up to the Committee to address the recommendations to the Council
  - Mr. Duffield reminds that although we want to avoid putting limits, it is important to focus on opportunities within the Centennial Park/LRYC
- Comments about the library:
  - The public consultation showed that people don't realize everything that happens at the library other than lending books (i. e. various activities)
  - It is agreed among the members that :
    - There is an opportunity to better explain the utility of the library
    - There is a possibility of a combined building that meets both library and cultural needs
  - Citizens appear to recognize the need for space because it was suggested to add a second floor on the existing library;
    - Mr. Chabot reminds that anything is possible, but there are technical and cost considerations: the structure of the library was designed for one floor and there are accessibility issues (elevator needed).



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- Comments about the LRYC:
  - The LRYC is an NPO exploiting the place owned by the City (end of lease: December 31, 2020); although the LRYC does not pay any rent, it is cheap for the City to maintain the buildings because the LRYC takes care of the property and bills the City
  - A nine (9) month notice needs to be given to the LRYC prior to the end of lease; therefore, a decision has to be made by March, 2020
  - A question is raised: What is the state of the buildings?
    - The buildings are in poor shape according to the building audit. However, it does not mean that it will not be costly to replace the current building (after demolishing, something will have to be built in order to protect the existing equipment).

#### 4. Groups to be invited to address the Steering Committee

- It is decided that two (2) particular groups will be invited in order to have the opportunity to present their ideas concerning the project:
  - Historical Society: March 27 at 7:45 pm (total of 30 min)
  - LRYC: April 17 at 7:45 pm (total of 30 min)

#### 5. Mr. Bourgeois presents the strategy and organization of the creative workshops, as well as the role of Committee members

- The ultimate goal is to create a prototype of the future building/elaborate the outlines of a multipurpose center; we do not know where the building will land, but we want people to reimagine the space.
  - The members need to ask themselves “How we set this up?” They need to ask the right questions, open-ended questions.
  - The idea of the first workshop is not to create a new structure, but to identify solutions on how to meet the needs in the future without defining the space; the solution for the end of the first workshop is to have permission from the citizens to now discuss what a multipurpose center will be.
- The role of the Committee is to animate creativity tables;
- It is suggested to have a detailed map in order to help citizens visualize the space;
- It is suggested to remind people that consultations held in 2015 targeted the same issues with an important involvement from the citizens to find solutions;
- A question is raised: What is the method of communication with the citizens?
  - The communications will be made via the website, the BVI, or the billboards
  - Precision: the mandate of the committee is to make recommendations, not to debate one on one with the citizens; the best way to inform people is to refer to the webpage dedicated to the Reimagining Project
- It is agreed to send various targeted emails to groups in order to invite them to participate to the project (i.e. young families, children, associations, etc.)

#### 6. Closing of meeting at 9:50 p.m.



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**Présents - Present:** Karen Messier, acting president  
Mary Allen, André Bergeron, Katherine Crewe, Geoffrey Kelley, Anna Polspoel,  
Wade Staddon, Sam Watts, Lena Zahnan,

**Absent(s) :** Robert Mercuri, Daniele Bouchard Serhan, Denis Chabot

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**1. Opening of the meeting**

- Councillor Messier thanks the members for their participation in the first workshop held on March 13, 2019.
- Mr. Bourgeois presents the agenda of the meeting and asks members to share their feedback following the first workshop.

**2. Feedback presented by members regarding the first workshop**

- The memories and the attachment to the Centennial Hall were present during the workshop; however, the residents understand that the building does not serve the community anymore;
- The consensus was to take the Centennial Hall down;
- Presentation by Mr. Duffield of the feedback collected from the members (refer to Power Point);
- The difficulty was to convince residents that doing nothing is not an option without guiding them;
- Residents had difficulties to confine themselves to the Centennial Hall; they wanted to rearrange the whole space at once;
- It was a challenge to bring people back to focus;
- Residents want to see the space as one large property;
- Residents are concerned about preserving the green space;
- We need to become pioneers and create things that don't exist;
- We need to create a beautiful space in order to encourage people to come.

**3. Presentation by Mr. Duffield of the study regarding cultural services**

- Refer to Power Point – issues and usage of Centennial Hall and library
- Summary document for Workshop no. 1 demonstrates a consensus for 8 findings discussed
- The statements from the tables share several common elements in the vision proposed



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**4. Mr. Bourgeois asks members how they want to proceed to write the recommendations to the Council**

- Propose to build recommendations following results of each workshop;
- Administration will provide a synthesis of contributions for discussion by committee members
- A format and outline will be proposed, and the content will developed based on the meeting notes, summaries, and documents submitted during the process;
- Similar to the process used for the Land Use Planning Committee, members will act as editors - the content will adapted, modified, and expanded based on recommendations of committee
- Comment from Mr. Boileau: once the recommendations are made, the Council will decide whether the recommendations are approved or rejected; members are not preparing recommendations to go to tender.

**5. Presentation by Mrs. Pauline Faguy-Girard from the Beaconsfield Historical Society**

- refer to Power Point

**6. Comments from the members on the presentation**

- There is a need to acknowledge the history of the building and recognize its historical value;
- The question is: will this building meet the needs for future purposes and generations? The answer (no) to this question allows us to take the next step.

**7. Presentation by Mr. Bourgeois of the workshop no. 2**

- The goal is to finish the workshop earlier
- Arrival at 6:00 p.m. instead of 6:30 p.m.
- Main steps during the workshop:
  1. First step: identify groups using the building and write them an invitation letter; why would these groups be interested in using the building?
  2. Second step: construction of the building prototypes with creative material and situating it on the map; the members will have to guide the residents with specific questions (i.e. Do we want a library, an auditorium, a snack bar?).
- Comments from members:
  - Consensus: the new building will have to be multigenerational, accessible and meet the needs of all the people within Beaconsfield;
  - We need to facilitate the session without constrains because people just want to be heard;
  - We need to be neutral and not try to sell anything; however, we need to establish some ground rules;
  - We need to consider the space as a whole;
  - Libraries change with time, they become multifunctional, they are complemented by all the activities that are taking place there.

**8. Closing of meeting at 9:18 p.m.**



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**Date :** 2019-04-17, 19 h 00 Salle de conseil / 7 pm Council Chambers

**Présents - Present:** Robert Mercuri, président, Karen Messier, membre  
Mary Allen, André Bergeron, Katherine Crewe, Geoffrey Kelley, Anna Polspoel,  
Wade Staddon, Sam Watts, Lena Zahnan

**Absent(s) :** Daniele Bouchard Serhan

**Facilitateur – Facilitator:** Cédric Bourgeois, Transfert Environnement

**Administration :** Denis Chabot, Julia Levitin, Andrew Duffield

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**1. Opening of the meeting**

- Mr. Bourgeois presents the agenda of the meeting and asks members to express their feedback concerning workshop no. 2.

**2. Feedback presented by members concerning workshop no. 2**

- The residents seemed very engaged and the results were impressive;
- Some participants had an attachment to particular elements of the space (e.g. pool);
- It was difficult to manage the tables because not everyone was on the same page;
- It was very difficult to keep the participants focused;
- Request from the LRYC: they need an office space;
- It is suggested to concentrate on the functionality of the space rather than on the design;
- For discussions concerning the multipurpose centre, it is suggested not to use the label the “library” because workshop participants tend to limit their vision to current physical library;
- It is suggested to be more concerned about the timing because we risk losing people; the workshops need to be shortened;
- Mr. Chabot mentions that the presentations from the administration will have to be cut to the minimum in order to give the opportunity to the citizens to express themselves; he also reminds that the second workshop was difficult because it was about something that was not tangible, a building that does not exist; for the future workshops, the activity will start at 7 pm sharp and it is suggested that there would be no question period;
- Mr. Duffield mentions that the goal is not to overly direct people but to define the activity; he adds that a timer will be put on the screen in order to regulate the time.

**3. Presentation by Mr. Duffield of the workshop common elements (refer to Power Point),**

- It is mentioned that when the time comes to make recommendations to the Council, the Steering Committee will justify the recommendations made.





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**4. Presentation by Mr. Don Wagner and Mr. Martin Amend from the LRYC (refer to Power Point)**

- What is the cost of the membership?
  - There are two (2) different types of memberships (*see last page of LRYC Annual report*)
    1. senior membership (boat slip): \$1,415 per year plus tax
    2. social membership (use of facilities, restaurant, pool, etc.): \$375 for residents
- Is it an obligation to be a resident of Beaconsfield?
  - Not to be a member. The General Manager is a Beaconsfield resident.
- How many activities are involved?
  - There are activities most Thursdays, music nights, BBQs, special events at least once a month, etc.
- Will more access to the public cause problem to the LRYC?
  - Absolutely not, because the nucleus is on the water.

**5. Comments of the members**

- Mr. Wagner and Mr. Amend appear completely invested in their passion; there is a desire to keep existing in whatever form the City decides the yacht club/marina will take;
- What is the impact of keeping the docks - what does that imply for reimagining the space?
- There is a big distinction between a marina and a yacht club. Running a marina is different from running a yacht club which is a community;
- The LRYC is asking to keep a marina and a yacht club;
- People can go anywhere for a marina but they go to the LRYC because of the quality of the community that is being maintained there;
- Mr. Chabot mentions that there is a need for 2000 slips in Quebec; the LRYC is not the only organization offering such services;
- To manage the marina, it will be necessary to go to tender if there is an exchange of money, with no guarantee that the LRYC will have the lowest conforming tender;
- If the City is to remove the existing clubhouse, a new structure will be required to support the basic Marina activities, built with public money;
- Mr. Chabot mentions that the City owns the land and is responsible for the breakwater and the maintenance of the buildings; if the LRYC is leaves, the club could take or sell the floating docks; removing the rocks of the breakwater is expensive;
- It is agreed that there is a need for a marina (not necessarily a yacht club) and that the marina is there to stay; another organization can operate a marina;
- The LRYC wants to keep the core activities as is; they agree to use a smaller space; they are willing to share space or parking; they are ready for a compromise;
- The LRYC wants to keep the storage because it constitutes an important revenue stream;
- Mr. Chabot mentions that for the two marinas visited, the Old port of Montreal and Lachine, there is limited interior space and no storage of boats on the property;
- Mr. Chabot adds that the current general permit is a club permit (issued by the Régie), allowing the members of the club and their guests to drink alcohol; the zoning needs to be changed if the facility is to become a restaurant and bar;
- The LRYC is not making money with the restaurant, which is their biggest loss;
- The marina can exist in some form and be run independently of the club.



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**6. Comments by Mr. Duffield concerning workshop no. 3**

- The parking lot item will not be discussed; only 3 items will be discussed:
  1. Waterfront;
  2. Marina;
  3. Recreational activities.
- Since the LRYC is a private club, most of the residents have never entered the property;
- Building replacement value of the clubhouse: \$2.1 M;
- Long-term cost to maintain the facility as is: \$3.2 M;
- It is agreed not present these details at the tables during the workshop. We can summarize by explaining that the clubhouse needs substantial work and its condition does not warrant renovation - the cost to upgrade the facility exceeds the value of the building;
- For the purposes to support a marina, it is agreed that the plan is not to build a facility of the same size as the club house. The marina operations would require bathrooms and showers, and an office for the harbormaster, which could also serve to support the boat rentals. These needs could be housed in a facility similar in size to a small park chalet;
- A public marina does not have what a facility has to socially entertain the people that have a slip; also, if a slip becomes available, it is not necessary to be a member of the club to purchase a slip; if the marina becomes public, a ramp access will be installed with a fee associated to its use.

**7. Mr. Bourgeois explains the workshop no. 3**

- Arrival at 6 p.m.;
- A quick presentation will be given to provide the context, and establish what elements of the waterfront are not open for discussion (ex: naturalization of the seawall);
- The workshop consists of one icebreaker question, followed by an activity to answer predetermined questions;
- The activity consists of an interview with local media following the completion of the revitalization project
  - Goal: Raise important issues and preoccupations for Waterfront
- Answers to questions should address
  - Users of waterfront and their needs
  - Marina (private vs public)
  - Types of recreational activities
- April 27, 2019: workshop for children with support of their parents.

**8. Closing of meeting at 9:45 p.m.**



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**Date :** 2019-05-08, 19 h 00 Salle de conseil / 7 pm Council Chambers

**Présents - Present:** Karen Messier, membre  
Mary Allen, André Bergeron, Geoffrey Kelley, Anna Polspoel, Daniele Bouchard  
Serhan, Wade Staddon, Lena Zahnan

**Absent(s) :** Robert Mercuri, Katherine Crewe, Sam Watts

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**1. Opening of the meeting**

- Mr. Bourgeois presents the agenda of the meeting and asks members to express their feedback concerning workshop no. 3.

**2. Feedback from the role as animator for the workshop on the Waterfront**

- There was a lot of agreement on things that people want to see;
- The workshop was easy because some people were coming to all the workshops;
- Participation was good and people were dreaming, but sometimes ideas were not realistic;
- A consensus was present, but there was a disparity about the boat storage;
- One of the common preoccupations was to avoid building condos on the property;
- The manager of the LRYC was open to sharing the space to the public; he showed willingness to condense the storage and use the space more efficiently;
- Additional general comments of the members of the committee:
  - One of the preoccupations is to find reasons for people to come to the space more often (e.g. hot chocolate, cross country skiing); it is suggested to provide a four-season access;
  - Seasonal constraints are going to dictate the activities;
  - Mr. Chabot mentions that the marina will stay, but everything else is on the table (who will be managing, the storage, etc.); however, the boats in winter will become a liability problem if the marina becomes a public space;
  - Our goal is to open up the space; if the storage is maintained, it will divide the space;
  - The membership fees are very low because they are funded in part by the storage revenue;
  - Other options include taking the boats by water to the Île-Perrot marinas for storage;
  - Mr. Chabot mentions that when a marina belongs to a municipality, there typically is no storage; the City can decide that there will be no storage anymore;
  - It is suggested to determine first what is best for the citizens of Beaconsfield, instead of discussing what is best for the boaters.



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**3. Recommendations, common elements and global objectives – Previous workshops**

- Consensus: maintain a marina with public access to the site;
- Keep the boardwalk natural: no paving;
- No condos;
- Comments concerning the library:
  - Question: should we move the library or leave it where it is?
  - 9 out of 10 tables had no attachment to the Centennial building
  - Problem with the library: lack of space
  - At the Citizen diagnostic on February 20, the role and opportunities for the library within the project were not well conveyed
  - It is suggested to invite library representatives to provide more information; the head librarian will be asked to address the committee at the next meeting on May 29
  - The public wants a publicly open facility
- Comments concerning the Centennial building:
  - It is not a building that is publicly accessible
  - There is a lot of wasted space
  - Parking is one of the issues to be discussed - The more there is parking, the more there is paving; parking in the residential area could be used
    - ❖ Question: is it possible to use the lot behind the Recreational Centre as a parking space?
    - ❖ Mr. Chabot asks if extra parking is required if the needs only exceed the capacity for a few major events; in those instances overflow parking can be provided without providing dedicated parking lots; parking capacity must be sufficient for the daily use
    - ❖ If normal usage is met, we want to avoid paving more areas and losing green space

**4. Format and progress of recommendations to be presented to Council**

- An overall view will be provided to the members for discussion
  - Context, workshops, tendencies, recommendations: the report will be concise
- First version of the report planned for May 21, 2019

**5. Preparation for creative workshop no. 4 – green spaces and mobility**

- Activity no. 1 – visit/exploration of the space: The role of the members is to take notes at each of the stops
- Activity no. 2 – brainstorm and validation (see questions for participant feedback in presentation)
  - It is suggested to ask participants to find a better solution for the parking issue
- Committee members are asked to meet at 6 pm on the second floor of Centennial Hall

**6. Comments by Mr. Duffield concerning the activity involving children on the April 27, 2019**

- Mr. Duffield provides the example of Créalab in Repentigny

**7. Closing of meeting at 8:55 p.m.**



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**Date :** 2019-05-29, 18 h 30 Salle de conseil / 6:30 pm Council Chambers

**Présents - Present:** Robert Mercuri, president; Karen Messier, member  
Mary Allen, Katherine Crewe, Geoffrey Kelley, Anna Polspoel, Daniele Bouchard  
Serhan, Wade Staddon, Sam Watts, Lena Zahnan

**Absent(s) :** André Bergeron

**Facilitateur – Facilitator:** Cédric Bourgeois, Transfert Environnement

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**1. Opening of the meeting**

**2. Feedback from workshop no 4:**

- Energy was amazing;
- It was suggested to remove the asphalt in order to re-naturalize the space;
- It was suggested to no longer permit of storage boats;
- One of the questions was: where will the multipurpose building go (towards the road, the middle, the water, LRYC side)?
- It was suggested to have a garden with native plants and/or an edible plants;
- Limit parking in park;
- Mr. Mercuri asks where the parking will be located. He suggests to consider people with reduced mobility
  - Mr. Chabot mentions that we will need a service road, handicapped parking and a drop off area;
- It is suggested to consider transport to the park and mobility within the park because accessibility is key;
- Any Infrastructure installed will have to consider that the water levels will rise
  - Mr. Chabot: the elevation of the low lying area at the sandy area cannot be significantly raised;
- It is agreed that residents accepted the idea of having a multicultural centre.



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**3. Presentation (library) – questions/comments**

- It is suggested provide a means to get feedback (ex: comments about urban questions)
- Some associations need meeting space, others need workshop space (i.e. artsy activities, art studio); no meeting goes past 9 p.m.
- Libraries are about books
  - How many books does the library have? Over 80,000 physical documents;
  - Do we need more space or shelves? No more shelving is required in part due to the higher demand for electronic documents (5% of loans) However, the space is tight between the stacks;
  - How many books do we get rid of annually? 6,000.
- How accessible is the library (for people with physical or visual handicaps)?
  - Not easy, especially access to toilets and between the stacks;
- Will it be easier to relocate activities at a cultural centre?
  - There is little staff at Centennial Hall compared to the number of employees as the library; If the library and cultural centre were combined, the numerous walk-ins could benefit from unplanned participation in cultural activities they discover
  - For a combined space, both library and culture could benefit from the sharing of staff
- Given the space of a new Centre, we can offer various programs; if we do nothing, what does it mean for the future offerings of the programs that we give or hope to give?
  - Some organisations' concerts are not held at Centennial. Indoor concerts take place at a local church nearby; outdoor concerts can take place on site. It will be nice to have a place on City property to host City concerts and other cultural events throughout the year not subject to the weather; 6 outdoor concerts are held on site and 6 indoor concerts are not held on site.
  - Doing nothing will not serve the evolving population (people will get older, children will become teenagers)
- We can achieve more; we are doing what we can with the space we have
- Some are not stimulated when they walk into the library.
- Are there activities organised for teenagers?
  - Yes, a special event will be organised by the end of the summer; we will get a feedback from the teenagers in order to know what they want (ex: Créalab, Bibliothèque du boisé, where a whole section is dedicated to teenagers)
- Agreement: We now try to combine leisure, culture and nature in order to meet the needs of the future generations in Beaconsfield; we don't have to worry right away about the cost; we must provide the guidelines for the needs and allow the architects to conceive of a design
  - Mr. Chabot: in Varennes, the library (evaluated at \$10M) didn't cost anything to the City because of the numerous subsidies granted, and \$2.5 M raised from private donations
- Do schools bring children to the library?
  - Yes. A new program will start next year with the friends of the library
- It is suggested to create a reading garden.



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4. Workshop on the themes for the project – presentation Andrew

- Existing building
  - It is suggested to invite the Historical Society propose what should be kept and what should be demolished (members partially agree)
  - Mr. Bourgeois: Concours de design – recommander qu'il y ait une option d'intégration d'éléments architecturaux ou historiques liés au Centennial Hall
- Multipurpose building
  - Perhaps 2 buildings would be necessary;
  - Residents want views on the water but if built too close to road it will destroy the view
    - Mr. Chabot: There are a lot of outside constraints that we can't foresee now; we should not become too specific in the recommendations
    - Mr. Bourgeois: Par contre, on peut spécifier que la vue sur l'eau est importante sans aller dans les détails;
  - It is suggested to specify that the goal is to preserve the trees and the green space
  - It is suggested to put the building on the property line so that parking can serve both for the Centennial side and the multipurpose side; doing so, it will become one big space
- Lord Reading
  - It is agreed that boat storage is a bad idea;
  - The site's potential should not be limited to accommodate the few residents with large boats
  - Mr. Chabot: there is a liability concerning storing boats (there is no way for the City to control access to boats); in Lachine, there is no storage (the same operator will be interested in managing in the marina even without storage);
  - Agreement: the marina stays but the buildings will no longer be there;
  - Andrew: The revenue from the boat storage comes from rental on public land
  - Recommendation: Our goal is to provide a site that all Beaconsfield residents can use**
- Marina
  - Recommendation: In order to make the entire property available for the public, boat storage is not compatible with that vocation**
- Yacht club
  - The LRYC wants to have the ability to rent a space in order to hold a meeting as other clubs; people are rarely inside (ex: shower)
  - The slips that cannot be removed will stay (valuable infrastructure)
  - The LRYC is not for profit, their future is up to them; we have to be careful not to guarantee any future
  - Agreement: there will be a marina
  - Once the barn is removed, a new building will have to be built in order to house the electric system for the docks. This building will also have toilets and showers
  - Recommendation: Not to be included as a theme in the recommendation document**
- Green space
  - Mr. Chabot: what will happen with the spaces that remain unmaintained? The recommendations will address these areas



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- Active mobility
  - We want to encourage active transportation
  - Do we want to have 2 sets of paths?
    - We want to slow down the bikes;
    - We want to avoid shared paths;
    - We want to keep the park natural (no concrete; pea gravel);
    - We will need bike racks;
    - Accord : Pas de piste cyclable mais une voie d'accès;
  - Recommendation: promote the use of bikes to get to the park but not on paths**
- Parking needs and access to the SPACE
  - The parking should be close to the boulevard but there will be a drop off zone
  - There will be a service road in the park (not necessarily asphalt) because we need some form of access;
- Playground equipment and par furniture
  - Some furniture requires more concrete (ex: benches, picnic tables);
  - the space could be used as a natural waterfront area with some recreational and cultural aspects; we should resist trying to fit all the ideas received in the park (not all parks serve the same purpose); we can make it interesting and cultural, but for example swings and slides are perhaps better suited in other parks;
  - The playground area space should be multipurpose; any water infrastructure is a lot of work to upkeep that; however, a playground should be considered and it doesn't require much maintenance;
  - Mr. Mercuri: we always need to consider cost and location;
  - Agreement: Majority against BBQ
  - Recommendation: there are better spots for a splash pad; it attracts a lot of people (too noisy)**
- Cohabitation
  - Design should respect existing buffer zones
- Other themes
  - It is suggested to have a chalet type structure to support marina and waterfront activities;
  - There is an important demand for an amphitheatre;
  - Is the vision enough to bring people enjoy the space? Yes if the activities are attractive
  - Should we have a recommendation on condos? It's a public space, you can't have condos, same rationale as for not permitting boat storage
  - Recommendation: the public space is not compatible with condos; as a committee we recommended that this space remains public**
- The goal is to table the recommendations at the June 17 Council meeting

5. Closing of meeting at 9:35 p.m.