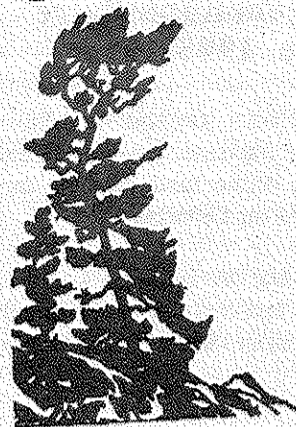


April 1996

Population: 21,189
Residences: 6,054



FALLINGBROOK Newsletter

The Fallingbrook Newsletter is published for the residents of Fallingbrook by the Fallingbrook Community Association.

Message from the editor

As you can see from this edition, safety and security are two issues many residents are concerned about. If you're not involved in Neighbourhood Watch already, why not give your local representative a call today. An effective way to make our community safe is by being part of the solution.

If you care about the neighbourhood you live in, then get involved. Come out to the Fallingbrook Community Association's Annual General meeting May 1 and find out what's happening in your neighbourhood.

- George Blake, Editor

Prix annuels de bénévolé

Encore cette année, l'Association communautaire Fallingbrook honorera les résidents qui ont contribué à notre communauté en donnant de leur temps à des activités bénévoles. Nous vous demandons de nous donner le nom d'une ou des personnes qui devraient être honorées, e.g., des individus qui ont contribué à des groupes sportifs, à des groupes communautaires ou à une école, etc. Vous pouvez communiquer avec David Villeneuve au 837-0336 pour offrir vos suggestions.

Annual Volunteer Awards

Again this spring, the Fallingbrook Community Association will be honouring residents who have contributed to our community by giving their time to volunteer activities. We seek suggestions for people who should be honoured, e.g., people from sports groups, community groups, schools, etc. Any suggestions should be directed to David Villeneuve (837-0336).

Fallingbrook Community Association Annual General Meeting

Wednesday May 1 at 7:30 p.m.

Ray Friel Centre
1515 Tenth Line Road

Guest speakers include

Mr. Peter Clark, Regional Chair of the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton and a member of the Regional Police Services Board along with **Mayor Brian Coburn**

Everyone is invited to attend the annual general meeting of the Fallingbrook Community Association. The evening's agenda includes keynote addresses by our guests and a review of our activities, as well as the election of the Association's officers for 1996-97.

Come out and join us! New members are always welcome. Hope to see you there!



Association communautaire Fallingbrook Assemblée générale annuelle

Mercredi le 1^{er} mai à 19h30

au Centre Ray Friel
1515, chemin Tenth Line

M. Peter Clark, Président de la Municipalité régional d'Ottawa Carleton et membre du Conseil régional des services policiers et **Brian Coburn**, Maire de Cumberland, sont nos invités

Vous êtes invités à assister à la réunion générale de l'Association communautaire Fallingbrook. L'ordre du jour de la réunion comprendra des notes dominantes par nos invités, une revue de nos activités, et l'élection des officiers de l'Association pour l'année 1996-1997.

Venez vous joindre à nous! Les nouveaux membres sont toujours les bienvenus. Nous espérons vous voir à la réunion!

FALLINGBROOK COMMUNITY CENTRE HOCKEY AND PLEASURE RINK

by Ron Hamelin, *Fallingbrook
Community Centre Rink Manager.*

Managing the Fallingbrook Community Centre Outdoor Rink this year was a new task for me. It was something that I'd had very little experience in, yet my job became much easier with the help of many people, whom I take my hat off to: previous Rink Manager Paul Pelletier answered many of my sometimes repetitious questions; Cumberland Township employees Roger, Denis and Ken, whom I dealt with it seems very regularly, were extremely helpful and darned fast, too; our Treasurer, Barry, helped me get my rink attendants paid on time. This season, we were opened in record time on December 17, 1995, because the weather was colder than it was last year at this time. According to some folks in the area, this was the earliest the rink had opened for as far back as they can remember. During the 1994-1995 season, we served 3475 people over the length of time the hockey and pleasure rink was in operation. I'm proud to say that we surpassed that total during our 1995-1996 season. As of February 19, 1996, we served over 4900 people. This season's rink attendants, Stephan Thorsteinson, Nick Rolling, Ken Prevost, Stephane Richard and Richard Potvin, deserve a good round of applause for a job well done. They made my job easier, because I knew the rink was in good hands during my absence.

So if you didn't get to visit the Fallingbrook rink this season, you'll have to wait until next season before you can see for yourself why the rink is so popular!

For your information, the Township is reviewing the current rink funding and grant policies. If the cuts to these grants are substantial, our Community Association may not be able to operate outdoor rinks next year. Enhanced community support and involvement will be required if you want to see outdoor rinks at Fallingbrook and Gardenway Parks. Stay tuned for further information on this and other Township fiscal restraint measures.

See you at our community rinks!

Canadian Cancer Society

by Sandy Elders

1996 marks the 50th anniversary of the residential campaign for the Canadian Cancer Society. Approximately 50% of the total campaign comes from our April door-to-door appeal. We depend on our vast number of volunteers who are willing to donate a few hours of their time to carry this out for us. I would like to take this opportunity to remind all residents that no donation is too small. With the

size of our community, if every household donated a dollar (ie \$1), think of how much money we could collect!

In an attempt to cover 100% of all canvassable dwellings, I have enlisted the help of the students and staff at St. Peters High School. They will be involved in a one night blitz held on **Wednesday, April 24th** when streets throughout this area will be canvassed by these students working in pairs. This is our first of hopefully many years of using this wonderful resource of student power so please be receptive to their knock on your door!

Lets work together to make 1996 our best year yet!

Volunteers are always needed so please call me if you can help.

Thank You
Sandy Elders
Area Captain
Canadian Cancer Society
830-9692

CUMBERLAND SPORTS PARK ON THE MOVE

By Sean Crossan, *President, FCA*
Mayor Brian Coburn informed the Fallingbrook Community Association at our monthly meeting that he is progressing on his election campaign promise to build a major sports park in our municipality. The 50-acre sports park, to be located at the southeast corner of Trim and Innes Roads, will be built in partnership with local service clubs and organized sport associations such as soccer, baseball and football.

In order to prevent any tax increases, the Municipality will provide the land and the sand/gravel, and will grade the land to the appropriate specifications at an expected cost of approximately \$200,000. However, it will be up to the local service clubs and organized sports associations to pay for lighting, ongoing maintenance, storage and other facility costs necessary to play sports for years to come. This joint venture has been picking up steam as 8 local residential developers have contributed \$40,000 for the first phase. It is expected that serious work will begin on our new major sports park this spring.

At present, free stone from the YMCA is being dumped on the site to establish a base for the parking lot facilities, and the ditches are being dug for proper drainage. The mayor indicated that any new partners such as sport associations, service clubs, corporations and/or municipal interests should contact his office to receive further information.

A sports park concept plan is attached to provide you with a clearer picture of the excellent facilities that will be available for many of our children's recreational needs and for major sporting events (e.g., national baseball championships). Good luck, Mayor Coburn!

Fallingbrook Community Association 1995-96 Executive List

L'exécutif de l'Association communautaire Fallingbrook pour l'année 1995-1996

L'Association communautaire Fallingbrook aimerait vous souhaiter la bienvenue dans notre communauté. Nous invitons toute personne intéressée à assister à une de nos réunions. Les réunions ont habituellement lieu le dernier lundi du mois dans la salle des employés de l'école Fallingbrook (située sur la rue Deancourt).

The Fallingbrook Community Association would like to welcome you to our neighbourhood. The executive usually meets on the last Monday of the month in the staff room of Fallingbrook Community Elementary School on Deancourt Crescent.

President / Président	Sean Crossan	841-0348
Vice-President / Vice-Président	Paul Pelletier	824-9992
Past President / Ancien Président	David Villeneuve	837-0336
Treasurer / Trésorier	Barry Bowden	824-0082
Secretary / Secrétaire	Debbie Parent	830-5433
Recreation, Newsletter and Badminton Club / Loisirs, Bulletin communautaire et Club de badminton	George Blake	837-1695
Canada Day / Fête du Canada	Paul Pelletier	824-9992
Neighbourhood Watch / Surveillance du quartier	Ron Hamelin	834-1760
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Members at Large / Membres (général)	Jim Shaw Jocelyne Holmes	824-9711 837-1691

SECURITY AND POLICING A MAJOR CONCERN IN OUR COMMUNITY



By Sean Crossan, *President, FCA*

During the traffic-calming study, two issues surfaced in Fallingbrook. The first issue is the fact that Fallingbrook is barely 10 years old, and planners/traffic engineers did not have the foresight to include school sidewalk expenditures for both sides of the street in their plans. Council might have the nerve to come back to tax payers to cover the costs of this municipal oversight when a serious public safety issue evolves as a result.

The second issue is the lack of police and police equipment in our community. As car thefts (6 thefts and 2 failed attempts on my street in one year) and break and enters increase, residents of Fallingbrook, Queenswood Heights and the Villages are asking, "Where are the 30 Ontario Provincial Police Officers who are supposed to be patrolling our

neighbourhood?". Residents would be flabbergasted if they only knew the police story. Thus, the need for a Community Neighbourhood Watch is crucial. Let's all work together to make our community safe and crime-free.

The police services issue is a complex issue that will hopefully be addressed by the new Chair of the Regional Services Board, Mr. Peter Vice. Mr. Vice has been invited to speak about the policing issue at our AGM on Monday, April 1, 1996, 7:30 p.m., at the Ray Friel Community Centre (at press time Mr. Vice had not confirmed his attendance). Mr. Vice was appointed Minister Runciman, our Provincial Solicitor General. The OPP report is available. Please join us.

Traffic calming

by Jim Elders

I have been asked by the Fallingbrook Community Association to present my views concerning the Cumberland Traffic Calming study. My name is Jim Elders, and I am a resident of Cumberland living on Merkley drive.

The rationale presented for doing the Cumberland Traffic Calming study was to address the growing number of requests for multi-way stops to reduce the speed of traffic on community roadways, and to discourage the use of residential streets as through-routes. These objectives suggest to me that a bias toward action (i.e., the spending of money) existed in the framework of the study from the very beginning, which has unduly influenced the final decisions of the consultant.

Is there really a growing concern with traffic-related issues in Cumberland? Only 125 respondents took the time to fill out the questionnaire, which had been made available to the public for input on traffic-related issues. One hundred and twenty-five people is a total response rate which is hardly representative of a community with a population of approximately 50,000 residents. On a similar note, only 200 residents viewed the final plan when it was presented at the Ray Friel Centre and at the Place d'Orléans Shopping Centre. This lack of public interest has yet to be addressed by the "traffic spending zealots".

There were two observations made by the consultants who drafted the report that should be of interest to all residents. The first is that *the existing traffic volumes are not excessive* (for example, Merkley Drive operates at *only ???_ of its capacity*, while *Princess Louise operates at ???_ of its capacity*). Some have argued that the volume of traffic is not a concern, however, most of the proposed traffic calming measures are being proposed to ease the ability of pedestrians to cross Cumberland streets.

The second observation made by the consultants was that community intersections generally proved to have relatively *low accident rates*. The consultant goes on to note that "even the highest accident rate intersections averaged only one to two accidents per year during the last three-year period" and that several of these intersections were on blind corners.

As far as speed concerns go, there was *no real difference noted* in the study between *Des Épinettes* at an average speed of 52.99 km/hour and *Merkley* at 53.35 km/hour, in spite of the fact that *Des Épinettes* has a stop sign posted at each entrance way into the Queenswood neighbourhood (i.e., at St. Georges Street and Prestwick drive -- plus the 4 additional stop signs on the Gloucester side of *Des Épinettes*). Which discredits the proposed addition of 16 stop signs noted in the study as being necessary to bring traffic

under control. It is also interesting to note that *the average speed on Princess Louise is only 48.96 km/hour*. The lower average speed is the result of motorists slowing down due to the presence of the Fallingbrook Elementary school, and their perception of what is the appropriate speed for this street, more than the existence of stop signs, as only a single stop sign is currently in place on Princess Louise, at Deancourt Crescent.

There were only *two concerns* that received significant support by Cumberland residents in the questionnaire administered by the Consultant. The first involved the *improved identification of pedestrian zones*, with 82% of the respondents liking this idea. The second involved *increased law enforcement*, with 91% of the respondents liking this idea. Yet the plan includes expenditures that will total \$358,000, including sidewalk expansion, speed humps and many new and totally unnecessary stop signs.

My primary concern is with Merkley Drive because I live on this street. I feel the measures proposed are, to say the least, excessive (i.e., the addition of 2 new stop signs and 2 speed humps), and will be counter-productive to traffic safety. As discussed earlier, traffic volume is not a problem on Merkley, nor is it expected to be in the near or distant future. In addition, there have not been any safety concerns raised in the study which would warrant these actions on Merkley drive.

If we examine the questionnaire, there were only 6 respondents who noted that speed was an issue on Merkley, 4 respondents who noted that safety was an issue for pedestrians or bicyclists, only 3 respondents who noted that high volume was an issue of concern, only 4 respondents who identified noise as a concern along Merkley, and 1 respondent who noted that crossing safety at École Des Pionniers was a concern on Merkley drive. These numbers are hardly supportive of the unnecessary spending proposals contained in the Traffic Calming study.

While making my views known publicly, I have learnt of another suggestion which causes me great consternation. This is the proposal to shut off access to the Fallingbrook Mall and Ray Friel Centre from the Bottriel and Merkley corner. This proposal makes no sense from an environmental perspective, nor from a logistics perspective, as the majority of traffic on Merkley results from the traffic patterns of residents who live within the Charlemagne circle.

My concerns, I feel, are supported by the evidence presented in the study. I would recommend that the lion's share of the \$358,000 be spent on other worthy municipal endeavours, such as the library drive.

Merkley's Dangerous Traffic Should Not Be Ignored

by: A. Fahr

As a resident of Merkley Drive for over ten years, I am quite concerned about the hazardous traffic situation on this street. Based on OPP records, there have been seven accidents reported on Merkley in the past three years alone. Two of the accidents involved children who were hit by speeding cars. For a residential street, these numbers are alarming.

Since the construction of the road that connects Merkley to the Fallingbrook Plaza and the Ray Friel Centre, the through-traffic on Merkley has drastically increased. Many people living in the new residential developments east of Charlemagne Blvd. take Merkley as a shortcut to get to the Plaza or the Ray Friel Centre, creating the high volume of traffic. I have personally kept track, and have found that 7 out of 10 cars coming out from or going onto Watters Road, take Merkley instead of Charlemagne, which is designed for a higher volume of traffic.

In addition, since Merkley is relatively wide and straight, most drivers tend to go much faster than the 40 km/hour speed limit. Even the OCT bus drivers do not heed the posted speed limit, despite many complaints from the residents. At certain times of day, this street is more like a freeway than a residential street, making it very dangerous for people crossing the street and for residents trying to back out of their driveway.

Last spring, about 90% of Merkley's residents signed a petition and requested that the Township of Cumberland erect additional stop signs in order to bring down the speed. They also suggested that the access road to the Plaza and the Ray Friel Centre be closed, in order to reduce through-traffic. This access road was not in the original plans, and was built without consulting the home owners of Merkley Drive and Bottriel Way, who are directly affected. Many of these home owners, including myself, would not have purchased their home on these streets if they had known that the township was going to change the street plans.

The petition was presented to Fallingbrook Councillor Frank Dugal, and a copy was sent to the Township of Cumberland. Because the Township had hired Morrison Hershfield Consulting Engineers to develop the traffic calming policy and draw up related plans for the Township of Cumberland, we were told to wait until this study was completed. After more than eight months, the traffic calming study came up with several recommendations for the major problem areas. For Merkley Drive, two stop signs and two speed humps were recommended.

A speed hump is basically a gradual rise in the street level of about 3" over a twenty-foot stretch, and its purpose is to increase driver awareness of pedestrians and encourage a safe driving speed. These bumps have been used successfully in Calgary and in other cities. It was recommended that the painted speed humps be located where the existing pedestrian crossing lies, and near École des Pionniers, in order to improve pedestrian crossing safety.

The recommendations appeared to be reasonable. Had they been enforced, they would very likely have helped to reduce speed and discourage through-traffic. Unfortunately, the Township Council did not approve any of the suggestions. Instead, they proposed more policing, despite the fact that policing is neither cost-effective nor can it be done on a continuous basis. In effect, the Council gave in to pressure from a few people who argued against any new measures for Merkley since, in their view, stop signs and speed humps would make driving uncomfortable, and the closure of the access road would create unnecessary inconvenience. In our view, safety should not be compromised for comfort or convenience.

Merkley's residents have put forward recommendations that are not only simple to implement, but are cost-effective as well. These recommendations should be given a try, at least on a temporary basis, in order to find out how they would affect the flow of traffic. Merkley's dangerous traffic problem should not be ignored as more serious accidents are bound to happen.





TENEZ-VOUS À LA SÉCURITÉ DE VOS BIENS ET DE VOS BIEN-AIMÉS?

par Ron Hamelin,

Surveillance de Quartiers Fallingbrook

Le programme de **Surveillance de Quartiers** est actif dans votre localité, mais nous avons besoin de vous pour assurer la santé de ce programme dans le futur! Le programme de **Surveillance de Quartiers** a été conçu afin d'encourager la participation active de tous les membres de la communauté. Une vigilante observation de notre entourage aidera notre **Police** à assurer la sécurité de notre communauté locale. En créant et en soutenant un réseau téléphonique qui compte sur un système de **Capitaine de Rue** et de **Capitaine de Bloc**, nous pouvons vous avertir de cas d'entrée par effraction, de vandalisme, et d'autres incidents dans notre région. Plusieurs des rues dans votre secteur doivent être réorganisées suite au départ de plusieurs propriétaires et à l'arrivée de nouveaux venus. Nous devons identifier des nouveaux **Capitaines de Rue** et **Capitaines de Bloc** afin de maintenir notre réseau téléphonique, et nous vous encourageons à vous impliquer dans ce programme. La demande de temps pour l'une ou l'autre de ces tâches est de moins de 20 minutes par mois, et ceci, pour communiquer avec vos proches voisins, les incidents criminels qui peuvent prendre place dans notre communauté. Vous ne devez assister à **AUCUNE RÉUNION**, seulement faire qu'un appel téléphoniques au besoin.

Sans votre support, le système de **Surveillance de Quartiers** ne fonctionnera plus et nos enseignes dans la communauté seront enlevées. **SI VOUS DÉSIREZ VOUS IMPLIQUER**, s.v.p. communiquer avec moi pour en savoir plus au sujet du programme et pour devenir **Capitaine de Rue** ou **Capitaine de Bloc** dans votre Secteur. Nous comptons sur votre participation et votre aide.

YEAR	AUTO	B & E	VANDALISM
1987	53	41	*NA
1988	33	35	*NA
1989	55	68	*NA
1990	97	37	79
1991	134	43	72
1992	125	27	80
1993	150	54	114
1994	**NA	**NA	**NA
1995	61	148	150
*NO RECORDS WERE KEPT UNTIL 1990.		**NO RECORDS FOUND FOR THE YEAR 1994 FOR COMPARISON.	

These are the statistics for the past year (from January 1, 1995 to December 31, 1995)
Voici les statistiques pour l'année passée (du 1^{er} janvier 1995 au 31 décembre 1995)

Street	B&E	Auto	Vandal	Street	B&E	Auto	Vandal
-A-				-M-			
Adenciff	0	1	0	Marinoff	1	2	0
Appollo	3	5	7	Marjolaine	0	1	0
Arcen Ciel	1	2	3	Marsala	0	4	0
-B-				McCallum	0	1	1
Beaucourt	0	1	0	Merkley	7	1	5
Beauregard	1	2	1	Minogue	0	1	0
Bidford	0	0	1	Montcrest	0	4	0
Boake	0	2	0	Montresor	0	0	3
Bottriel	0	2	4	Morewood	0	2	3
Briarfield	0	2	2	-N-			
Brome	0	2	1	Northampton	0	1	0
Brookridge	0	1	2	Northlands	0	3	0
-C-				Norview	0	1	0
Caminiti	2	1	2	-O-			
Canemore	4	0	0	Oaklawn	0	2	0
Canolia	2	1	4	Orchardsvie	0	3	0
Canteval	4	3	0	Orford	0	2	1
Carrigan	1	2	2	-P-			
Caserta	0	0	1	Pappillon	0	1	0
Cezanne	0	2	0	Paradise	0	3	1
Charlemagne	1	0	10	P. Louise	3	4	2
Cheevers	5	1	1	Proulx	1	0	1
Chenier	0	3	3	-R-			
Chevorny	0	0	1	Rougemont	0	4	3
Clearcrest	2	2	2	-S-			
-D-				Sablou	0	1	0
Deancourt	1	2	7	Sacramento	0	2	0
Delia	0	2	1	Saturn	0	0	1
DeCornifer	0	1	1	Shawinigan	2	0	1
Du Buisson	0	1	0	Sheenboro	0	1	1
-F-				Sidney	0	1	1
Falwyn	0	2	1	Steller	0	2	1
Farmbrook	0	1	0	Sunland	0	3	2
-G-				-T-			
Gardenway	1	4	2	Taché	0	4	0
Glenmore	1	0	0	Talcy	0	1	1
Glenside	0	1	0	Tenth Line	6	26	48
-H-				Thickey	0	3	1
Harowsmith	0	1	0	Thurlow	0	5	0
Hauteview	1	0	1	Tourelle	0	1	0
Hileah	0	0	1	Tupello	0	1	0
Hoskins	1	0	0	-V-			
-L-				Valade	1	2	0
Lacombe	1	0	0	Varennes	0	2	1
Lalande	1	0	0	-W-			
Latour	1	2	0	Watters	0	3	3
Laurin	0	0	1	Wilkie	1	1	2
Lawney	0	0	1	-Y-			
Leduc	0	0	1	Yorkmills	0	1	2
Levac	1	0	1	Total			
Total B & E	61			Total Auto	148		
				Total Vandal	150		

DO YOU CARE ABOUT THE SAFETY OF YOUR HOME AND YOUR LOVED ONES?

by Ron Hamelin,

Fallingbrook Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch is alive and well in Fallingbrook, but we need your help to keep it that way! The **Neighbourhood Watch Program** is designed to encourage the active participation of all communities (as the eyes and ears of our Police Force) in keeping our neighbourhoods safe and crime-free. Through the establishment and maintenance of a telephone network relying on a system of **Street Captains** and **Block Captains**, we can effectively look out for each other and through such a system, inform each other of break-ins, vandalism, and other incidents in affected areas. A number of the streets in your sector must be re-organized because many residents have moved out and new ones have moved in. We must identify new **Street Captains** and **Block Captains** in order to keep our telephone network operative, and we urge you to become involved. The maximum time required for either of these tasks is approximately 20 minutes per month... to pass along information to neighbours in your immediate area with regard to break-ins, car theft, etc. You have **NO MEETINGS** to attend, only one phone call to make when it is warranted.

Without your support as a volunteer, the system will collapse and our **Neighbourhood Watch** signs will be removed. **IF YOU CARE ENOUGH TO HELP**, please call me and find out more about becoming a **Street Captain** or a **Block Captain** in your Sector. We are counting on your participation and support.



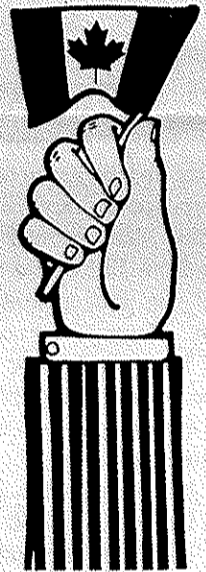
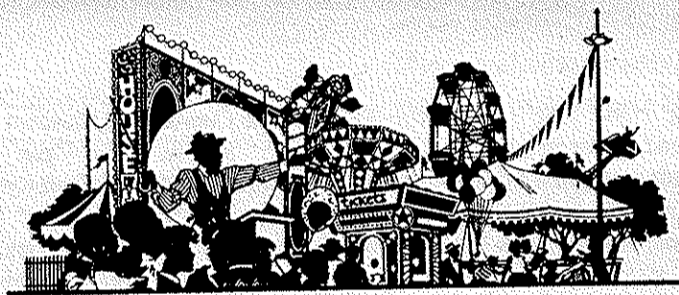


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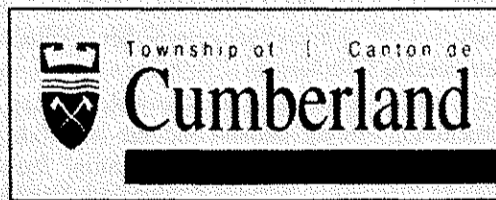
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Fallingbrook Community Association

Monday July 1, 1996
Ray Friel Centre
1515 Tenth Line Road

The ninth annual Canada Day celebration in Fallingbrook promises to be better than ever. Last year, thousands of residents participated in the day's festivities, culminating in our giant fireworks display. This year we're bringing back everything and adding such things as a community volleyball tournament (start getting your street team ready), a kite-flying festival (for the young and old alike), a giant community flea market and much, much more. Why fight the traffic and crowds trying to get downtown when you can walk on down to your very own community spectacular.



The Fallingbrook Community Association would like to acknowledge the generous Canada Day '95 contributions made by the following sponsors:



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THE CUMBERLAND HERITAGE MUSEUM: BUT AT WHAT COST?

By Sean Crossan, President, FCA
Background

On Monday February 26, 1996, Mr. Franz Klingender, Museum Curator and Mr. Ned Lathrop, Chief Administrative Officer for the soon-to-be City of Cumberland, provided a brief presentation about the Museum and answered questions from Fallingbrook, Queenswood Heights and the Villages Community Associations. A few Museum Board members and both Regional Councillors were also present.

The general nature of these questions addressed the ever-increasing tax impact the Museum is having on our municipality. Questions were also raised about the affordability of the Museum during this time of severe fiscal restraint. There appeared to be agreement that the Cumberland Museum is a "cultural treasure", but at what cost to you and I the taxpayer.

Issues

Peter McClure, President of the Queenswood Heights Community Association raised the issue that less than 25% of the Museum's budget came from revenues raised through special events or other fundraising efforts. In other words, the tax payer is bearing the brunt of the costs for this service. Leonna Jimmo, President of the Villages Community Association, questioned the amount of money being invested in Museum marketing and the return on investment. I was surprised to discover that over 20 years, the Museum had only leveraged funding from ESSO for an approximate \$40,000 in gas pumps and moving expenses. Many of us could not believe that the Museum has not been partnering with the private and public sectors, and had not even considered the possibility of other funding sources until recently. Perhaps the Museum has spent too much time in the past and not enough in this fiscally restrained present day world of ours!

We were informed that the Museum was started in 1976 with the relocation of heritage buildings from across the Township. Over this twenty-year period, there has been a significant amount of capital dollars (tax dollars) invested in the building of the Museum. At the time of the meeting, the Municipality could not provide an approximate or accurate total capital expenditure figure for the Museum's 20 years of construction; however, the library capital costs were provided and estimated to be at over \$1.3 million. Mr. Lathrop agreed to provide our Community Association with the Museum capital expenditure figures sometime in the spring of 1996. Serious investments have been made in the Museum and the capital expenditures could easily be in excess of \$3 million.

1994 Provincial Museum Average Operating and Maintenance Expenditures Compared to Cumberland Museum

Governing Authorities Who Operate Museums

Municipality	120	<i>Cumberland Museum status</i>
Non-profit corporation	63	
Conservation authority	8	
Library Board	1	

Hours of Operation

Year-round	21	<i>Cumberland Museum status</i>
Extended hours	122	
Seasonal	49	

Visitations

Year-round	28,235	<i>Cumberland 15,000</i>
Extended hours	12,952	
Seasonal	5,400	

Salaries and benefits	\$113,278	<i>Cumberland \$242,020 Average expenditures</i>
Maintenance	\$23,177	<i>Cumberland \$36,189</i>
Administration	\$14,126	<i>Cumberland \$11,874</i>
Public relations	\$5,680	<i>Cumberland \$5,857</i>
Conservation	\$1,172	<i>Cumberland \$4,440</i>
Curatorial expenses	\$1,385	<i>Cumberland \$833</i>
Exhibits	\$3,568	<i>Cumberland \$3,973</i>
Interpretation and Education	\$6,646	<i>Cumberland \$13,994</i>
Acquisitions	\$1,748	<i>Cumberland \$5,811</i>
1994 TOTAL	\$164,710	\$324,996

SUMMARY: Based on 1994 actuals, the Cumberland Museum's expenditures are almost 50% more, or double, the provincial museum operating and maintenance expenditure average.

Source: Ontario Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Recreation, February 1996. Cumberland stats are from the 1995 Cumberland Budget document.

According to the Master Plan, Cumberland Museum has the costliest interpretative program of any museum in the province. "If it does not change this status, there may not be a Museum in the future," stated Ned Lathrop, Chief Administrative Officer in the minutes of the Museum Board, November 9, 1995 meeting. The Museum is in the process of developing a five-year master plan that is attempting to begin to address some of these serious funding issues. As a result of this plan, the Friends of the Museum have been formed to raise additional funds for the Cumberland Museum and joint partnerships are now being sought out.

The issue of seasonal opening is still being debated and the possibilities of a private company operating the Museum are all being examined through the Museum master plan. A number of other long-term issues are being explored, such as the construction of a railway line and/or the leasing or purchasing of land along the Ottawa River. Through the Ottawa River Cruises, the Museum is hoping to attract a larger audience and increase revenues. We wish them great success in these new revenue-generating initiatives.

The Cumberland Museum has a long way to go in this "pay as you go" municipality. It is astonishing to think that this "rural treasure" has been hidden away for 20 years and is just now beginning to get its costs under control. As a taxpayer, you should be very concerned about the Museum's expenditures and its impact on the general tax levy (e.g., \$325,000 is approximately 3% of the tax levy). Let's hope we start to see annual Museum reports and updates that demonstrate improved financial management of the Museum.

Our Tax Dollars

If we don't see significant financial improvements at the Museum (e.g., less impact on our tax dollars), you and I can count on pulling more money from our individual pockets to pay for our children's sports, recreation and library activities, as well as other municipal endeavours.

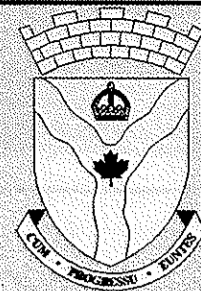
We welcome comments from the community on this and other municipal issues that are of concern to you.





HERB KRELING

Regional Councillor R1 Conseiller régional



Dear Friends,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the executive and membership of the Fallingbrook Association for providing forums in which we can exchange information and observations on the future of our Region. The dedicated efforts of community associations are a vital link in the planning, development and safety of our neighbourhoods. As residents of Fallingbrook, we can all be proud of the positive contribution that our Association makes to the good governance of our community. I trust that you will join with me in wishing the Association membership all the best for a successful year. Sincerely,

Herb

NAME THAT WARD!

Regional Ward R1 consists of the Villages and most of Queenswood Heights and Fallingbrook in Cumberland; and, Convent Glen and Orleans Wood in Gloucester. During the past few months, there have been a few suggestions from residents on the naming of the Ward. There has also been some discussion on the community of interest that exists within the geographic area of R1. A name that has been suggested, and to many residents reflects the commonality of the area, is **ORLÉANS**. The Ward could be known as **ORLÉANS R-1** or a hyphenated word added to Orléans. Or perhaps you have another idea. If you would like to submit a suggestion or comment on the use of Orléans in our Ward name, please contact me, your input would be greatly appreciated. We hope to have the regional ward naming complete by Spring.

BUS LANES TO ORLÉANS

A few years ago, the west bound shoulder of Highway 17 from Place d'Orléans to Blair Road was paved as a dedicated bus lane. Recently, the Transportation Committee reaffirmed the Region's commitment to paving the east bound shoulder lane. We are, therefore, making formal representations to the Province requesting that this initiative be considered a priority for our transit system.

CUMBERLAND TRANSITWAY

Improvements to our transit system, such as the proposed Cumberland Transitway, will greatly assist the development and transportation needs of our community. If you wish to participate in the environmental assessment process, or if you have any comments on this proposal, please contact our office to obtain further information.

SOLID WASTE COLLECTION CONTRACT

Last year, the Region assumed responsibility for garbage and blue box collection. In 1996, almost all of the local collection contracts will expire. Therefore, the Region has undertaken a comprehensive tendering of the garbage and blue box collection contract in accordance with the consultation with residents in 1995.

Based on the new tender, collection costs will be reduced by some \$3.1 million annually, while at the same time expanding the blue box program. In Cumberland, the current contract expires on September 30, 1996 and the new contractor will be in operation at that time. The expanded blue box program will allow you to recycle the existing "basic" blue box items and in addition, will allow for more plastics, cardboards, fibreboards and cans. Future notices will inform you of the revised service.



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Chers amis, chères amies,

Je voudrais saisir l'occasion qui m'est offerte pour remercier la direction et les membres de l'Association communautaire de Fallingbrook de mettre sur pied des forums qui nous permettent d'échanger de l'information et des opinions sur l'avenir de notre région. Les efforts dévoués des associations communautaires constituent un élément vital en ce qui concerne la planification, le développement et la sécurité de nos quartiers. En tant que résidentes et résidents de Fallingbrook, nous pouvons tous être fiers de l'apport positif de notre Association à la bonne gestion publique de notre collectivité. Je suis certain vous vous joindrez à moi pour souhaiter aux membres de l'Association une excellente année. Avec toute mon amitié,

Herb

UN NOM POUR NOTRE QUARTIER!

Le quartier régional R1 comprend les Villages ainsi que la plus grande partie de Queenswood Heights et Fallingbrook, à Cumberland, et Convent Glen et Orleans Wood, à Gloucester. Au cours des derniers mois, les résidentes et les résidents ont proposé un certain nombre de noms. Quelques discussions ont également eu lieu sur les intérêts qui sont communs à la zone géographique du quartier R1. Un nom qui a été suggéré, et qui reflète le dénominateur commun de la région selon bon nombre de gens, est **ORLÉANS**. Le quartier pourrait donc s'appeler **ORLÉANS R-1** ou un autre nom annexé à «Orléans» par un trait d'union. Ou peut-être avez-vous une autre idée? Si vous voudriez faire une suggestion ou un commentaire sur l'utilisation d'«Orléans» dans l'appellation de notre quartier, veuillez communiquer avec moi; vos opinions nous seraient très utiles. Nous espérons mettre fin au processus de désignation des quartiers d'ici le printemps.

VOIES POUR AUTOBUS VERS ORLÉANS

Il y a quelques années déjà, nous avons pavé une voie dédié aux autobus seulement sur l'accotement de l'autoroute 17 en direction de l'ouest de la Place d'Orléans jusqu'à la rue Blair. Récemment, le comité des transports a confirmé l'engagement de la Municipalité régionale d'Ottawa-Carleton (MROC) de paver l'accotement de la voie en direction de l'est. Ainsi, nous faisons des recommandations formelles auprès de la Province afin que cette initiative soit considérée comme priorité dans notre système de transport en commun.

LE TRANSITWAY DE CUMBERLAND

Les améliorations que l'on veut apporter au système de transport en commun, tel la proposition du Transitway de Cumberland, ont pour but de subvenir à l'expansion et aux besoins en matière de transport de notre communauté. Si vous désirez participer au processus d'évaluation environnementale, ou si vous avez des commentaires sur cette proposition, veuillez communiquer avec mon bureau pour de plus amples renseignements.

CONTRAT POUR LA COLLECTE DES DÉCHETS SOLIDES

L'année dernière, la MROC a pris en charge la responsabilité de la collecte des déchets et des matières recyclables déposées dans les boîtes bleues. En 1996, presque tous les contrats de collecte des déchets au niveau local se termineront. Par conséquent, la MROC a entrepris un processus d'appel d'offres compréhensif pour le contrat de la collecte des déchets et des matières recyclables et ce, conformément à la consultation publique de 1995 avec les résidents de la région.

Basé sur la nouvelle soumission, les coûts de la collecte seront réduits de quelques 3.1 millions de dollars par année – tout en améliorant davantage le programme des boîtes bleues. Le contrat actuel de Cumberland prendra fin le 30 septembre, 1996 et ainsi le nouveau service débutera en cette date. Le programme amélioré des boîtes bleues vous permettra de recycler toutes les matières de "base" du programme de recyclage et en plus, vous permettra de recycler plus de plastiques, de cartons, de produits de papier mixtes et aussi, plus de métaux. On vous avisera sous peu des changements au service.

Community Bulletin Board

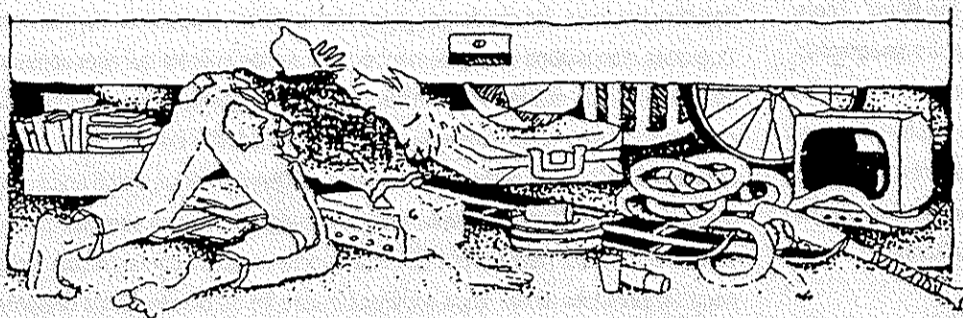
Fallingbrook Community Garage Sale Saturday May 11

The Fallingbrook Community Association is again organizing its annual community-wide garage sale on Saturday May 11. As in previous years, everyone who wants to participate simply puts out their material at the end of the driveway as if it's a private garage sale. We will advertise the event, and because of the large number of garage sales in the same area on the same date, there will be lots of traffic and lots of customers. So be sure to join in. If you live on a side street, you might want to attract more customers by putting up signs at intersections.

What do you do with any unsold material that you don't want? Leave it by the curb until Sunday May 12, with a sign saying "Free". The Canadian Diabetes Association (746-4633) will pick up any unsold (but useful) material that you want to get rid of.

This year we are also planning a fall community garage sale. Look for further details in our next Newsletter.

The sale starts at 9:00 a.m., and will be held rain or shine.



Newsletter Advertising

As a result of increasing production and delivery costs, the Association has decided to accept advertising once again, starting with the next edition. The cost for a business card size add will be \$25, a quarter page \$75, a half page \$125, and a full page \$200.

Community announcements are free. Space is limited.

We distribute over 6,000 newsletters four times a year (roughly September, February, April and June) to everyone in Fallingbrook (i.e., all households east of the Tenth Line). For more information, e-mail me at Gblake@cyberplus.ca or call 837-1695.

- George Blake, editor

-Wanted- Newsletter Advertising Coordinator

We are currently looking for a volunteer to coordinate the advertising responsibilities for our newsletter. If you think you might be interested, please give me a call at 837-1695, or e-mail me at Gblake@cyberplus.ca.

Parents and Preschoolers Are you suffering from cabin fever?

Together we learn, explore and share various activities. It's great fun in a community setting.

Where: Queenswood Heights Community Centre, 1485 Duford

When: Tuesdays (en français), Wednesdays & Thursdays (in English)

For more information, call Louise at 830-8185 or Lucille at 824-3010

New Nursery School

Beginning September 1996

At the Child Care Centre in St. Peter's High School (750 Charlemagne Blvd.)

Morning and afternoon sessions
Registration kick-off Saturday March 30, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

For more information, call 224-2464

Réunion générale annuelle

La réunion générale annuelle de l'Association communautaire Fallingbrook aura lieu le mercredi, 1^{er} mai 1996 à 19h30 au Centre Ray Friel.

Quatre directeurs de l'Association communautaire seront élus à cette réunion. D'habitude, ces directeurs deviennent le Président, le Vice-Président, le Trésorier et la Secrétaire de l'Association. Les nominations pour le poste de directeur doivent être reçus par **David Villeneuve (837-0336)** avant le 24 avril. Nous cherchons surtout un nouveau trésorier.

Annual General Meeting

The Fallingbrook Community Association will be holding its annual general meeting on Wednesday May 1, 1996, at 7:30 p.m. in the Ray Friel Centre.

Four directors of the Community Association will be elected at that time. These directors usually become the president, vice-president, treasurer and secretary of the Association. Nominations for director must be received by **David Villeneuve (837-0336)** by April 24. We particularly seek a new treasurer.

Aux membres francophones de notre communauté!

Si vous aimez contribuer à notre bulletin communautaire, svp communiquer avec moi par téléphone au 837-1695, ou par courrier électronique au Gblake@cyberplus.ca

Calling All Francophones!

If you're interested in getting involved in our community newsletter, we would like to hear from you. I can be reached at 837-1695, or by e-mail at Gblake@cyberplus.ca

Club de tennis Queenswood / Fallingbrook

Inscription des lèves-tôt saison «1996»

Épargnez en vous inscrivant aux dates et aux endroits indiqués. Cartes de membre adulte pour 40 \$. Dix terrains en tout situés aux parcs Centennial, Kinsella et Gardenway

Dates

du 25 mars au 25 avril, du lundi au jeudi, de 18 h à 21 h au Centre communautaire de Queenswood Heights

le 13 avril de 9 h à 13 h au Centre Ray Friel

Surveillants

Les étudiants et étudiantes qui sont intéressés à travailler comme surveillant de terrain pour le Club de tennis sont priés de déposer leur demande au Centre communautaire de Queenswood Heights.

Pour de plus amples renseignements, vous pouvez communiquer avec Alain Godin au 837-7521.



Queenswood / Fallingbrook Tennis Club Early Bird Registration

Membership cards can be purchased for \$40 for the season at the times and locations indicated. A total of ten courts are available to members at Gardenway, Centennial and Kinsella Parks.

Dates

March 25 to April 25, Monday to Thursday, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Queenswood Heights Community Centre

April 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Ray Friel Centre

Supervisor positions

Students interested in working at the Club as court supervisors are asked to drop off their application at the Queenswood Heights Community Centre.

For additional information, please call Alain Godin at 837-7521.