

Riverview Park Community Association (RPCA)
Annual General Meeting - Minutes
Wednesday, October 15, 2008 (7 – 9 p.m.)
Riverview Alternative School (Know Cres.)

7:15 p.m. - Meeting Commencement

- Opening remarks – Roger Piché, President RPCA, welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced our guest speaker, Greg Doiron
- Greg Doiron, Clinical Director of the Ottawa Hospital Cancer Centre

Greg advised there are approximately 8,000 new cancer patients each year. They are integrating the services that two hospital sites [Ottawa Hospital General campus & Queensway-Carleton Hospital (QCH)] provide re cancer care for the entire Champlain health region which includes: Prescott-Russell, Renfrew, Stormont, Dundas, Glengarry & Leeds-Grenville. (Per a News Release from them, the “area includes the cities of Ottawa and Cornwall, and stretches to Algonquin Park in the west and Hawkesbury in the east.”) The General location generally deals with more complex cases, than QCH. The QCH has new cancer treatment facilities. Expansion of the General will include more radiation facilities (3 more machines/units in 2009) and chemotherapy (from current number of 27 increased to 45 stations in 2009.) Expansion will also include more oncology surgery, preventative oncology and support care services. For QCH, 20 more chemotherapy stations and increase in radiation machines planned (3 in 2009 and 6 more later). The equipment & bunkers required to hold the radiation machines are very expensive- about \$3 million each. Walls of the bunkers are 4 feet thick cement with lead lining. These expansions in the two locations will double capacity for cancer treatment in the area. Our area/region currently has long wait times for cancer treatment (3rd worst in the province). Waiting time for radiation treatment is about 8 weeks. Parking at the facilities may need to be expanded – can expand existing sites (ex; the parking towers can have extra storeys)

7:45 p.m. – RPCA AGM & Election of Members of the Board of Directors

1. Approved agenda
2. Approval of previous AGM minutes (Oct. 24, 2007) - motion to approve the minutes made by Sue Vye, seconded by Kris Nanda.
3. President’s report – Roger mentioned some of the issues and activities that the RPCA board members have been involved in as noted below:

Parks, Recreation and Environment committee completed spring and fall park clean-up events of our local parks, supported Peter Hume’s corn roast, ran two successful rink programs & held a skating party at Balena Park. The RPCA **Planning and development committee** (made up of 4 members) was involved with issues such as the Hospital Link Road, hospital lands, the proposed rapid transit corridor behind Browning Avenue, the articulated bus maintenance shelter on Industrial Avenue and the 9 storey building planned for 340 Industrial.

Question on the TransAlta Cogeneration Plant – all the changes/work that will be done on the plant will be internal to the engines, not external. People can contact Marsha Kennedy at (519) 464-5891 for a tour of the plant.

The **Communications Committee** had a hectic year as we lost two editors of Riverviews, Brant Scott (long time editor), then Sean Dowd (editor for three editions). Roger thanked Sue Vye, Orrin Clayton & Carole Moulton for all their hard work on the paper. **Ottawa Hospital Community Advisory Committee:** Helen McGurrin continued, as in past years, to attend meetings of this Ottawa Hospital committee and provide updates on hospital activities via her articles published in Riverviews. Motion to accept the president’s report made by Orrin Clayton, seconded by Chris Mark & Bill Fairbairn.

4. **Presentation** of certificate made by Peter Hume, Alta Vista Ward Councillor, and Len Vaz, Ottawa Police Service, to Pam Clayton in recognition of her long service to Neighbourhood Watch since 1990. Pam acknowledged her block captains that were present at the meeting.
5. **RPCA Priorities** for the coming year determined at this AGM to be the same as last years:
 - recruiting new members to the RPCA Board of Directors, committees and general membership
 - maintaining the viability of the *Riverviews* community newspaper and developing an enhanced communications strategy
 - monitoring planning, development and traffic issues
 - providing recreation and environmental activities

An attendee suggested giving priority to opposing the proposed Browning Avenue Corridor Rapid Transit route. Brant Scott discussed his proposal for a new committee for the RPCA be formed, that he would chair, re the Browning Avenue Corridor.

6. **Treasurer's report/ proposed 2008-09 budget /auditor's report-** Norm Abraham presented the RPCA financial statements for year end of August 31, 2008, (showing total income of \$26,380.25, expenses of \$23,821.20, for a net income of \$2,559.05) and operational budget for upcoming 2008-09 year. 2008-09 budget projected as a balanced budget - \$25,950 projected revenues & \$25,900 projected expenses. Motion to approve budget made by Norman, seconded by Chris Mark, motion passed.

Brant Scott presented the audit report of the RPCA books & records completed by himself & wife, Susan. The audit report states that the "RPCA financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the RPCA as at August 31, 2008 ... in accordance with generally accepted accounting principals." Brant thanked Norm for all his work on the RPCA books.

7. **Election of 2008-09 Board of RPCA Directors**

President- vacant (no nominations)
 Immediate Past President – Roger Piché (moved out of the area)
 1st Vice President – vacant (no nominations)
 2nd Vice President – vacant (no nominations)
 Secretary – Janina Nickus (acclaimed)
 Treasurer – Norm Abraham (acclaimed)
 Directors - Carole Moulton (resigned Nov. 9/08), Chris Mark, Sue Vye, Kris Nanda, Cheryl Khoury, Orrin Clayton, Brant Scott & Rob Eve
 Auditor – John Neale (moved by Susan Scott, 2nd by Brant Scott)

Orrin mentioned that the board members should review the by-laws and constitution regarding the current situation the board is in- with no one holding the president or vice-president positions.

8. **New Business** - award for "Volunteer Extraordinaire" was presented to Roger Piché. Someone mentioned that the City's Transportation Master Plan will be presented to City Council/committee sometime in November 2008.

9:00 p.m. – Meeting Adjourns- Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chris Mark, seconded by Pam Clayton.

*Minutes prepared by Janina Nickus (Nov. 11, 2008)
 Secretary, RPCA*