

**Riverview Park Community Association
May 20, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

Present: Kris Nanda, Paul Puritt, Alan Landsberg, Ad Adibi, Carole Moulton, Heather Dunlop, Shawn Bardell, Bryan Orendorff, Dianne Hodinott, Maureen Collins, Anne Stairs

Absent: Jane Rutherford, Marilyn Minnes

Guests: Councilor Jean Cloutier. Alison Lynch (his assistant, Matt Eason (City of Ottawa LRT) Daniel Richardson (OC Transpo) Andree Paige (citizen)

Next meeting: June 17, 2015 6:45 p.m Maplewood Retirement Community

1. Called to order at 6:55 p.m.

2. Agenda approved – new business by Maureen and Paul moved Alan seconded by Paul

3. Minutes of April 2015 approved – moved by Bryan and seconded by Carole

Action Items: **Kris:** follow up with FCA to include Alan Landsberg on e-mail

Kris: send Maureen emails regarding by-laws

Maureen: send out other Community Association websites

Heather: send out membership list to board members

Carole: send out FAQ re-rink coordinator for amendments by board members by June 1

Paul: write to Bill Henderson re: AGM on Oct. 21, 2015

4. Business arising from April 2015

Alan closed BMO account

Shawn, Marilyn and Alan formed committee re: Balena Fieldhouse

Kris and Anne attended Perley Rideau meeting April 27, 2015

5. Update on LRT project by Matt Eason from City of Ottawa

-Tunnel is 70% complete. Coming to end of highway project June 22.

-Glass cladding is up on maintenance building. May see smoke to weld track – hiring to assemble by this fall

-Progress on second tunnel – under Belfast Rd, Via, starting under Tremblay Road which will be narrowed down to single lane at Ave. L to Ave. N. with lights direct traffic

-test trains to be seen to Blair Road later this summer

-D road ring at Via will be abolished. Cars will exit via Pickering St. (the old Dustbane building) Pickering to be widened and install lights

-Traffic impact – Nicholas to be reduced to one lane – use Metcalfe or Vanier Parkway as alternate route

-utility work being done between Highway 417 and Laurier over summer

-there will be 10 lanes over Hurdman Bridge on 417 by 2018

6. Presentation by Daniel Richardson (OC Transpo)

- closing the transitway by June. Test trains for a week June 22
 - 340,000 people ride OC in year – 84% are not affected by changes and construction
 - more buses will be added to maintain service levels during closure of some stations and relocation of others
 - All routes will be moving to upper level at St. Laurent Shopping Centre
 - New route 91 will be express from Blair Road to downtown. 94 will by St. Laurent and be express to downtown
 - 95 will still operate as slower run
 - Terminal Ave. westbound at Sanford Fleming will be closed to traffic – buses only in one direction only
 - routes will be on OC Transpo website after June 28
 - admits Riverside Dr and Industrial Avenue will be slower
- Comments from Councilor Jean Cloutier – Travel planner is live as of May at City of Ottawa website- see Travel and Mobility Information and download the app

7. Presentation by Tim Marks (Neighbourhood Watch)

- NW has been historically in close relationship with RPCA since 2009
 - 1st priority –set strategic initiatives - 2nd priority - safety and security of Riverview Park
 - NW is a patnership between police and community
 - NW expectations Block captain for every 10 continuous houses
- Biggest concern in Riverview Park – thefts from unlocked cars, bike theft
- Report theft to police, then coordinator, block captain.
 - become a member of NW (no cost) and have access to operation identification. Take pictures of your home and keep in Safety Deposit Box, Home inspection offered by police who advise you on security of your home
- Tim would like to see a crime analyst from police hold public meeting and advise # of break and entries, dangerous offences, key crime trends for this area

8. Presidents Report – Kris Nanda

Summary of recent activities

1. As per direction from the Board, I wrote letter to MPs McGuinty and Dewar with cc to MPP Fraser, Mayor Watson, and our two Councilors regarding concerns about Community Mailbox (CMB) and RPCA desire to have City formally oppose their introduction. Hamilton and Montreal are among the cities who are opposed to CMBs.
2. As per direction from the P&D Committee, I sent Councilor Cloutier another message (May 15) regarding our request a community Open House for the AVTC this Spring. I have also reiterated our request to get annotated version of questions raised in March – to get confirmation that information we have is accurate and to fill in gaps. No confirmation on date for open house, but Board should suggest possible dates and confirm availability of Riverview Alt School as venue
3. I have not heard back from Overbrook CA re: the underpass/overpass between Trainyards (Terminal Avenue) and VIA rail station but have received request to attend their Board meeting on May 21. Have

invited them to our meeting – will also raise issue of traffic congestion once Transitway is closed between Hurdman and Blair Riverside

4. Have invited Tim Mark (Neighbourhood Watch) and Matt Eason (LRT Update to make presentations at May Board meeting.)

5. Finalized welcome letter to new Riverview Park Residents (with Anne Stairs' help)

Items to note for consideration at May Board meeting (time permitting))

1. Confirm link with Riverview School on Community garage sale (i.e. RPCA presence and publicity)

2. By- Law Updates – working group is needed – any takers?

3. RPCA working group on Balena Park fieldhouse.

4. Planning for next AGM October 21, 2015 – time to start thinking about possible speakers/ presentations , nominating committee (Maureen interested in preparing orientation package.

5. Any update on RPCA webpage list of accomplishments since 2009. (E.g. Year that Carol Sing, Winter Frolic etc started, supporting Riverview Park Soccer)

9. Committee Reports:

a. **Communications:** Events have been posted – accomplishments of board have been updated

-13 referrals from facebook – postings from twitter

-updating is done – click follow to get notice of an event

Maureen would like to see an upgrade to our look – make it more user friendly

b. **Membership:** Anne – handed out street maps dividing area into 5 sectors and assigning each board member to one of the sectors

c. **Parks and Recreation and Environment Committee:** Carole Moulton

Put ad for rink coordinator into Riverview Park Review – Chris Khoury send list of duties- first time we've had to hire a coordinator

Maureen moves that the ad be changed and add Ad's name and email for contact – seconded by Ad Adibi

-Park Cleanup Day – 86 participants – 85 from Montessori School cleaned up Coronation Park – Centre of Health did Balena Park

Kim Fisher has resigned from Board of Riverview Park Review due to family duties

Corn Roast is weekend after Labour Day – Sept. 13

Balena Park Fieldhouse: committee struck: Shawn Bardell, Marilyn Minnes and Alan Landsberg

-Shawn sent out presentation to members of committee

d. Planning and Development – Kris Nanda

a. Alta Vista Transportation Corridor (AVTC)

RPCA waiting for answers to questions about size and scope of project (including “footprint” during construction), noise mitigation measures

Work continues along Riverside, behind Abbey Road (rail corridor relocation) and between Alta Vista and Riverside. Councillor Cloutier's website now has a link to the AVTC project:

Follow up to discussion at March 18, 2015 Board meeting sent to Councilor Cloutier and City engineer Bruce Kenny on April 11. RPCA was unsuccessful in its attempts to get Councilor Cloutier to help arrange for a Spring 2015 open house where City staff can answer questions and accept input from local residents regarding the parameters and impact of the project. Open House is now likely to take place in the Fall. Concerns that this timeline will still final design to be influenced by public comments (i.e. not a fait accompli)

b. National Defence Medical Centre (NDMC) No response yet to P&D member inquiries with Algonquins of Ontario office and federal officials to get more details

c. LRT Impacts: Closure of Belfast Road; Hurdman Transitway Bridge Access

Work is continuing in area just north of the existing Hurdman Station, in preparation for preliminary construction work on the new Light Rail Transit (LRT) station. Weekly construction summaries are available at www.ottawa.ca/confederationline. Matt Eason from the City providing update at May 2015 RPCA Board meeting.-

Re-opening of Belfast Road between Tremblay and Coventry to pedestrians and cyclists scheduled for until May 2015.

d. Trainyards Developments and New Retail

Pennington's at 575 Industrial moved in on May 9 to take over the spot formerly operated by Mexx. With Banana Republic and Skechers both open, all businesses in that building are now open. Application to revise the approved site plan for 595 Industrial involves combining what was originally approved as two buildings into one building. The project went to the Urban Design Review Committee last week. Hoping to complete the site plan process by mid-summer to get construction underway for a January 2016 completion. The conditional tenants are Buy Buy Baby (an offshoot of Bed Bath and Beyond) and Designer Shoe Warehouse. The site plan is advancing for the former lumber yard lands at the south of Industrial Avenue (628 Industrial) and at the signalize intersection for Farm Boy/LCBO. The challenge is the pedestrian path over to Coronation and finding a way to deal with about 8 ft of grade change between Industrial and Coronation at that point. Trying to find an all-weather solution – which will likely involve stairs or ramps, or a combination

New construction currently planned:

-197 Trainyards Drive –east of The Athletic Club – 18,000 sf multi-tenant retail; so far, only Bulk Barn confirmed , but there will be several more tenants. Aiming for a Fall 2015 completion date.

-405 Terminal Avenue –Office building, about 2/. Aiming 3 the size of the one recently completed at 395 Terminal. Site plan draft approved by the City. Construction could start by late Spring 2015 and take about 18 months.

e. Russell Road:

In 2012.the RPCA requested a sidewalk on the western side of Russell Road between Haig and Coronation/Industrial on behalf of the Riverview Park Community Association. At that time a sidewalk on Russell Rd was included as a future requirement in the 2009 Pedestrian Plan.

The RPCA, supported by officials from the Perley Rideau Veterans Health Centre, sought clarification as to why a sidewalk in not being constructed in conjunction with the work on Russell Road that has been taking place this year. In response, City staff acknowledged that under the policies of the current

2013 Ottawa Pedestrian Plan, Russell Road still has the same requirement for future sidewalks on both sides, as it is a Collector roadway (it also qualifies based on it being a bus route).

However, Russell Road is not included in the Affordable Pedestrian Network and the work on Russell Road is limited in scope to the lining of the existing watermain, with only localized impacts to the road. Therefore, a new sidewalk on Russell Road will only be added as part of a full road reconstruction project when the entire roadway is torn up and completely reconstructed (as this provides opportunity to create a whole new road design that integrates the sidewalk fully into the roadway) . Reconstruction of Russell Road is not currently scheduled in the short-term planning horizon so it is unlikely that a sidewalk will be implemented on this road segment in the near future.

f. Community Mailboxes (CMB) – Although RPCA has indicating in writing opposition to CMB, P& D is proactively looking to identify locations for where these would be located in our community before they are identified for us by Canada Post. CMB not expected to come to Riverview Park before 2016. Councillor Cloutier has been advised of RPCA interest in working together to identify potential CMB locations, given media stories about lack of Canada Post consultation with communities in other parts of the country. Letter written to local MPs, with cc to MPP John Fraser, Mayor Watson, and Councillors Cloutier and Chernushenko.

10. Treasurer's Report .

-transitioning to new treasurer, Ad Abidi – Alan is in position to turn books over
Alan moves that Ad becomes treasurer in near future after all signatures are done at Alterna. Bryan seconds.
passed

Motion: by Paul Puritt –Bernadette Bailey, coordinator of Trinity Community Gardens receives an award at AGM Maureen seconds. passed

9. Reports from external meetings

Alta Vista Planning Group – n/a

-Perley Rideau Hospital – Kris and Anne attended meeting April 27 – there are 139 apartments – 100 % occupancy up from 95% in October– waiting list can be up to two years- Guest House is used 75% of time

New Services – Physio clinic – open to public with referral from family doctor

- Dermatology clinic – opening this summer – open to public with referral

Director of Social Services – to replace 8 cedar trees that died

- new pavement by Ottawa residents – 4 weeks to complete
- replacing fence by duck pond
- Hydro property taken over by City Hall on May 1 – i.e. path near Browning homes
–City of Ottawa mows lawn every 3 weeks

Riverview Park Review – see above

East of Rideau Group – N/A

- FCA – no report

CAFES – no report

14. New Business: covered above –Bernadette Bailey and Yard Sale

Recap of Action Items and adjournment

Meeting adjourned 9:45 p.m.

Date of Next Board Meeting: June 17, 2015:
Starting at 6:45 P.M. Maplewood Retirement Community

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