



President Report May 23, 2018

The Carlington Community Association applied for 4 grants during 2017/2018.

City of Ottawa Civic Grant for \$2500. Carlington Annual Family Fun Day

This supplements the other cash and in-kind sponsorships from Councillor Riley Brockington, Community Development Framework, Carlington Arts Initiative and businesses in and around Carlington. Businesses who contribute significant amounts are Howell Homes, Palmyra Pharmacy, MF Foodmart and La Cabana.

City of Ottawa One-Time-Non-Renewable grant for \$3533.

In 2015 a Needs Assessment Survey was conducted in Carlington focusing on residents living in Carlington from Thames to Chatelaine on the west side of Merivale and from Carling Ave to Kingston Ave on the east side of Merivale. In this survey respondents indicated there were not enough opportunities for youth. This grant provides funding for a pilot program offering free workshops for youth to engage in learning how to cook, creative writing such as Slam Poetry and mentoring.

TD Park People Grant for \$2000.

This grant provides funding for supplies and activities for three park events from April to December.

June 2, 2018 8:30 to 12:30 – Harrold Place Park Yard and Plant Sale.

Extra activities for the event are a portrait artist, two 20 minute yoga exercises and container gardening from the Alexander Healthful Food Working Group.

July 5, 2018 1:00 to 3:00 – Meadowvale Terrace Park Luv2Groove Dance Party.

Funding provides dance instruction by Luv2 Groove for 45 minutes from 1:30 to 2:15 and snacks for the children.

August 16, 2018 4:00 to 9:00 – Raven Park Community Picnic

A Company of Fools Theatre Performance of 12th Night

Community Picnic (bring your own supper) starting at 4:00 to 6:30 with art from the Carlington Arts and other activities. Starting at 7:00 is a free performance of 12th Night by A Company of Fools.

Crime Prevention Ottawa Grant for \$8,600.

Carlington Mural Project which will be the first beautification project for Merivale. This project was originally planned for a long wall south of the Kirkwood/Merivale node – but this wall is going to be replaced in 2020. This project has been relocated to the south wall of the Oaks who are very happy to be part of improvements along Merivale to make the street more attractive. The project is being led by artist Claudia Salguero and Carlington resident Maggie Buttrum. Although grants are generally for murals to replace graffiti it is also to promote employment skills for youth.

Carlington youth, a resident artist from the Oaks, as well as other community members will brainstorm on how to create a pictorial representation of Carlington history from when it was Algonquin lands, to farmland, to the train tracks, then Veteran Housing to what and who Carlington is today.

Self Service Bike Repair Station Telus Grant \$4000.

The grant application was initiated by the Carlington Community Health Centre in partnership with Carlington Community Association to implement a Bike Repair Station at Alexander Community Centre. Half of the funding is to purchase the stand and the other half is to provide training for residents – youth in particular – to learn how to repair their own bikes. The Launch of the Bike Repair Station is Tuesday Jun 12 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM in conjunction with the Free Wheeling Bike Program.

Breakout Sessions at General Meetings.

During the 2017/2018 term a new format was introduced to General Meetings where members and guests broke out into small groups for 15 minutes to discuss different questions to provide feedback to the Board. Some of the questions asked were:

What should be the policy regarding funding by the CCA of community projects?

What are the priorities regarding the activities of the CCA? What current or new activities should the CCA try to promote?

What type of Art would you like to see in the community and where?

Community Safety Audit Walks.

The Safety Audit Committee did a safety audit walk of Thames, Coldrey and Leaside in the fall of 2017 with WISE and the police. These walks help residents living in a community evaluate how safe a physical environment feels and identify tangible solutions that would make a community feel safer for everyone. During a safety audit, people walk through a space, noticing what feels safe and what does not. During a walk items often considered are: what is the lighting like, can one see what's up ahead or are there places someone could be hiding and is there a way to get help if it was needed. The findings from a community safety audit walk form the basis for an action plan to make community spaces safer. In many cases this means making recommendations to the appropriate organizations in the city such the City of Ottawa about burnt out lights, overgrown bushes obstructing lines of sight, schools, businesses and the police.

Two more walks are planned one around Meadowvale Terrace Park in June and another around Raven Park in August.

The Alexander Healthful Food Working Group

The working group had very successful 2017 doing workshops on growing vegetables in containers. Workshops were held at the Yard and Plant sale, Alexander Community Centre, Bellvue in Caldwell with the after school program, at Lepage Manor and Carlington Community Health Centre. There were also two Healthy Food cooking workshops with the afterschool programs.

For 2018 more Container Gardening Workshops are planned for both Alexander Community Centre and Caldwell afterschool programs as well as at Lepage Manor. In the fall there will be healthy cooking workshops at Alexander Community Centre.