



Approved Minutes – CCA Board Meeting – May 6, 2020, by conference call

Present: Charity Bartlett, Tara Beechey, Kristen Bennett, Nelson Coyle, David Hoey, Dave Janveau, Lisa Rossman, Adele Stubbert, Melanie Zahab. **Newsletter Editor:** Cathy Younger-Lewis.

Call to Order by Google Hangout: 7:00 p.m.

- 1. Approval of Agenda: It was moved by Dave, seconded by Adele, that the Agenda be accepted as circulated. Carried.**
- 2. Approval of Minutes: Melanie moved, seconded by Adele, that the April 8, 2020, Minutes be approved with one correction: Park cleanups were cancelled and the yard sales were postponed. Carried.**
- 3. Councillor Brockington:** The application for an apartment building at 1110 Fisher has passed on from the city planner. There are a lot of reservations and the city will likely reject the application. 966 Fisher: No site plan and so no building this year. Travelodge: Waiting for inspections on Thames to document the condition of foundations next to the site. Second Chance auto lot building proposal: One tower with 24 stories. They want to file in June. This is the thirteenth tower new from Kirkwood to Carling. It is proposed to include studio, one and two bedrooms, likely rentals.

Alexander Community Centre: Riley has extended timelines for survey. He is pressing Catherine McKenna and Lisa McLeod for assistance to fund the renovations. The city sent 45 projects to the province for consideration. The federal level wants lots of projects while the province wants lots of jobs.

Carlington Woods: There are concerns about protection of the environment. He is supposed to do a walk-about with staff when COVID lifts. The traffic sticks on Anna and Crerar will not be reinstalled. Speed bumps will be proposed for Crerar and Riley will commission a survey to gauge public support of Crerar residents. There are traffic concerns in the south end of Carlington also. New traffic calming is coming this summer. Kirkwood is on a wish list for improvements but options are limited because it is a regional road and sight lines are sometimes an issue (curve near the beginning).

Trillium Line is closed for two years. Sewer work is starting on Lepage, Larkin and Larose. It will finish in 2021. Calming will be done on Lepage.

Community gardens opened. He wants a delivery service for the library or even a pickup service. Parks can be used but sports fields are supposed to be closed. But



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informal fields such as the sports field at Alexander can be used. Reservoir has to be replaced. Harrold Place Park is getting a new gazebo in a year or two. He is looking for a distribution name list for the meeting that was held re Meadowvale Park. Monies are coming in from development fees for park development. There is \$1.6 million in cash in lieu account for this ward presently.

He raised the issue of the Official Plan process. He said that he is concerned if no lands are added about pressure on communities to intensify. Charity agreed to get back to him with a board position on the proposed expansion of the city. Riley left the meeting.

- 4. President's Report:** Charity asked the board to discuss the revisions to the Official Plan. It was noted that further intensification with the many big lots in the Vets Settlement will have an impact here if there is no expansion in the green space. However, a number of areas are available within the current city boundaries. Board members in the end did not support any expansion of the urban environment because we need farm land for food.

It was agreed that the CCA would send a letter to Riley opposing an expansion of the urban boundaries because land remains available and farm land should not be used for development.

- 5. Food Drive:** Members discussed the food drive proposed by David Darwin. Lisa said that money is better for the food drive. However, it was felt that some people cannot afford to give cash but can give food items. Also egg cartons are needed. Items go to the Chaplaincy and the Caldwell Family Centre. Dave Janveau, Tara Beechey and Kristen Bennett agreed to take a box. Nelson will work with David Darwin and Mary McGrath to coordinate pickups. **It was agreed** to purchase tubs to collect the food.

It was agreed that the CCA would support the seniors gardening project proposed by city recreation staff provided that social distancing and other necessary health measures can be arranged by them.

- 6. Finance:** Nothing to report.
- 7. Membership:** Slow so far. 8 members. Eblast going out on Friday.
- 8. Greening:** Melanie cannot order the rain barrel for the triangle until distancing is relaxed. **She agreed** to assist in writing a letter about our position on the Official
- 9. Seed Distribution:** Seeds were given to 54 people. Everyone got at least one package. A tin with partial packs is being circulated amongst those requesting just a few seeds.



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- 10. Round Table:** Charity said that, because events have been cancelled, a scavenger hunt might be planned for the June 6 weekend. \$300 was suggested as a budget for prizes: gift certificates from local businesses.
- 11. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.