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President Report May 07, 2019

Carlington Community had another great year!

Thank you to all the great volunteers and community partners who contributed their time to make this happen.

The Carlington Community Association received two grants for 2019/2020.

City of Ottawa Civic Grant for \$1960. Carlington Annual Family Fun Day
Sparks Grant for \$2745 for a 3 week cooking course followed by an ongoing monthly cooking club in 2019/2020.

Carlington Community Association Website An updated website was launched in February 2019. The website was redesigned by a volunteer Carlington resident with help from Simplificare. The landing page uses the faces from the Carlington Eras Mural Project. The website provides information about the resources, community partners and events in Carlington as well as information about the Carlington Community Association.

Merivale North Improvement Project Councillor Riley Brockington secured money to do three improvement projects on Merivale. The sites are the Carling/Merivale Triangle, the Thames and Kirkwood/Merivale nodes. Community residents were consulted by the city for input and the projects will be completed by the end of 2019.

Theatre Park Events – Raven Park After last year's successful August theatre event with A Company of Fools performing 12th Night, a second one is being planned again with A Company of Fools performing Romeo and Juliet. Date is August 15, 2019.

Carlington Eras Mural Project was successfully completed with participating Carlington youth facilitated by Claudia Salguero. The mural is mounted on the south wall of The Oaks where a recognition event was held September 13, 2019.

Community Safety Audit Walks were completed for around Meadowvale Terrace Park and Raven Park. More walks are planned for Morrissette, Edgecliffe and Lepage.

Alexander Healthful Food Working Group did successful planting workshops at Alexander Community Centre, Carlington Recreation Centre and Lepage Manor with adults and children during 2018. There was also a planting workshop and tomato plant giveaway at the annual Harrold Place Yard and Plant Sale in June 2018. Soup workshops were held at Alexander Community Centre, Carlington Recreation Centre and with Salus at Lepage Manor
For 2019 the planting and soup workshops will continue along with a new project is from seed to harvest with the children in the afterschool program at the Carlington Recreation Centre,

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Activities Two community potlucks were organized during the winter of 2018/2019. One was a noon CCA General Meeting on a Saturday for young families with children to attend. The other was held in conjunction with a clothing exchange where many residents donated their clothes and found new to them clothes.

Greening – Biannual Park Clean ups There is continued community support for the annual Glad Cleaning the Capital park clean ups. During 2018/2019 more volunteers of all ages showed up to clean the parks which increased from 3 to 5 parks participating. Gifts/prizes from Starbucks and Ritchie Feed and Seed were given to participants.

Tulips from NCC are being planted under signs at various parks.

Continued support from volunteers keeping the Merivale Triangle and Alexander Community Centre garden boxes beautiful.

Annual Yard Sale The annual Yard and Plant Sale at Harrold Place Park held on the first Saturday of June has been expanded to include a Yard Sale event at Raven Park. The Harrold Place Yard and Plant Sale will continue to sell plants and baked goods to raise money for the Greening Committee. The Raven Yard Sale will include neighbours from around the park to host yard sales and will also include some local business vendors.

Carlington Arts – The Kitchissippi United Church (KUC) the primary funder and founder of the Carlington Arts Initiative (CAI) has decided it must redirect its funds to meet other needs. Linda Vanderlee will be stepping down in June as co-ordinator. It is through her tireless efforts that some great Art programs were begun. The CCA is partnering with the Carlington Community Chaplaincy to continue to support the arts in Carlington.