

Draft Minutes - CCA General Meeting – Tuesday, February 18, 2020

- Approval of Agenda: Adoption of the agenda was moved by Annie Woo, seconded by Robert Brinker. Carried.
- 2. Approval of Minutes, November 23, 2019, General Meeting: It was moved by Tara Beechey, seconded by Dave Janveau, that the November 23 General Meeting minutes be approved as circulated. Carried.
- 3. David Buckles Climate Change: David Buckles said that he is a member of the Champlain Park Community Association, a retired anthropologist and a climate activist. He said a climate-positive official plan is important. He said that, in Ottawa, scientists anticipate wetter springs and winters, warmer winters and extremely hot days. There is a risk of flooding.

The City of Ottawa declared a climate emergency. However, our decisions on land use locks us into a non-viable community. There is a special joint meeting of the city's planning and agriculture committees on March 30. There is a proposal to expand the urban boundaries and extend urban sprawl.

Why hold the line on urban expansion? Besides the loss of agricultural land, taxes will rise – expenses for new roads and municipal services. Daniel is concerned that this meeting will result in a compromise that will expand boundaries. Villages in the area have been expanding also.

There is a Petition – Ecology Ottawa asking the city to hold the line. Info on energy and food issues is available from ottawaclimatesolutions.net. The CCA should engage to make it clear that the Official Plan needs to engage with the climate and housing emergencies.

Mary May Downing moved, seconded by Robert Brinker the following motion: It is moved that the CCA explore and develop interest in community action on the climate emergency by: a) sending one or more CCA delegates to the next POP workshop on climate solutions and Ottawa's Official Plan to be held February 22, 2020; and b) holding a follow-up CCA workshop in the near future to focus specifically on developing local climate solutions in concert with the People's Official Plan for Ottawa's climate emergency. Charity asked that the first part of the motion be amended to read Carlington Residents. Others suggested that the first part was not required. The motion presented was amended to include the second part and now read: Mary May Downing moved, seconded by Robert Brinker, that the CCA explore and develop interest in community action on the climate emergency by holding a follow-up CCA workshop in the near future to focus specifically on developing local climate solutions in concert with the People's Official Plan for Ottawa's climate emergency. Motion was passed. Annie Woo asked that her abstention be recorded.

**4. Councillor's Report:** Riley Brockington said that a needs assessment for the Alexander Community Centre must be done. \$60K has been earmarked to provide a survey and lead this process. Provincial and federal politicians are being approached and need to be lobbied.

He raised other current issues. The proposal to build a 9-storey apartment at 1110 Fisher remains an issue. Travelodge expansion is expected to start in the spring. It is currently being used as a shelter and there is an open house for helping organizations the following week. LRT Phase Two procurement is being reviewed.

**5. President's Report:** Charity introduced Tara Beechey who has joined the board. There has been some reduction in funds for the Family Fun Day. Charity asked for donations from businesses and individuals.



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m e e t i n g Nelson Coyle, seconded by Heather Douglas, moved that the CCA establish a nominations committee for the association for the coming year. Carried. The chair will be Alexandra Cherniuk.

Charity asked residents in Ottawa West in particular to lobby Jeremy Roberts in support of the renovation funds for the Alexander Community Centre.

There will be a potential March 15 Carlington Coffee House opening. Volunteers are needed for community events.

- **6. Development Report:** There is a proposal to expand Macie's Hotel with a two-storey addition. Robert discussed the beautification plans for Merivale area recognition of the veterans' heritage, more stores and food stores, etc., for a 15-minute neighbourhood. He raised some of the transportation issues better bike paths, pedestrian crossing, better bus service. Snow clearance on NCC paths. Intensification of building on R4 lots.
- 7. Finance Report: David presented the budget and expenditures to date. He said that membership revenues have declined. The rink maintenance has helped a great deal so we will be in the black again this year with a cushion of \$17K in reserve. David Hoey, seconded by David Darwin, moved that the CCA set up a contingency fund of \$3000 to purchase a new snow blower if either of the existing blowers cease to meet the demands of the Alexander Rink Maintenance. Carried with one abstention.
- **8.** Activities Committee (Adele Stubbert): Adele reviewed community activities: Saturday cooking classes and bouncy castles; Feb 22 family dinner; Family art nights. Cooking club last Saturdays of the month.
- 9. Other Business: Sian Burgess is walking for funds for the Ottawa Mission. Donations requested.