



Minutes (Approved): CCA Board Meeting: November 4, 2020 (Zoom ID: 981 4898 5000)

Present: Charity Bartlett, Anna Du Vent, Ahmed Elchamaa, Tahani Adi, Nelson Coyle, David Hoey, Tara Beechey and Kristen Bennett. **Regrets:** Dave Janveau.

Call to Order by Zoom Pro: 7:07 p.m.

- 1. Approval of Agenda:** It was moved by Nelson Coyle, seconded by Ahmed Elchamaa, there was no opposition, and the motion was carried.
- 2. Approval of Minutes:** It was moved by Nelson Coyle, seconded by Anna Du Vent, that the September 9, 2020, minutes be approved. Carried.
- 3. President's Report (Charity Barlett):** Suzanne Zorzi will present at the November 17 General Meeting for Carlington Community Health Centre regarding services the Health Centre provides.

The student who did the rink supervision last year for the Sens rink at Alexander park has asked if she could do it again. She did a good job last year and is fine with the extra work involved in maintaining the rink in compliance with COVID restrictions.

Nick Gagnon has expressed an interest in leading a Traffic Calming Committee and after knocking on doors and talking to people he feels there is definite interest. Nick provided a description of what the committee would focus on.

By providing a forum for addressing resident concerns, promotes ideas for traffic calming in Carlington, (i.e., reducing vehicle speed and frequency), and engages residents so that their opinions and concerns are acknowledged. Works closely with our City Councillor and the CCA.

Tara B asked if Nick could continue conversations that have already been started with Riley about Kirkwood and Raven Ave.

Charity B said she would speak to Nick about the traffic calming issues that have already been brought to Riley Brockington's attention.

The Carlington Arts Facebook page is receiving likes and getting followers. Since this initiative is no longer active, Charity B suggested the page should be fully retired since the Carlington Arts money is being managed by the Chaplaincy and CCA for art activities only.

The Board agreed to retire the Carlington Arts Facebook page.

Volunteers are needed for Activities and Greening (as well as Cafes). The leaders of these committees can sit on the Board, but it is not required.

The Board agreed, in the New Year a list of volunteers needed should be created and sent out seeking volunteers for these positions.



Cafes Ottawa had the CCA added to the list of community association's endorsing the letter to Mayor Jim Watson that the City of Ottawa provide money within the 2021 Budget to increase affordable housing. Letter was circulated at the October Board Meeting.

The Coalition of Community Health and Resource Centres and Healthy Transportation Coalition are asking the CCA to endorse a letter to urge City Council to invest at least \$5 million over and above existing funding for social services in the upcoming 2021 budget.

Charity B signed off on the grant proposal for Community Development Funding as a resident of Carlington as well as the President of the CCA. The grant asks for \$23,424.50 to increase well-being in Carlington.

Carlington Community Health Centre has applied for a New Horizons for Seniors Grant called "Enjoying the Warm Weather, Together". Charity B sent a letter supporting the grant request as President of the CCA.

Here is a description of the project:

Many of our vulnerable seniors have requested in-person programs as they have no interest or access to virtual programming options. The funding will be awarded in March 2021 so our plan is to offer a multitude of in-person activities for seniors outdoors between May and September 2021. We will offer health education workshops, how to avoid financial scams, physical activities and live musical performances. The project will respect Public Health guidelines around groups sizes and will ensure safety of seniors, staff and volunteers (e.g. mask wearing, physical distancing).

Ottawa Community Housing is working with the Mission Food Truck to distribute hot meals on Mondays in November and has asked for help from the CCA to get the word out about this outreach. There is community housing on the streets of Dorchester, Emperor, Shillington, Summerville and Trenton. At the moment Charity B has agreed the CCA can participate by promoting the event through the CCA social media channels.

The Board agreed to be kept apprised of the program.

Board members introduced themselves. Charity presented the executive slate: Tara, Secretary; David, Treasurer; Nelson, Development; VP, vacant. Charity is in the second year of her second two-year elected terms. For directors: Anna, one year; Ahmed, two year; Tahani, one year. **Members agreed** to this slate.

Members discussed the execution of the AGM and future general meetings, three required before the next AGM. Ahmed agreed to assist with setting up the meetings. Kristen mentioned that in-person meetings may not be possible with health regs. It was felt that reducing the number of meetings with this short year would be necessary. Emergency preparedness is a possible topic. CCHC services is



another possible topic. **Tara agreed** to contact Bowman's about a possible meeting in their tents. General meetings are the third week in the month. Kristen suggested we record meetings and stream them for later viewing.

Cathy Younger-Lewis has stepped aside as newsletter editor. Members discussed social media options. About half the recipients open the newsletter email now. **It was agreed** to revisit this issue at the next meeting. If other groups wish to communicate with the CCA membership, and if we agree, we can share a post from their Facebook page and tag it.

A Hallowe'en parade is not possible. Tara suggested a pumpkin display such as is done on the path off Byron. Mini versions in each of our four parks? **Tara and Kristen agreed** to organize something with Public Health approval.

Nick Gagnon wants to set up a traffic-calming committee through the CCA.
Members agreed.

Charity has signed the rink maintenance contract. She postponed a Carlington Arts discussion to the next meeting.

4. **Finance (Dave Hoey):** A donation was given to W.E. Gowling for \$200.

The Board requested the Carlington Chaplaincy and the Caldwell Family Food Centre each receive a \$100 donation from the budget.

David H. agreed to make the donation to each charity.

David H. will speak to Kevin Waghorn about donating \$200 to St. Elizabeth School.

The \$632 payment from the City of Ottawa came through for the water source at the Merivale triangle.

5. **Development (Nelson Coyle):** A letter was sent to the Committee of Adjustment and the developer re: 71 and 73 Stevenson stating that the CCA is not making a comment on the proposal. The hearing is November 4.

There is no recent news regarding the developments at Westgate and on Carling Avenue.

The lawyer for the developer, Michael Polowin of Gowling, has moved to dismiss our appeal of the approval of the development at 1110 Fisher Ave before the LPAT (Local Planning Appeal Tribunal) at a hearing on December 16. The rules state: when a party requests a motion, they serve motion material that outlines the reasons, evidence, and grounds for their motion 15 days before the date of the motion on all parties. The other parties are required to serve a response to the motion no later than 7 days before the motion date. The requester of the motion can then send a reply to the response 3 days before the motion



date. The information and arguments will be heard and decided on by the member presiding over the motion hearing event.

When we receive Mr Polowin's motion on or about December 1, we will have a week to rebut it. A neighbour who also filed an appeal, Ruby Puni, is in the same situation. A petition was gathered a year ago by Rosanne Iland and Pam Connolly. The Association has worked with Mary Ann Turnbull, owner of the Turnbull school property which adjoins 1110 Fisher, and with the principal of the school who both filed appeals. They are assisting us with our response to Polowin's motion. Mary Ann says that the remaining discussion on December 16 will be preliminary and is not expected to last too long.

The Official Plan is proceeding. We are in the second tier of the areas – known as inner urban. This area is described as having significant walkability ability in the urban area.

6. **Activities (Tara Beechey):** Halloween Bingo went well. The team executed well. 26 entries. Low compared to the summer activities.

The Board decided to circulate a survey asking community feedback on running more activities, different activities, and when are the best times to run activities.

7. **Membership (Kristen Bennett):** No updates for membership

An email was sent out about putting the newsletter on pause to the membership and some feedback was provided. Kristen would like to include questions about the newsletter in the survey regarding activities.

8. **Round Table:** Dave Javeau wants to create a SJAM like trail at the Experimental Farm. Tara B advised the budget to maintain the SJAM trail is \$45,000 -50,000 per season. There is a unique agreement in place between the SJAM volunteers and the NCC and Tara B can introduce the main contact person of the SJAM to Dave J should he want to learn more about how the SJAM operates.

On November 3, the Ottawa Public Library Board unanimously approved the staff recommendation to explore library services in the Carlington community and direct staff to report back by Q3 2021. This means that funds have been set aside in the OPL budget to undertake a gap analysis of current services, a growth study regarding future needs, and the identification of detailed facilities standards.

7. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8.45 p.m.