



Carlington Community Association

Minutes (Approved): CCA Board Meeting – May 5, 2021 (by conference call)

Present: Charity Bartlett, Tara Beechey, Kristen Bennett, Nelson Coyle, Anna Du Vent, Dave Janveau, David Hoey.

Regrets: Tahani Adi, Ahmed Elchamaa, Heather Darling .

Guests: Sian Griffiths, Mateusz Trybowski, Alexandria (Allie) Hodgson, Selina Bishop, Riley Brockington.

Call to Order by Zoom Pro: 7:02 p.m.

1. Alexander Community Centre and Other Development Update by Riley Brockington

Acknowledgement of Nelson Coyle and a thank you for work done on the OP, as well as Charity Bartlett, the Association, and Friends of Fisher Ave group.

The “As We heard It” report is centered around the main issues and concerns of the OP broken down by ward. The projected date of the “As We heard It” report from City of Ottawa staff is August.

1110 Fisher Ave - Riley B has heard from the developer there is contemplation of a revised development for this application. The property owner is willing to settle and does not want to lose another building season.

1435 Morriset Ave – A proposed development of a 4 storey, 31-unit building. The developer is not yet prepared to release anything public.

Alexander Community Centre – Proposed designs will be shared at the CCA AGM in May. Riley B wants to take the time to get it right. The proposed plan for feedback from the community is – Riley B’s office will send a mailed bulletin to all residents of Carlington with directions to a brief online survey to provide feedback on the 3 options. It is not a “choose one” design, it is a select-the-best-features you want to see in your community centre. The staff is putting together a 4-page document before June asking people to reply by July 1. A report of the responses will be ready by late 2021 to early 2022. Riley B’s commented – there is nothing better than having a project ready in an election year. Additionally, Riley B is strongly encouraging the Carlington Community to make a lot of noise about this to put pressure on the City of Ottawa to get this project done. June 1 is the target date to go live with the designs to the public.

Riley has asked for a list of sidewalks, bike lanes and multi-use pathways by May 26 to bring back to the Active Transportation committee.



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2. **Approval of Agenda:** Moved by Dave Janveau, seconded by David Hoey, that the agenda be accepted. Carried. Amended agenda to move elections to roundtable.
3. **Approval of the Minutes:** Moved by David Hoey, seconded by Dave Janveau that the April 7, 2021, minutes be approved. Carried.
4. **President's Report by Charity Bartlett** (Highlights only, the full report can be found [here](#))

Insurance – No word yet on the cost of Insurance for 2021 to 2022.

Community COVID Events – There should be consideration given to repeating the COVID safe events from 2020. **The Events sub-committee will meet to discuss.**

Ultimate Frisbee – Will not run in the spring with the current lockdown and no field space has been booked yet. However, if restrictions loosen over the summer, it could be possible to run a fall league. **Dave J will monitor restrictions and make the move to book the field space when allowed.**

Caldwell Family Centre - wants to expand its current facilities. Originally wanted to build a brand-new facility where the Carlington Recreation Centre is on Caldwell and take over the field beside it. They have now downsized their plans and will be looking to acquire the Bellevue Community Centre which is at the base of the 1475 Caldwell Tower. Riley B supports this plan.

Bike Park – the CDF Steering Committee has some concerns about the bike park especially during COVID since physical distancing is not being observed. They also feel that there are a lot of residents outside of Carlington who use the bike park which is not unexpected. Their concern is that families living in the Carlington have lack of access to use the Bike Park because they do not have bikes or helmets. Charity B put them in touch with Trips for Kids who, when the Bike Park originally opened, had planned to provide bikes, helmets and guidance to families on how to use the Bike Park responsibly. The Bike Park is a pilot project and will be assessed at the end of the 2021 season.

Focused Discussion on Cycling Infrastructure – Riley B is organizing an event in collaboration with Councilors Kavanagh, Leiper and Chiarelli to discuss cycling infrastructure which will be facilitated by city staff. The meeting is May 18, starting at 6:30. Charity B asked who from the Board could attend. **Tara B said she would attend.**

5. **Finance: David Hoey**

There has not been a lot of activity with regards to the budget:

- Money went out for rink maintenance.



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- \$300 expense for the volunteers of Alexander Rink, with the help of Kevin Waghorn, 15-20 thank-you care packages were made and given to Alexander CC (Sens rink) rink volunteers.
- Paid for the PO box
- Little bit for gas and shovels

The Books are official closed for the year and will be presented at the AGM in May.

6. Carlington Community Grant by David Hoey and Kristen Bennett

The grant was postponed in 2021 and donations were made to the Carlington Chaplaincy and the Caldwell Family Centre instead. David H and Kristen B agree the grant cannot continue to be postponed, they would like to move forward with a grant for 2021. Typically, the Board decides the amount at the April meeting. David H suggests \$2000, same as in previous years. They would like to announce at the May 25 AGM that the grant is a go. The call for submission would begin in June and run to August. Submissions would be collected using a Google form. Winners would be announced at the September GM meeting. **The Board agreed to move forward with the CCA grant for 2021.**

7. Development Report by Nelson Coyle

Nelson C circulated the report from the FCA meeting with the planning staff. There is some movement re the next draft of the Official Plan. As We Heard It documents are expected any day. Riley has been working with city staff on a list of issues.

There are consultations that the CCA needs to attend or provide input on. Infrastructure Growth Management (conference call May 11, 6:30); Active Transportation (written response by May 26); related conference call on Cycling (May 18 3:30); Transit Service (open ended reaction to Riley's position).

Nelson C has been attending the FCA meetings as well as a subgroup of the FCA. The subgroup is working on a strategy of the second draft of the OP as this version continues to have problems for the FCA. This work can continue for Nelson as a member of the CCA Development and Transportation Committee on a transitional basis if it is the wish of the Board for the coming year.

The fundamental issue that being dealt with is whether the developers can be trusted to deliver low-income housing and 15-minute neighbourhoods that we want to live in. Many in the FCA feel that there is too much emphasis on intensification to solve problems and not enough emphasis on neighbourhood-based plans to achieve walkability and increased housing density.

Neighbour Pum on Dorchester told Nelson the other day that Ottawa Housing had sold two doubles across from her and a private landlord now owns them. Concerned that the City is selling off land that could be redeveloped for low-income housing. This Board identified housing for low-income people and families as the number one issue regarding the new OP.



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Nelson will be asking the CCA for support for the appeal re 1110 Fisher at the AGM. Estimated total cost is \$35,000 for a planner and a lawyer.

The campaign to remove Fisher Ave North from the minor corridor designation is gaining steam. Nelson C has worked a lot with the group and think it will build membership for the CCA and attendance at the AGM. He's asking the board for \$500 to cover the cost of signs, some of which may be reimbursed through donations.

The Board was in favour of Nelson C making the motion.

The following is a report from the Fisher Ave North on their progress from Mateuz Trybowski who has joined us tonight as a visitor and who has offered to become a member of our Development and Transportation Committee.

Update to CCA - May 4, 2020, by Mateusz Trybowski

Petition and technical paper submitted March 12. 241 signatures at the time, and now at 350+.

Coordination group was formed comprising 7 households - meeting bi-weekly: open invitation to CCA + Councillor Brockington.

Meetings held with environmental experts to ensure the group correctly understood and interpreted implications of OP; and community groups to learn from their experience and identify points of synergy.

Group put together a new website to make the submission accessible to petitioners and other interested residents; responded to questions received and helped to stamp out any misconception that development has been proposed on the forest.

Councillor Brockington alerted the group to an error on the Home Page that had the directions of the street swapped — fixed immediately.

The group is humbled by the continued support of the CCA and of the community; since members are mostly first timers when it comes to engagement with these complex processes/instruments; and especially during the pandemic, it has kept group members going.

For the signs, a local graphic designer Amberlea Williams contributed services; and based on referral from Tara B, the group connected with Doris Rowe who runs a local printing business and produced them at cost. The group is thankful to the CCA for being willing to help. 10 signs have already been committed to being displayed on lawns along Fisher/Shillington. Many have expressed desire to offset the cost of their sign through a donation to the CCA.



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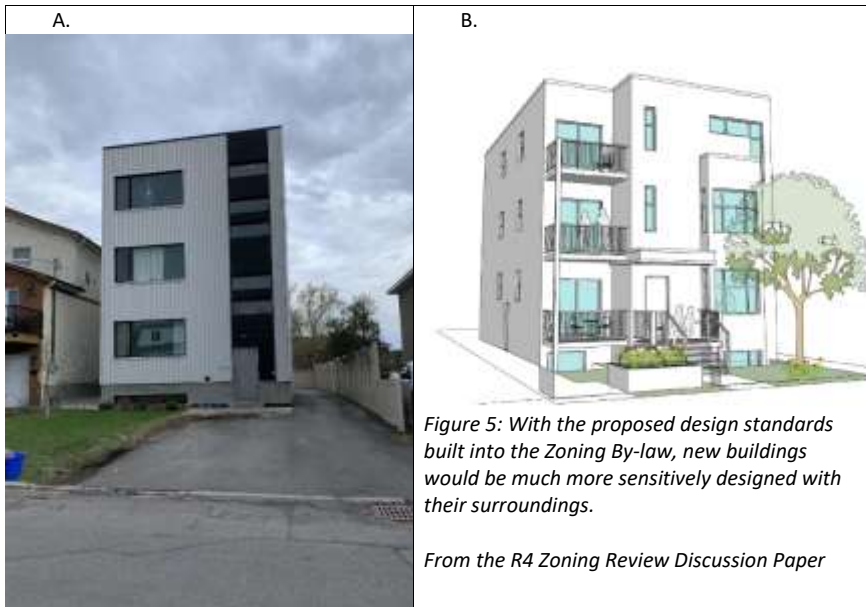
We've also had many neighbours approach us with creative ideas or a desire to become more involved, and we would like to channel this towards engagement in the CCA.



Nelson C. has a real issue with the new building, photo in box A., on Dorchester. Surely an architect can use more than a T square in building design. Nelson questions how do we avoid seeing this as a dominant feature in new designs for Carlington? The design in box B. is what we were promised from the R4U. An R4U version would be bigger and denser.



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Tara B. asked – I thought these new zoning by-laws had not come into effect yet?

Charity B. said she would get clarification on the R4U.

8. Communications

Charity B has set up a CCA Instagram account and asked all Board members to follow.

Heather D asked if the Board is interested in moving from Roundcube to Gmail but asked how best to do it. **Charity B said she would discuss this with Heather offline.**

There is a City of Ottawa Infrastructure Meeting, May 11. An email was sent to everyone.

Other questions from CCA members regarding how the AGM will work and questions about the new proposed by-laws. Charity B said she would respond to them individually. Micheline Daigle's question: is the AGM only held by Zoom?



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9. **Round Table**

Elections – An email was circulated to all CCA members about the revisions to the by-laws. In preparation for the upcoming AGM.

10. **Adjournment: 9:07 p.m.**

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