



# Carlington Community Association

**Minutes (Draft):** CCA General Members Meeting - November 16th, 2021 (by Zoom Call)

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**Present:** Brian Beard, Tara Beechey, David Hoey, Alexandria (Allie) Hodgkins, Peter Zakrzewski, Heather Darling (26 members plus Riley/Andrew)

**Regrets:** Kristen Bennett, Dave Janveau, Ahmed Elchamaa (Note: Brian stepped out after President's Report.)

**Guests:** Councillor Brockington, Andrew Hickey

Call to Order by Zoom Pro: 7:01 p.m.

Instructions of call.

**1. Motion to Approve the Agenda: Moved by Brian Beard, seconded by Tara Beechey. There was no opposition, the motion was carried.**

**2. Motion to Approve the September 21, 2021, Minutes: Moved by Brian Beard, seconded by Dave Janveau. There was no opposition, the motion was carried.**

**3. President's Report by Brian Beard**

**Ottawa Community Housing and Carling Community Health Centre:** Both are looking for some volunteers to assist with Mission food truck food distribution on December 27. If available or interested, please reach out to Ana Ticas, [ana\\_ticas@och.ca](mailto:ana_ticas@och.ca)

**New Stop Signs:** Permanently Installed, in Riley's report.

**Official Plan:** Passed by Council, off to the Province for approval. Of note for Carlington:

- Fisher Ave. is getting an Area-Specific **Policy** that will see a maximum height limit of 4 storeys.
- Councillor Brockington also had a motion about specific targets and measuring tools for the City's tree canopy.

**Committee Volunteers:** An email was sent to members asking for volunteers to join our committees. The more volunteers we have, the more we can do.

- For Traffic Calming/Active Transportation Committee, we will be looking at places to improve the pedestrian experience.

**New Members:** The CCA is also looking for new members. When asked to give an opinion as President or as an organization (for example, the Section 37 funds), Brian always stresses that these are the views of the members of the CCA and not necessarily of the entire community. The reality is, the CCA's membership numbers don't reflect the community as well as they could. In order to foster greater conversation and to bring forward new ideas and maintain great community events, an increase in membership would be great. While the (suggested) donation of \$10 helps cover costs (such as insurance), you can also join without paying a fee. Please reach out to your neighbours and ask them to consider joining.



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**30km/hr Speed Limit:** As noted in the last meeting, the Traffic Calming/Active Transportation Committee is trying to get support from the CCA membership to push for a 30km/hr speed limit in the community. To show information on why this change is a good one, please see [this](#). (Brian shared his screen to this link to “Traffic Calming in Carlington”.)

#### 4. Councillor Brockington’s Report – [Click here to see the full report](#), highlights below.

**Carlington North Veterans’ Heritage Housing Study:** City of Ottawa reviewing veterans’ homes district. Public meeting recently, new meeting should be before new year before any recommendations. Looking for City to recognize the Heritage. Good participation with online survey, interest remains high.

**Carlington Park (Highest elevation in the city):** It’s a well-used park. Mountain Bike Pilot project is supposed to start this summer. Going to look at the success of the pilot over a few years. East side of the park, owned by City of Ottawa, inappropriate activities occur in these environmentally-protected lands and they need to be respected. **There** is a lack of respect by some for these woods, people living in the woods. Police and Social Services are aware.

**Condition of Metal Stairs:** Connecting McBride to Caldwell, infrastructure assessed and determined that the stairs need to be replaced. Stairs should remain open, some need repair.

**Raven Park:** Raven Park Market was a success. Looking at more, ideal space for markets. Raven will be the default for Ottawa Markets to come back more than once.

**Kirkwood Avenue:** On Dec 2, public consultation session held to elaborate on Riley’s and City’s vision based on community feedback and request to help calm traffic speed on Kirkwood. Lowering speed from 50 to 40km/hr. Staff are going to assess the quantity of heavy trucks using Kirkwood. Most importantly, this will be to review putting staff on a “road diet” - vision is to have 1 travel lane in each direction. Come December 2, staff will go through their concepts, Riley acquired the money to \$100K to change Kirkwood - looking at 2022.

**Stop Signs Installed:** At two intersections: Chevrier/Trent and McBride/Laperriere.

**Secured Funds for Crossing Guard:** Merivale and Anna

**Alexander Community Center:** Budget for 2022 has \$8.5 million allocated for the renovation/expansion of the community center. 55% from Development Charges, 45% from benefit to existing funds. Ottawa Public **Library** Board has not yet approved a plan for a branch there, have approved an investigation. Riley’s efforts are to get a branch here. Goal is to work with the City and **OPL** to move this forward. The intent is to use the current gym for a library branch because the expansion will include a state-of-the-art gymnasium on the North side. 2022 should be development and get parties together, intent is to release the data, option 3 is preferred option as outlined in the report.

**Structural Issues at Alexander:** South-facing gym wall, vertical supports in that wall are at end of lifecycle. As a caution, it was closed to the public in late June. Riley asked them to not tender, to go straight to construction due to all of the programming and care that has been impacted.

**Travelodge:** Phase 1 continues. There are 2 or 3 main issues including road closures that aren’t being respected by construction crews. Although the streets have been permanently closed, crews can still open the barrier to allow traffic



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through. 2nd issue is property damage - contractors not owning it and some other minor issues. Riley has asked them to address the outstanding matters with the neighborhood.

**2nd Chance Auto Development:** City has passed the development. Because of the height of the building, section 37 funding is being generated - \$250K is going to the community. Directed to 2 pots.

1. Expansion of Carlington Community Gardens on McBride.
2. Permanent traffic-calming features in the community (Carlington-bound). Note: Part of his contribution to Kirkwood will come from this money.

**Application for 1291 Sommerville (Low-Rise Apt Building) Application for 1435 and 1455 Morrisette Building**

**Meeting with Transportation Master Plan Staff (Active Transportation):** Next round of consultation in the community. **Focusing** on sidewalks, bike infrastructure, etc. Consultation will be engaging the community on the master plan. There are some good proposals in Carlington (new sidewalks). He will provide an update as to when the consultations happen.

**Official Plan:** OP passed October 27th, expecting 400K people to move to Ottawa in the next 25/30 years. 80 motions total passed, Riley had 10. The following are Fisher-related ones:

- Carlington Park will have the Environmental Protection designation going forward.
- All future buildings are capped at 4 stories, and if the appeal of 1110 Fisher is successful, it also will be capped at 4 stories.
- Motion asking NCC to amend the capital urban lands master plan to not permit any development in Fisher woods was approved. Will write to the Fed Government to protect the Farm, currently there is NO fed legislation to protect the Farm from future development going forward.
- There was talk about capping future attempts to widen Fisher Avenue in Carlington to respect the woods, to not go into the wood territory. Motion talks about a 34-metre width, which he agrees in some spots is quite wide when looking at the proximity of some properties. This is being looked at further. Staff has stated again there is no support for widening Fisher for vehicular traffic. Staff gave wording that passed, but it keeps the door open for the bus widening.
- The Baseline Rapid Bus Corridor is coming, which is going to be a prioritized secondary plan for communities that abut Baseline Road. Once it is built, it would basically be a mini transit-way and it's going to spur development. Rather than having development happen haphazardly, needs to be a secondary plan on what the community needs to see.

OP now goes to the Province and it will take a number of months to hear back from the Minister. Will take about 3 years to pass the comprehensive zoning by-law review. How do we modify zoning neighborhood-by-neighborhood to accommodate the intensification?

**Budget: Standing Committee Meetings**

**Upcoming Events:**

- Nov 26th, Older Adult Summit.
- Outdoor Festive event, horse-drawn carriage, holiday.



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- Hope to be back in Carlington for Easter

### Questions from Attendees:

#### Are the plans going to go forth with or without the library?

- **Riley:** Vision is our community that wants a library. It's the second-most asked-for amenity. Talking about options to make it as attractive as possible. Could have a no-staff model. The OPL is being gifted a gym and has to spend some operating dollars. Willing to yield the Bookmobile to get it. Want the same thing any other community wants in the library.

#### Flagged the cleanliness around Carling and Merivale - bus stops, vegetation is not getting cut back, weeds are growing everywhere. Reporting it to 311 doesn't do anything. Is there any program in the City to help?

- **Riley:** Public Works can be contacted by Riley's office, tree trimming, fire hydrant painting, no garbage cans at bus stops. Quickest way is to contact Riley's office.

#### Baseline Road - are they considering bike lanes as it's really not safe for cyclists?

- **Riley:** Would have to look it up, have been focused on the bus corridor - Andrew will take note as well. It's not a safe corridor. Riley to follow up.

#### Were you aware of the November 5 letter that Joel Harden and Shawn Menard sent the new environment minister putting in an urgent petition for environmental-impact assessment for The New Civic Hospital? The letter is online.

- **Riley:** Would like Joel to reach out to me on this as local City Councillor for the area as step 1, as I was not aware of the letter. (NOTE: Sian will be happy to send it along to Riley.)

#### Two Issues: Viscount Ave - Speeding cars are a big problem. Unmasked people on the OC Transpo.

- **Riley:** There is a Transit Commission meeting tomorrow. What I will ask is, what is the standard procedure when a passenger brings to the operator's attention that someone is not wearing a mask? There might be acceptable reasons why they aren't wearing one, however, I will follow up and get back to you.

#### Would this be a good time to combine the 14 bus with the 53 and 114 buses, providing 1 bus for this area as the 14?

- **Riley:** I haven't spoken to OC Transpo in about a year regarding this route. They were then willing to look at additional capacity on the 114. I will commit to having this discussion, I will facilitate it. OC Transpo indicated they needed sufficient demand to put the route back.

#### With the LRT service having resumed, when will the R1 Buses be returned to their prior routes?

- **Riley:** His understanding is R1 service is done, and the buses are moved elsewhere as many routes are intermittently cut to supplement the R1 Service. As of today, this has ended. At the Transit Commission meeting tomorrow, he'll follow up to confirm, it's either a Yes or No answer.



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## 5. Carlington Community Grant (David Hoey)

### Successful applications:

**Hydro Pole Murals at the Triangle:** Proposed to make this Carlington's gateway, a welcoming feel into our community. Put forward \$1000 to hire an artist to have it decorated. This was picked -- think it's a good one. Notionally, we've accepted and are excited to work with the applicant to make it successful. Board will sit down with the applicant to facilitate and make it successful, will report it back to the membership.

**Art Installation at Merivale and Thames:** Premised around the beautification of the community. Proposal is to put 3 or 4 fence posts in that area, and have them painted in a rainbow motif, to give it a more appealing, inclusive nature. It was \$1000 to solicit an artist's supplies. However, there is some bureaucracy to work through.

Will be a standing item on the meetings going forward. Want to make sure the membership and community is aware of what is going on.

## 6. Development: (Robert Brinker/Nelson Coyle) 1 hr 15 mins

- Zoning by-law takes off on Monday, presentation takes off, Nelson will attend.
- Another thing since the summer, Robert is appointed to sit on **Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Central Experimental Farm Advisory Council**, starting to review the Master Plan for the Experimental Farm.
- All waiting for 1110 Fisher report to find out what happens with that appeal.
- Official Plan finally done.

**Question from Sian:** What is the **Central Experimental Farm Advisory Council**?

**Robert:** Advises how to manage the **Central Experimental Farm, including the Agriculture Museum, Fletcher Wildlife Garden**, landscape architects, etc.

## 7. Greening Committee Report (Alexandria Hodgson)

- Had successful clean-up of parks over the summer.
- Going to do more rounds of that in 2022.
- Greening calendar winding down this year. Looking to roll out a calendar early 2022. Will be posting next meeting large events/updates for Greening.

## 10. Other Business

- **Question from Rosanne:** I do not recall discussion regarding the **unsolicited** endorsement given to Riley Brockington regarding the Civic Hospital build and was wondering if the CCA executive could explain how and



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when that came about, and was the entire executive involved in the decision? Would like to have more of an understanding of what happened and a timeline, and why there was no consultation done within the community prior to giving such an endorsement.

- **Riley responded:** Would have to check his notes before the Committee met. Association wrote that the support of the Master Plan wasn't a solicitation. Would like to have an understanding and a timeline. Why was there no timeline given?
- **Board will take it back to the next Board meeting to collect all of the correspondence they did have and go back through the minutes to see what kind of discussion and solicitation were done by the Board and how it was put together and shared with Riley.** Will communicate it back out.
- **Vice Chair** asked if there is an action **Rosanne** would like the CCA Executive Board to take? If yes, to please put forward in a motion to the Board to be voted on at the next General Members meeting for the membership.
  
- **Motion brought forward by Pamela Connolly:**
  - Process note: Has to be 10 people voting or 10% of the membership, currently 122 members, we would need 13 to participate with 7 in favour.
  - Will need to take it away to ensure everyone voting is in good standing. Everyone will vote in the chat; "Y" for yes, "N" for no. Votes will be counted afterwards.
  - David read the motion and displayed it on screen. Asked for clarification for the executive on the word "requests", asking what is being requested.
    - Nelson and Pamela confirmed it is a request for a letter.
  - David suggested that the CCA Board put forth a formal letter to the City Council. Asked members to read, asked if Pam was comfortable with the amendment suggested, in which she confirmed she was. One more clarification from membership to include clarification on "Train Station". Did this mean "Tunney's Pasture station" or the "VIA Rail station"?
  - **Question from Riley:** Pam, would you envision a bus that would originate at Caldwell, go through Carlington, through **Tunney's Pasture**, then down Gladstone like original 14, terminate at Rideau?
    - Response: Yes, then would usually go on to St. Laurent.
  - **David read it once more, with amendments and noted:**
    - **Moved by Pam Connolly, seconded by Pum vanVeldhoven.**
    - Everyone to place their vote in the chat.
    - Need 13 people to partake in the vote, with 7 in favour.
    - **Seconded by Pum vanVeldhoven, Sian Griffiths third.**
  - **MOTION VERBIAGE:**

"Whereas the historic Number 14 bus provided a valuable crosstown transit link to residents of Carlington, particularly for seniors and people with disabilities and



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Whereas the purpose of our transit system needs to encourage use of transit, and

Whereas reinstatement of the historic 14 bus route can replace the 53, the 114 and the new 14 route and provide efficiencies,

Therefore, it is moved by Pamela Connolly, seconded by Pum vanVeldhoven, that the Carlington Community Association sends a formal letter of support to OC Transpo and Ottawa City Council to reinstate the full historic Number 14 bus service with an added stop at the Tunney's Pasture train station to better serve the residents of this community."

- **Final Questions to Riley: Any projected timeline for Alexander Community Centre library?**
  - **Riley:** The money is there, more than half the battle is to get staff to agree to get it as a top priority. There has to be 10% of the design, optimistically speaking could see construction start in 2023; however, it's not guaranteed. If everything works out, it's potentially going to be an 18-month build. A few decisions still need to be made.
- **Question from David: Did we get enough votes?**
  - Confirmed 17 votes cast and they will endeavor to get back to Pum with the motion as soon as possible.
    - **Motion Voted on: 11 Yes's, 4 Abstains, 2 No's.**
  - David and Heather asked everyone to include their full name to ensure tracking of votes.

**Final Words by David:** Next General Meeting is in February. If any of the membership has options for agenda items/guest speakers, please send it in.

11. **Adjournment:**      **8:54 p.m.**