



Carlington Community Association

Minutes (Draft): CCA General Members Meeting - September 21, 2021 (by Zoom Call)

Present: Brian Beard, Tara Beechey, David Hoey, Ahmed Elchamaa, Alexandria (Allie) Hodgson, Peter Zakrzewski, Heather Darling.

Regrets: Kristen Bennett, Dave Janveau.

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

Land Acknowledgement made by Brian Beard.

Introductions of Board in attendance. Instructions of call.

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

2. Motion to Approve the May 25, 2021, Minutes: Moved by Brian Beard, seconded by Heather Darling. There was no opposition, the motion was carried.

3. President's Report by Brian Beard

New Board Members: The CCA has a few new Board members this year and others taking on new roles. The Board has been working on getting to know their roles better and other various projects that they can speak to.

CCA in the Community/Committee Involvement: On September 18th, Tara and I spent some time in the morning at Carlington Coffee House to let people know about the CCA and how they can get involved, as well as spread the word about the Plant Sale. It was a great time and hopefully it can be done again.

Many of the committees will be looking for some volunteers from the general membership in the coming weeks. Look for an email where you can let us know which of the committees you are interested in working with.

Carlington Community Scavenger Hunt: It ran from July 3, 2021 to August 6, 2021 with 55 clues spread out in the 4 quadrants of Carlington which are defined by the parks in the area: Alexander, Bellevue Manor, Meadowvale and Raven. Fourteen prizes from local businesses: Bowman's, Carlington Booch, Carlington Coffee House, Faith and Lily, House of Lasagna, La



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Cabana and Pascale's Icecream were given out to winning participants. The event was sponsored by Councillor Riley Brockington, Howell Homes and the CCA.

Pop Up Raven Market: The CCA was invited to have a table at the Pop Up Raven Market on August 19, 2021, and provided information about the Carlington Community Association and as well sold memberships and the "I Heart Carlington" T-shirts. The market seemed to be a great success and there is a possibility of having a few markets in the spring/summer/fall of 2022. Thanks to Councillor Riley Brockington and Zachary Daylor, CEO of Ottawa Markets, for making this happen.

Virtual Workshops - Ideas Needed: The Activities team is looking at having some virtual workshops in the fall and is hoping to bring back Derek McKinley from SingSongPartyTime. Residents were asked to forward any ideas for virtual art-type workshops to the Activities chair.

Section 37 Funds: A Thank you was extended for all of the responses received regarding the Section 37 funds. The Board enjoyed going through the results and getting more insight on what residents' concerns are. Councillor Brockington was provided a wish list and, in the end, it is his decision on how the funds are used.

Local Candidates Debate: The Board would like to thank Nelson Coyle for his assistance with the local candidates' debate. Organizing events like these can be challenging in a normal year but with a small window of time, in a pandemic, during the transition of summer to fall, this year's version would have been a particularly challenging time.

An update from September 20, 2021: the live debate on September 13 received 471 devices. After it was posted on YouTube, it received 970 views - about 1400 people watching. In comparison, a debate from October 2019 had about 700 people total watching and attending in person, as well as afterwards on YouTube.

Traffic Calming: Over the summer a Google Form was sent out asking for feedback on how to spend some funds that came to the community. In looking at the results, it's important to a lot of people to try and make things safer for pedestrians. Now in process of looking at City documentation - looking at pushing for slower speed limits (30km/hr). In terms of active transportation - Councillor noted in his report the stop sign Trent and Chevrier is installed, hoping it will become permanent.



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Plant Sale: A modified version of the Plant Sale coming up. More details on it in this meeting.

Official Plan: Finally, the new Official Plan is getting close to the end (or the beginning?). The City has some lofty goals in its Five Big Moves. It will be interesting to see how the city progresses in the next decade. Will intensification be shared amongst all communities? Will we continue to see new communities be built as sprawling car-centric ones? Will we actually commit to complete streets and better active public transit? Will we have full confidence in the LRT?

Final Note: James Howard Kuntsler reminds us that “human settlements are like living organisms. They must grow, and they will change. But we can decide on the nature of that growth - on the quality and the character of it - and where it ought to go.” Carlington will see change, this is for sure. Ottawa has both a climate and a housing crisis. A good solution to both is intensification, especially in the urban core. Hopefully that can come in the way of more of the “missing” middle density and not just new, tall buildings. For example, Brian is encouraged by the area-specific policy being developed for our parts of Fisher Ave that should help with that missing middle. Furthermore, he is hopeful that an arrangement or designation can be made to protect the historical value of the veteran’s homes in the community.

4. Councillor Brockington’s Report - [Click Here](#)

Questions from Attendees

- Replacing sewers on Stevenson, what is the schedule? Riley to verify, but the cost was low. He doesn’t expect it to be very invasive.
- Merivale and Kirkwood: Is there an update on the residence there under construction?
 - Shepherds of Good Hope purchased the building. It was in bad shape previously, Shepherds provide care and social services for those who live there. The number of those living there will be reduced. Repair and money being invested.
- What will become of neighbors at Sommerville and what is the rent in there?
 - Riley doesn’t have the answers to this, information about rent can be determined.
- LRT, what’s going on?
 - Transit system is bleeding money, only within the last couple of months have rush hour bus routes been looked at. Finally able to make some changes. Riley is worried about maintaining credible, reliable service.



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- Is 1330 Carling Avenue going to be 30 stories?
 - Riley confirmed 24 stories.
- There was some information going out about vet's/heritage homes, what is the update on that?
 - It's called an analysis to create an inventory of homes and analyze the neighborhood as a whole. City is collecting information about the homes, from the curb collecting the stats. Send an email/chat to Riley, letters were sent to all homeowners in geographic area, and Ottawa.ca on the veteran's study. Public meeting is October 7th at 7pm. Staff at City confirmed that letters have been sent to all residents in the neighborhood. Link to the City page on this. [Click Here](#)
- Will there be a Christmas Market this year?
 - Interest here, we'd co-plan it and make it Carlington-focused. The Ottawa Markets aren't necessarily ready to come back this year. No talks yet about 2021.
- Update on the stop sign at McBride and Laperriere?
 - Staff went there to figure out where to put the west side stop sign as there is private property.
- Question around will there be subsidized units as well as rentals?
 - Riley will ask the question at the discussion.
- Question around the Official Plan and what having a Heritage Designation might mean, and hopefully preserve the area around Carlington North.
 - Riley was briefed on the new OP this week. The presentation was very generic. Riley has 3 greenspace motions, making sure there is specific wording that will solidify the intent, these woods/this land for preservation to allow the heritage designation.

Note: Switched to Development before Finance

5. Development: (Ahmed Elchamaa/Robert Brinker/Nelson Coyle): Some motions will be brought forth for the Development Committee and they will also be sent to Riley.

a) Create meaningful targets for the tree canopy by neighbourhood along with financial and by-law support to the urban forester to allow communities to preserve and encourage the tree canopy;



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- b) Create meaningful targets and policies for increases to low income and affordable housing in co-operation with provincial and federal governments;
- c) Define the relationship of heritage districts to the directions set out in the Official Plan; and
- d) Ensure that the Area Specific Policy relating to Fisher Avenue clarifies that, should the appeals to the development at 1110 Fisher Avenue be successful, then the rules for the area on Fisher Avenue North regarding low-rise limits include the property at 1110 Fisher.

Comments from Riley:

Should the appeal be successful, City Staff were not going to include 1110 Fisher - City Staff has confirmed that the west side of Fisher will be capped at 4 stories. Non committal on 1110 Fisher. Should they win the appeal, 1110 Fisher will be capped at 4 stories. Going to confirm with staff what's been done already.

Follow Up Question: Would there be a way to put a hard limit to the specific policy, because of the updating zoning review, there are talks to adjust low-/mid-rise limits. Could be a good idea to put a hard limit in the area (Fisher).

Riley: They have used "Low-Rise" and "4-Storey" interchangeably but will follow up.

Official Plan Highlights - [Click Here for the Presentation](#)

Changes to the Plan as it effects Carlington:

- Transforming Overlay Detected: Evolving Overlay applies to all of the "Inner Urban Transect"
- 6.2 Corridors
- 6.3 Neighbourhoods
- Area-Specific Policies that would apply Carlington:
 - Westgate
 - Fisher Avenue

What will be Next?

- September 29th at 6:30: Revised draft of New Official Plan Public Open House
- October 14th: Joint statutory meeting of the PC and ARAC
- October 27th: City Council

Visit [The City of Ottawa Site Here](#) for registration and details

- 6. **Finance Report by David Hoey - [Click Here](#)** for the report



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What is normally presented is 2 pieces of budget: What the CCA hopes will come in (donations, memberships, etc.) The second slide is what will be going out. First Slide is set at AGM.

At AGM: Set target of memberships of \$1000. All of the memberships are coming through Paypal. \$250 was a general donation, the rest is memberships.

- Along with other funds that we hope come in are T-shirts, about \$50/each. Some sold at August Market – another batch was ordered.
- Maintenance - CCA will be taking on 2 Rinks. Meadowvale. Alexander is done by volunteers. Brings in \$3 - \$4k/year.
- \$3,556 through CCA thus Far.
- Going out through CCA - put aside \$500 for Greening.
- Carlington Cup hasn't happened
- Keep Fisher Green - Flow through
- Commercial Liability insurance gone up
- All of it will even out - projecting to be over and above.

Community Grant: Normal process is launched at AGM. Last year it didn't happen. This year it's back. \$2,000 is set aside for Community Grant. Board takes proposals and weighs them. There were some later applications - before the next AGM, the proposals will be looked at and it was decided that the Board is in favour to look at the 5 that came in and review the applications and bring them to the GM.



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2021-22 Budget
as at September 15th, 2021

Income/Cash Inflows:	2021-22 Budget	2021-22 Actual	2021-22 Variance	2020-21
Membership Fees/General Donations:	1,000	2,081	1,081	979
Fundraising for Events:				
Family Fun Day			-	
Plant and Yard Sale (Water for Triangle)			-	632
T-Shirts		250	250	
Keep Fisher Green (Reimbursement)		925	925	
Alternative Activities	1,500	300	(1,200)	1,570
Rink Maintenance	8,950		(8,950)	8,950
Other Income			-	
Total Cash Inflow:	11,450	3,556	(7,894)	12,131
Expenses/Outflows:	2021-22 Budget	2021-22 Actual	2021-22 Variance	2020-21
Events/Committees:				
Family Fun Day			-	
Greening Committee	500	99	401	904
Carlington Cup	200		200	
T-Shirts		560	(560)	
Keep Fisher Green (reimbursement)		1,034	(1,034)	
COVID Support			-	2,200
Alternative Activities	1,500	126	1,374	1,446
Administration (Insurance, printing etc.):	3,000	165	2,835	3,057
CCA Grant (2020-21)	2,000			
Other:	500	2,100	(1,600)	528
Rink Maintenance	5,750		5,750	5,535
Total Expenses:	13,450	4,084	7,366	13,670
Net Balance	(2,000)	(529)	(2,529)	(1,539)
CCA Closing Cash Balance		12,286		
Administrative Costs / Total Costs	24%	4%		



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NOTE FROM BRIAN: To thank you for your support.

7. **Greening Committee Report by Alexandria Hodgson - [Click Here](#)**

Greening is back in full force. Planning new initiatives. Meeting monthly to discuss activities. Dreaming up new stuff. Reach out if interested, email provided in report. Looking to the future of Carlington, day to day.

Created 3 pillars driving towards 2025 - Increasing Tree Cover in Carlington, Create Sustainable Fundraising Activities for the CCA, Increase Ecological Education and Community Involvement. Creating more tactical initiatives to tackle the above. Created September 25th Plant Sale. It evolved this year because of COVID - Plant Sale only, selling the T-Shirts. Splitting it up to 3 locations for accessibility, COVID, etc. Plant sale relies on the community to provide donations for the event.

Finally - fall cleaning in the capital – planning started around that via Social Media and Website. Same details as in previous years.

Note from President: Hoping to send out an email to appeal to volunteers within the community to join the various committees.

8. **EnviroCentre - Brodie Kinnear, Project Developer at EnviroCentre**

FutureHomes Ottawa Pilot Project - [Click Here for Details](#)

EnviroCentre is a local environmental non-profit in Ottawa. The City of Ottawa has committed to Net Zero by 2050. It will require significant retrofits to the existing buildings. This will require significant Retrofits to existing buildings.

Carlington was selected due to aging of homes – EnviroCentre is already out in the community. EnviroCentre was at the Carlington PopUp market and will be at the Carlington Plant Sale this weekend. Sending out letters to houses at Carlington. Open to hosting other community events, just reach out.

Questions:

- How long will it run?
 - Testing it out in the 2 neighbourhoods, looking for 1 - 3 homes in each of the 2 neighborhoods. Working with the homeowners to support their retrofit plans.



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- Retrofitting and being more efficient, and the way to mitigate radon is better circulation?
 - One of the important things is to focus on ventilation. Will ask my team about the radon issue.
- Is the Federal Government also looking to do this as well?
 - EnviroCentre is working on BetterHomes in Ottawa, and going deeper locally, working with the neighborhoods. The Greener Home Program is the federal program, still could work through this program and EnviroCentre would help homeowners understand how to get the rebates back from the Federal Government.
- Concern about a number of energy updates/requirements put out routinely by various groups.

For more info on the Future Homes Ottawa pilot project, call 1.877.580.2582, email futurehomes@envirocentre.ca, visit www.betterhomesottawa.ca/futurehomes

10. **Other Business:** None.

11. **Adjournment.** **8:59 p.m.**