



# Carlington Community Association

**Minutes (Draft):** CCA General Meeting – February 15, 2022 (Zoom Pro)

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

**Regrets:** Kristen Bennett

**Guests:** Councillor Brockington

Call to Order by Zoom Pro: 7:02pm

- 1. Motion to Approve the Agenda:** Moved by Brian Beard, seconded by Robert Brinker. There was no opposition, the motion was carried.
- 2. Motion to Approve the Minutes:** Corrections to be made to minutes from November 16, 2021. They will be brought for approval at the AGM in May.

### **3. President's Report**

**Rinks:** Would like to thank everyone who's been working hard at maintaining them and trying to arrange bookings; lots of bookings from various community groups which has been exciting. The rink has been used well. January was good, consistently cold. Have a Twitter account to promote the status of the rink to get people out to use it with the goal to use it as much as possible to the end of the season.

**Hospital:** A few members have asked about a letter of support from the CCA to the City's planning committee regarding the hospital.

In terms of that letter, the site selection for the new Civic Campus has been discussed at different CCA meetings, and I have gotten history from previous presidents, and previous Board members. Over the last several years, updates were provided at General Meetings and the Annual General Meeting through the CCA's development lead and the Councillor's report. The opportunity for commentary from the membership was widely available and encouraged. Considering the Board's discussions on the topic and commentary provided from the membership during these meetings, the Board was comfortable that due diligence had been met in order to provide the letter.

We recognize that this view might not be shared by everyone within the Association, and residents are encouraged to express their views to the City. There are going to be decisions made by CCA that are not going to please everyone. We do recognize we could have done a better job with this file that is of major importance within the City. The Board is working on the creation of a policy to help guide us through topics of potentially high interest.



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Please remember that the Board and committee members are volunteers, and there is only so much we can do. If you feel strongly about a particular issue and want to get more involved from the Association's perspective, we encourage you to reach out and volunteer your time.

**Housing Task Force:** Recently, the province of Ontario released its [Report of the Ontario Housing Affordability Task Force](#) because they recognize the issue of not having enough houses in Ontario. It is a good read and I highly recommend a lot of different things that could have an impact on Carlington.

**Carlington Market:** Our guest speaker for this week will be able to give more information but I will say I have made two orders now and have been thrilled with the outcome. The ability to order such a diverse range of goods and have them delivered to a great, local coffee shop for pick-up is very convenient. You can access their website [here](#).

**Veterans' Homes:** Work on the [Carlington North Veterans' Housing Heritage Study](#) is wrapping up and there should be an information session on recommendations most likely on March 15. It will be held on Zoom.

**Future Meetings:** There's an Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, 17 May. Watch out for important updates for that meeting, including format. We are exploring moving to a hybrid setup but that does bring additional technical issues.

**Traffic Calming:** A survey asking for support for a 30 km/hr speed limit throughout the community was circulated to CCA membership and also posted on social media channels for the entire community to fill out. In total, we had 126 responses with 70% in support of the idea, regardless of whether they were CCA members or not. As part of the survey, participants were asked for permission to have their information and answers shared with Councillor Brockington. The results for those who said yes have been shared with him.

**New Committee - Pedestrian Infrastructure Issues:** Reminding people of the new committee looking at pedestrian infrastructure issues. A few CCA members have collected evidence on chronic pedestrian infrastructure issues throughout the community. It is not about being by-law officers and making note of small inconveniences but noting spots where it is frequently a challenge to be a pedestrian because of infrastructure and/or design issues. Committee members are encouraged to consider the perspectives of all users. Hoping to have some preliminary data for the May meeting.

**Route 14 Letter:** Letter from the last meeting for Route 14 was sent to OC Transpo and Councillor Riley Brockington was cc'd. Point of contact was provided by Councillor Brockington. At this time, we have not heard back.

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



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**Black History Month:** February is Black History Month. Please take time to recognize, acknowledge, learn and understand significant contributions that black residents of our city have made, make and continue to make our city a great place to live. Number of online functions and events. Send Councillor Brockington a quick email/private chat for more information on what's happening in the next couple of weeks.

**Downtown Occupation:** Police Chief Peter Sloly has resigned as Chief of Ottawa Police Services. Steve Bell, Deputy Chief, is now acting Chief until the Police Services Board decides what steps to take. Overall responsibility of the occupation has gone to the RCMP and OPP. Fair to say there has been widespread dissatisfaction from the public about how the matter has been dealt with, what appeared to be little advance preparation, no physical barriers put up before the protestors arrived a couple of weekends ago. All of the illegal, inappropriate, racist behavior and symbols we've seen over the last few weeks and the impact in particular for people in Centretown and Byward Market.

There was a Police Services Board meeting today. I think Councillor King said it best, the time to talk about how many tickets can be written, what new injunctions can be thought of, new dialogue, that's past us. The only thing people in Ottawa want to see is the end to the occupation and some movement in that regard. Want to see the Police clearing the occupation.

When the Police have come to City Council, I have been very clear that my expectations were to see daily progress on an occupation that was decreasing in size and more streets being returned to the public to the city. Has been stagnant. There are other internal issues. Many people believe the new change in leadership will move decisively. Time will tell but we need to see action immediately.

Provided a special statement on February 4th that got a lot of interesting replies back, a lot of support.

**Passing of Luciano Pradal;** Want to acknowledge our good friend Luciano Pradal, very sad to see his passing a couple of weeks ago. A frequent writer to my office. Gave walking tours in Little Italy and other places in the city. He'll be missed.

**Lifting of Covid-Related Restrictions;** For your info, here are the expedited timelines for a number of restrictions being lifted that were amended yesterday/2 days ago, upcoming amendments February 17th, then again March 1st.

**Winter in the Community:** If you have a Fire Hydrant on your property, you are by law required to clear snow/ice around it. Call 311 for assistance if you cannot. City cannot get to all of the 23,000 hydrants after every snowfall.

**Local Snow Operations:** Acknowledgment after the last large snow accumulation of 50cm+, there were a number of issues in Carlington, and just a note about going into the community to help solve challenges.

**Transportation Master Plan (TMP):** Been undergoing massive review for some time. Basically, same level as the Official Plan and Riley's office was very engaged in that process as well. The TMP is a very important blueprint for transportation projects over the next 10 years. Last TMP update was in 2013, and this one is likely to be approved later this year.

Big focus over last year has been on active transportation, which is basically sidewalks, multi-use pathways, cycling infrastructure. The City has some plans for the Ward which is great to see. I estimate we have about \$100 Million worth of projects to spend in the Ward to get sidewalks, multi-use pathways and cycling infrastructure up to a reasonable level. There has to be a plan. There was supposed to be a meeting today that's been postponed but I do bring this to your attention that Phase 3 of TMP focuses on Active Transportation. Encourage you to visit the engage Ottawa website. The TMP has 70 draft Policies on where the City wants to go. The OP gives the overall guidance for



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development and planning over the next 30 years -- the TMP, in my opinion, is very important as it helps plan for the vibrant and safe community. It's one thing to develop a community, but you need to have the infrastructure in place for you and your family to enjoy it safely. This is a very important review. Get engaged if you are interested in Active Transportation.

**Ottawa Civic Hospital:** There's been significant discussion over the years on the Civic Hospital relocation. City Council years ago approved zoning to permit institution use of the lands in question for the hospital. There was a master site plan reviewed and approved late last year. The hospital itself is dissected into a number of parcels. First parcel to be developed is the parking garage, phase 1. Last week, the planning committee didn't review the site plan for the entire 50 acres, it only focused on the parking garage and the planning committee approved that site plan last week.

Through the master site plan review last year and the site plan last week for the parking garage, there were multiple amendments, at least 12 motions put forward, that touched on public transit, bike, pedestrian access, tree retention, relocation of trees, advanced planting of trees, construction mitigation when project starts. A working group formed of neighboring community associations will focus on two main things: 1) traffic impacts and developing a strategy to mitigate traffic in neighborhoods before the hospital opens, and 2) some aggressive model shift projections meaning how people get to the Civic today, and there is an aggressive target to move people from private vehicle to active transportation.

The community will be part of that discussion and strategy to make it a success. Will be a challenge to meet those very aggressive targets.

**Travelodge Phase 1 & 2 (1354/1376 Carling Ave.):** Continues to be a challenging development for many neighbors. Original general contractor pulled out; a new one (Reliance Construction) has taken over. They're reasonable to speak with.

One challenge has been with the intersections at Meath/Thames and Archibald/Thames, which have been permanently closed. The temporary barriers previous used were continuously being moved by construction workers and traffic ended up on Thames. After my last meeting, more permanent barriers were built and not moved. There was property damage caused by large trucks to some private properties on Meath. With their agreement, large concrete barriers were installed on their front lawns.

**2nd Chance Autos (1330 Carling Ave./815 Archibald):** Planning already approved by City Council last fall, site plan in development, \$250,000 generated in Section 37, our first ever Section 37. Brian led some consultation in the community, going to direct some for traffic calming in Carlington and expansion of community garden.

Met with that group last week, great plans to expand the garden and going to try to create a precedent by trying to get some of the money released in advance to them paying their building permits, which is usually when the section 37 is released.

**1110 Fisher Decision:** Community appeal dismissed. We had a strong case. Thanks to Nelson Coyle, Mary Anne Turnbull, Ruby Puni and many others for their efforts.

This was a wrong development, 9 storeys, 62 units on a postage stamp should not be built. Not going to have an easy process with the site plan.



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**1435-1455 Morisset:** Hosted a meeting in early autumn, has not gone any further at this time. Looking for an update in a month or two.

**Lepage, Larkin, Larose Road, Sewers and Watermain Reconstruction Project Update:** Did pretty well in 2021, closed up in November for the winter, and will continue in spring. 20% of the project has been completed.

**Morisset Avenue Pump Station (formerly Carlington Heights Pump Station):** Has been delayed for about 5 years. Green light to build the new reservoir at the south end of Carlington Hill. It's underground. I will co-host a meeting in the spring with the City on what to expect during this construction project.

Recall from 5 years ago people were concerned about the heavy truck traffic going down Morissette through the residential community, the number of children in the community, close to Caldwell, Bike Park and there are some environmentally-protected lands and trees that need to be protected.

I will let the Association know when the meeting date is confirmed. There must be a safety plan.

**Harrold Place Park Gazebo:** Was replaced last year. Work underway to commemorate Linda-Lou Dodd, a former CCA member and great member of our community.

**Alexander Community Centre Expansion:** Secured Council support for \$8.5M. Very happy it's been set aside for expansion and renovation of the community center.

The City and Ottawa Public Library have to sort out who's going to run the computer lab. The library is about a year behind in the facilities master plan, which identifies gaps and develops plans for new Capital infrastructure needs. They admit that our community is underserved. In lieu of a completed master plan, senior management may recommend to the Library Board that they come into Alexander Community Centre on an Interim basis, i.e. 5 years. In the meantime the master plan gets done and maybe not in Alexander. That Alexander is not on a main transit line is a strike against it. The space remains dedicated by the City for the Library, all the talks have been to bring a branch into the Alexander Community Centre.

Remain hopeful about the opportunities here. Will work to update the board.

**Kirkwood Avenue Redesign and Truck Inquiry:** Kirkwood is going on a road diet this calendar year. There was a community consultation session this December that reiterated the challenges the community has with Kirkwood: speed, truck volume, collisions on private property, and some road design issues.

Plan to only have 1 travel lane in each direction between Merivale and Carling and use the surplus width for bike lanes and left-hand turning lanes.

Looking to proceed with this and only to get better after this year. Part of the TMP (Active Transportation Review) is to look at corridors like this and set money aside over the next 10 years. Plan this week: go through public comments, see what can be implemented, commit to go back to the community to give updates on what can and can be incorporated, then give green light to staff to plan. Being paid out of the Ward's traffic calming budget \$50k/yr plus surplus from last year. Last year I was able to get staff to pay for about 2/3 of it, have to find money for 1/3 and the price tag is about \$100k.

**Carlington North Veterans' Heritage Housing Study:** Public meeting tentative Mid-March to give local residents status



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updates on what staff's investigation and review will reveal and what their recommendation will be when this comes to committee in April.

Will be done by letter again - sent to the Veterans section North End of Carlington.

## EVENTS:

- **International Women's Day Virtual Events:** March 10th Speaker Series
- **Earth Day Weekend:** April 23rd - Junk That Funk

**Raven Park - Ottawa Markets:** Trying to get them to come back.

**Carlington Street Market:** Association working with them (shout out in document) talks about how you can get engaged. In e-Newsletter in April.

## Quick Note: Transportation Update Possible at next GM To discuss items such as:

- City does want to proceed with Carling Ave bus lanes this year. It was postponed for a number of years but looks like it will be happening later this year.
- Redesign of Carling and Kirkwood. Lots of questions when that started late last fall.
- If you'd like specific updates on these at the next GM meeting, I can bring staff in.

## 5. Guest - Chris Penton, Ottawa Street Markets/Carlington Market

Thank you to Tara for digging him up.

- Started a market in Vanier with local BIA, moved on to Little Italy, then started Beechwood Market (about 20 vendors).
- In 2020, opened a virtual version of a market.
- In 2021, a hybrid version opened up. In parallel worked with Elgin Street.
- Currently working with Alta Vista Community Association to get one started.
- Idea with Online Market is to test it out. Upcoming summer season looking to work with CCA and Carlington Coffee House to test it out.
  - Online Market will have a local pickup location connected to the community, Carlington Coffeehouse will work with Ottawa Street Market to make Saturday morning pickup.
  - Goal will be to bring it to a face-to-face pop-up market in our neighbourhood.

## 6. Finance (David Hoey) -- Treasurer's Report

**2021 - 2022 Budget Forecasted \$11,450, Actual to January 31st, 2022, \$10,540**



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## Biggest generators of money coming in:

- Membership/General Donations, from year to year it's up and down (usually set it at \$1,000). Done exceptionally well this year at \$2,251, bulk is Membership which is fantastic. Generally, renewals come in around the AGM. Going to revisit to see why it's been so successful to bridge it into next year
- Plant and Yard Sale - \$1,036
- T-Shirt Sales - \$275
- Other changes since then, +\$7,000 since September
- Rink Contracts - 4 installments - \$5,370
  - For Alexander, solely run by volunteers only pay for things like shovels, gas, etc.
  - Have received some of the installments
- Expecting to exceed what we forecasted

## 2021 - 22 Budget Expenditures (Funds Going Out)

- Set aside money for certain events, but haven't had most events due to COVID
- Greening Committee - set aside a bit for the Triangle, cleanups
- Carlington Cup - didn't happen (budgeted \$500)
- Administration - a cost every association has
  - Insurance Costs have gone up sizeably, saw a \$1000 increase (Budgeted \$3,000, Actual was \$3,563).
    - CCA carries both Director Liability Insurance and Commercial General Liability Insurance.
    - We get it through the City of Ottawa's Plan, perhaps if we aren't hosting as many events, we may not need it.
    - Plan to discuss at AGM
  - Rink Maintenance - \$1,385
- Overall, about \$14,000 in the bank account, projections will be in the positive by end of year.
- Have \$2,000 earmarked for the CCA Grant. This amount gets set every year at the AGM. The Board looks at the books and makes a recommendation at the AGM.
  - CCA Grant is using money in the bank to run a community grant proposal process to make a "Greener, Safer, Better Carlington."

**7. Development Report (Ahmed Elchamaa)** - No update at this time

**8. Greening (Alexandria Hodgson)**

**Greening 2022 Calendar:** Focus primarily on the 2 park cleanup days and 2 plant sales in June and in the fall.

**Tree Cover:** The team is discovering ways to increase tree cover, how to be aware of what we have now and better understand how we can change it. It's an exciting time to have the knowledge and expand on this.

**Gardens:** Working on building info campaigns about pollinator and other gardens and the diversity they bring.



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**Fisher Pathway Weeding Initiative:** Started by one volunteer who is very involved in the butterfly garden at the farm who is hoping to have help from the community.

**Grants:** Attempting to get a TD Park Grant; if successful, will support more efforts into greening, community involvement and education.

## 9. Activities (Dave Janveau)

We ran the Merry & Bright tree decorating contest; it was well received. Charity Bartlett was able to take a lot of photos which are available on social media. Looking to have more activities as the weather improves.

## 10. New Business

**Rosanne Iland** ([Click here to see the full motion.](#))

Rosanne went through her motion, to field any questions and comments about the motion itself and then planned to look for a seconder then put it to a vote. She brought the motion to the floor for two reasons: a perceived breach of the democratic process and for the environmental impacts.

Re: breach of democratic process of the Ottawa Hospital development; at the November 16th General Meeting, she asked questions about an unsolicited endorsement announced by Councillor Brockington at the second day's closing of the Special Planning Committee meeting. Although information had been provided concerning the development through updates, newsletters, Councillor reports, etc., no consultation was ever undertaken of the community's resident or CCA members. She stated her objection to an endorsement of the hospital's location by a non-executive association member, acting on behalf of the Association, without the input of the membership.

Re: environmental impacts. Ottawa is already rapidly losing green space and the removal of 500 trees due to the building of the hospital, as well as the removal of trees if Fisher Avenue is widened, would exacerbate that. Add to that that more flooding is expected due to climate change and the loss of tree cover that acts as a natural sponge.

**Rosanne then read her motion; she moved this motion and Sian Griffiths seconded the motion.**

### **Recommendation from Association Member:**

Recommendation to separate the motion into 2 parts; First part dealing with planning committee and the Farm itself and the second part dealing with another motion, that the CCA adopt a formal policy gauging the community's views before adopting any position on issues of concerns

### **President's Response:**

The CCA has stated they are working on a policy for future issues of concern to determine how best to guide the Association in the future. He feels that due diligence was met, consultation in various forms had been taken, and indicated he will be voting against that motion.



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## Discussion Around Bylaws/President Voting

**Question from Member:** Can the President vote or is there a requirement for the President to remain impartial? **Board**

**Response:** Noted that, in the CCA By-laws, there is nothing that states the Chair cannot vote for a motion.

**Question from Member:** Rosanne said it was in violation of CCA rules – Which rule? **Board Response:** The rule would be that the non-member does not have the right to speak on behalf of the Association.

**Question from Board:** Is that in the CCA By-laws or Robert's Rules? **Member Response:** Then any CCA member has the right to write on behalf of the CCA to City Council? **Board Response:** The member in question was tasked by the Board to send the letter to City Council, after discussion by the Board and the relevant Committee about the issue.

**Question from Member:** So, if I'm a member and then become a Board member, I have the right to undersign as the CCA? **Board Response:** No. The issue went through a process, decisions were made by the Committee and by the Board, and the letter was sent as a result of these decisions.

**Question from Member:** Asked for copies of the communications for transparency. **Board Response:** Are there any other questions to the motion as it stands right now?

**Question from Member:** I understand that the individual resigned from the Executive and that resignation was in the minutes of the last AGM. There is a conflict there. **Board Response:** After due process, i.e., discussions and decisions, the volunteer, as a member of the Committee, volunteers to write the letter and send it. There is no conflict.

**Member Comment:** A paper trail would make things more transparent and ties into Liability. To reduce any confusion about this motion, perhaps the motion could be split into two, if that makes it easier for the motion to get passed. Is lack of transparency about the Board's communications making it difficult for this motion to get passed?

**Member Comment:** Letters should come from the President/Board, not from Committee Members.

**Member Comment:** For clarification, a member of a committee does not have to be on the Board. The by-laws state that any committee can be run by non-board members. As for the Environmental Impact Study, it's going to be done any, motion or no motion.

**Member Comment:** Letters/correspondence have been written on behalf of the CCA in the past by non-Board members, always with the consent of the Committee/Board. It wasn't an issue then, so it's not an issue now. Often the CCA works with less than a full Board, as some volunteers do not want the burden of being a Board member.

**Member Comment:** Thank you, Charity, for the explanation.



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**Member Comment:** Initially, it was really clear to most of us that the Trees were going to be removed. It's the tree removals that are getting everyone hot under the collar.

**Member Comment:** Just reflecting. Part of having a Board representing a community, with limited membership, is that the Board will take decisions without consulting every member of a community. Of course, some decisions are more important than others – I agree with that; the issue is at what point does the Board need to consult the wider membership rather than take a decision on its own initiative. How far does its authority extend.

**Member Comment:** When it was decided that the Civic Hospital was going to be located on the Farm, the CCA Board advocated then that the parking had to be underground, environmentally friendly, trees weren't going to be removed, etc. The issue was brought up frequently and then, yes, everyone was surprised by the number of trees being removed. Unfortunately, as we've seen with 1110 Fisher, the Planning Department at the City disregards a lot of issues. There were trees removed at 1110 Fisher without any notice to the community at all. The issue is really with the City – the CCA cannot impact the city as much as it think it can

**Member Comment:** Who is the hospital for? In 2016, consultations were held with 8000 people about the hospital location. The people said "Tunney's Pasture" and the City said "Dow's Lake". We get asked about 30km/hr speed limit, the 14 bus, and yet we don't get asked about a mega hospital that going to cost us hundreds of trees. In Markham, councillors withdrew their endorsement of a plan, based on new information they received. It's never too late to turn around and change a plan when new information comes on board.

**Board:** Vote to commence. Last vote was a "Y" or an "N" in the chat – are we doing the same now? "Aye", "Nay" or "Abstain" are your options – we'll also a "Y" or an "N". If you are not a member, you are not entitled to a vote. We will review the chat to make sure every voter is a CCA member, and we will get the result back to you.

**NOTE:** *Rosanne's vote needed to be recorded in the chat by Brian. She voted "Yes".*

## **Annie Woo – Question:**

In the sake of full closure and transparency. Puzzled why Robert told me that 930 Carling is not on the Central Experimental Farm, I have worked there since 2003 it's not called Dow's Lake. The 50 acres is not sitting on Dow's Lake. CC'd former members of association and LAPT. Puzzled by the reframing of some of the answers to my emails. For the sake of clarity and transparency, I would like you to upload what I've written. Didn't enjoy the recount of the original email, asked a number of questions in bullet point. Robert, you sat on a lot of Development Committees, I commend you but I have nowhere found that this land is not Dow's Lake.

The other question I have is Nelson said he's doing this for somebody, but why do we have to support something without a vote that's contentious, because I'm noticing somebody abstaining from this motion, technically it should have been a split motion because it's two issues. If you are going to upload my information I want it in its entirety, including my typos. I don't think as a general member, I already mentioned it back in bylaws, as a general member I get to go to three meetings and the AGM and (beyond that) don't get any opportunity to discuss anything. I come here because I hear Riley's update on the planning and then I try to find something I might actively work on. There is a lack of communication which is what the confusion is about. It makes it look like there is an oversight or bad



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communication. I thought the Development Committee was to give us a head's-up so we are aware of when issues are coming down as we don't want to find a 50-storey building in front of our house.

I think for the future, there should be something placed in by-laws that something contentious or something that may be misconstrued as inappropriate should go through the Membership. If you want more volunteer engagement or participation, it would be helpful to do orientation and/or training because I have since the last 10 years, I haven't been boasting about joining the community association to my new members, I talk to people regularly, I'm just feeling a little less included. I mentioned this at the last few meetings, in the interest of full disclosure, if you are willing to make my document fully available to at least all the people here at the meeting that come to it so they can understand it. I don't want your summary the way you wrote about it in your President's Report. If I read that I wouldn't understand what happened at the hospital. The whole thing I wrote about the back-and-forth dialogue was clarification of terms of reference, why is everyone calling this site the Dow's Lake Hospital Site when 50 acres of it sit on the Central Experimental Farm. Those are some of the questions. How would you like to handle it?

**President:** Will take into consideration in terms of the emails, will give some thought.

**Annie:** If you don't want to send it that way, I don't want it edited without my approval. What you wrote for your report was not representative of any of the facts. That's why I wrote back those rather lengthy detailed questions. You were talking around the issue and not answering the question.

**Tara Beechey: Counted the Votes on the Motion put forth by Rosanne Iland**

23 people voted: 6 Yes, 15 No, 2 Abstained.

**Questions for Councillor Riley Brockington:**

**Member Question:** Regarding the unsolicited letter that I wrote Riley the question but never heard back. Why is the Carlington Community Association obligated to provide a response, and not just abstain or say there was a divergent view?

**Riley's Answer:** There is no requirement by any community group to engage in the matter, let alone send in correspondence. A number of community associations appeared as delegations, provided written submissions, whose comments were articulated through their representatives -- the CCA could have not provided any comment or could have gotten more involved. They chose to get as involved as they did.

**Member Question:** Thanks, Riley, for your continued work on bringing the library to the neighborhood. When first introduced, it sounded like you felt it was a slam dunk but tonight's report sounded a little less confident. What can we do as a community to help support the library coming to the Alexander Community Centre?

**Riley's Answer:** Excellent question. I remain hopeful, just have a more realistic outlook about the hurdles. The key test will come when a staff recommendation comes before the Library Board to endorse a footprint in our community and that might be late spring. I'm thinking about a postcard campaign, some other very intensive outreach where the community articulates our desire to see a library in our neighborhood. A lot of work still has to be ironed out between the city and library. Still confident there will be a library. Sorry if I've left that impression, still lots of issues to be ironed out.



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**Member:** I'm new, became engaged because of the 30kms/hr speed limits. I see pushes for interventions not supported by science. Feel we should be pushing for things that prove to have worked.

**Riley's Answer:** I want to acknowledge the proactive outreach the Association has done under Brian. Yes, if we take an initiative in isolation of everything else that can be done, it's not the silver bullet; it's just one tool by itself. I want Brian and me to review the survey and the results, talk about feasibility and expectations. As I said earlier tonight, we as a City need to make significant investments in active transportation infrastructure. Key objective of mine.

**President's Comment:** I fully agree there are better ways to reduce traffic, but unfortunately, they are also more expensive. My perspective is that as people hear more and more about it, hopefully it becomes the standard across the city and people come to expect it. Right now, people are comfortable with speeding, especially on roads that don't have sidewalks.

**Member:** I've written a few times requesting the unsolicited letter sent to yourself from the planning committee. When might I be able to see it? Will it be entered into the public record so everyone can see it.

**Riley's Answer:** I acknowledge your letters of this week. Since I asked and received permission first from the author, I will be sending it to you shortly. The occupation has kept me busy; that's why you've not yet had a response.

**Member:** I wrote in November and what was sent to me was the author writing to me. I want to see the letter that was sent to the Council. If it was written in my name, I don't know what it has to do with the author. Everybody has agreed the person who wrote it had the authority to write on behalf of the community association. It's either public or it's private. If it's private, how can it be valid? If it's public, we should all be able to have a look at it.

**Riley's Answer:** When people write to City Council, their letter is not a public letter that can be on the front page of the Citizen the next day. It is to Council, it's between the author and Council only and that's how it's treated. If I've already sent you Mr. Coyle's letter, there's nothing else to share, there is no other letter.

**Member:** That's not what I received. If you evoked it at a public meeting, surely it's a public document.

**Riley's Answer:** We're talking about a very brief email here -- there isn't a lengthy letter. I've disclosed this to a number of people you are working with, and if you haven't received it, I will find that email from Mr. Coyle and I will share it with you.

**Member:** Will it be on the public record? If it's sent to the Council, it's on the public record, right?

**Riley's Answer:** No, when people write to their City Councillor, it is confidential. When people email the City, it goes into a shared drive that we can view, but we don't take it and publish it publicly.

**Member:** But he wrote on behalf of a community association, a public group, this is confusing.

**Riley's Answer:** You have the right as a member of the association to ask association for correspondence they've sent out before I shared it. I went to the author for permission to disclose the letter to you. When you write to me. I don't have a right to share your correspondence with the public, I cannot share it publicly. Same goes for everybody.



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**Member Question:** Back to the Library, I too would like to have a library in this community. Heard you say one of the stumbling blocks would be a main transit line.

**Riley's Answer:** The CEO had made this comment to me more than once. New branches are so rare, I've not seen the new branch criteria. But as part of the Facilities Master Plan, I assume Carlington or this part of town will be identified. She (CEO) has said that they try to get libraries built on main arteries for both visibility and accessibility. Yes, if people get off at Merivale, the right signage can lead them to Alexander.

## **President Motion Summary**

The fact that the Motion did NOT carry, based on the votes, can be entered into the official record.

**11. Adjournment:** Move to adjourn by Tara Beechey, seconded by Pum vanVeldhoven at 9:22p.m.