



# Carlington Community Association

**Minutes (Approved)** - CCA General Members Meeting – September 27th, 2022 (In Person and Zoom Pro)

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**Board in Attendance:** Brian Beard, David Hoey, Peter Zakrzewski, Alexandria (Allie) Hodgson, Robert Brinker, Heather Darling.

**Guests:** Councillor Riley Brockington, Councillor Candidate Ethan Sabourin, Councillor Candidate Alex Dugal.

**Call to Order in person and on Zoom Pro: 7:12 p.m.**

**Introductions and Land Acknowledgement (Brian Beard):** *'We would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded Algonquin territory.'*

**Motion to Approve the Agenda:** Moved by Robert Brinker seconded by Micheline Lane. There was no opposition, the motion was carried.

**Motion to Approve the Minutes:**

- **November 16, 2021 GM Minutes:** Moved by Robert Brinker seconded by Annie Woo. There was no opposition, the motion was carried.
- **February 15, 2022 GM Minutes:** Moved by Brian Beard seconded by Dave Hoey. There was no opposition, the motion was carried.

**Advisements of any conflicts of interest:** None noted.

**President's Report (Brian Beard):** For the full report please click [here](#).

- Brian spoke about Traffic Calming, specifically Kirkwood. Has included a link to a survey in the President's report where community members can provide feedback specific to traffic concerns or feedback they may have. The idea will be to provide this feedback to the City/our Councillor. Members can also email Brian directly.
- Encouraged everyone to vote in the upcoming election.

**Councillor Riley Brockington's Update:** The Councillor presented his report. He commended the CCA for being the only Community Association that is offering a hybrid option at this time. **Activities that have happened this summer:**

- Kirkwood modifications are in place, still some work to be done including bike lane delineator sticks. The feedback has been positive, still some issues but moving in the right direction. His commitment should he come back as Councillor, that after approximately 1 year, Carlington West residents be surveyed to get their impressions of the modifications of the changes on Kirkwood. Any tweaks that need to be made, made after the election.
- Larkin, Lepage, Larose Water Renewal Project: Progress is being made. The water infrastructure, quite aged, needs to be replaced. Multimillion dollar reinvestment in the community.
- Morrisette Avenue Pump Station: Still planned for renewal 2023, 2-year project. Still pushing back on vehicle routing and working with the City for viable routes for construction traffic through that corridor. Ongoing review of multi-use pathway that will need to be detoured and the protection of trees including some butternuts during construction and potential future use of the decommissioned building - looking at retaining building for other use.



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- Development:
  - 1435 Morrisette: 4-storey, 31-unit, currently under-utilized parking lot. Application approved June 9, 2022.
  - 1291 Sommerville: 3-storey, 6-unit to be replaced with 4-story 16-unit building. No change in zoning needed, site plan application approved In August.
  - 1062, 1066, 1058 Silver Street: Proposal is 3-storey, 32-unit building, development application was passed by planning committee in August. Not the one at Silver and Shillington – that is a different application
  - Developer at Travelodge continues to be a challenge. Phase 1 is going quickly. There are still people living in Travelodge. Phase 2 construction likely to start in spring of 2023. In total, 5 buildings, 900 residential units. The Japanese Pavilion will remain – it has heritage value and is being retained for community use.
  - Shepherds of Good Hope took over the Parklane Residents at Merivale at Kirkwood – was privately owned. It's a 60-unit bed, supportive housing. They are behind schedule due to material delays. Unlike the Oaks, the people do not require the same level of high care. Ideally, they will move in by early 2023.
- On November 15, River Ward's boundary will change slightly: Dow's Lake parking lot will enter the River Ward, as will Westgate, the Southern Carling Triangle, Neilson Dairy (where there will be development in the next few years).
- The Alexander Community Centre southern wall was fixed. Project was fast tracked. After school program back in full. Regarding the expansion and renovation, the Ottawa Public Library (OPL) are expected to complete the Facilities Framework Review this November and to indicate the criteria the OPL will use to identify gaps in City going forward, i.e., where services/branches are short, where the OPL Board going forward will need to focus resources. The OPL Board will need to decide if Carlington can be fast tracked, bumped up the list. There are no significant capital dollars needed, the challenge will be operating dollars, staffing and resourcing. The work will be to convince the Ottawa Public Library Board this is a priority and investment they are willing to make.
- Carlington Community Park Garden expansion. Some of the developments in the area are yielding community benefit dollars, which are earmarked for gardens and traffic calming in Carlington. The community benefit dollars have not yet been provided as the developers have not started their work yet. Garden is looking to expand with new amenities. This year Riley's office provided funding for a new shed.
- Harold Place Park Gazebo: Commemorative dedication to Linda Dodd, a plaque to be produced and hopefully installed before winter. No public event at request of family.
- Raven Park is going to receive 7 more trees, 5 different varieties. An accessible swing was added this summer.
- Former gas station on Merivale Road, they had to remediate the soil. The pathway off Merivale going into Alexander Park was closed for some time. It was not owned by the City, Riley's goal is for the City to acquire the right of way to protect that pathway.
- Cameron MacLeod, Executive Director of the Carlington Community Health Centre, has retired. The new ED, Yacouba Traoré, will start work in early October.
- Ongoing discussion with the Neighborhood Response Team (NRT), working to understand its annual objectives, how they are determined, how they are assessed and how the public is engaged in identifying priorities. In November, the hope is to have a town hall with the public, police and NRT, to talk about the community's priorities and their priorities and how the two should be the same.
- There were a number of fires all within a month in the Shillington corridor. Riley has reached out to the Police and Fire Services because people were concerned the frequency in the community is not acceptable.
  - Question: What is the update on 1110 Fisher?



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- i. Community's appeal was lost. The decision of the City Council was upheld by an adjudicator. There is a green light to build, but no site plan application. At least 6 months for them to go through the process.
- o Question: Town Hall with Police – What's the objective of the NRT?
  - i. In lieu of any community policing as they were cut at the time, the NRT was reestablished because the patrol officers were overwhelmed during their shifts. Under the new Police Chief, neighborhood policing was a priority. One of the 7 resources is a traffic resource. Riley has been asking for traffic data pre NRT and currently.
- o Question/Comment: The hole on the sidewalk at the corner of Merivale and Thames, on the westside still remains, is not wheelchair accessible, we can't get Hydro to respond to fix it.
  - i. Riley is going to reply/follow up to insist it be done ASAP.

**Finance (Dave Hoey):** For full report please click [here](#).

David Hoey described the financial documents regarding money coming in and going out. Set the budget at the AGM, and haven't had much in the way for expenditures. Striving to bring in \$13,500. Membership, Greening, T SHIRT Sales, Raven Park Event all brought money in. Money out callouts are Administration, insurance last year cost \$3000 but Marsh got us a better rate at \$1700 this year. Overall, CCA is at a healthy position with \$16,000 in the bank. The forecast is a breakeven. Grant update – successful proposal was a Pride Art Install which is four, 4x4 fence posts painted in Pride colours.

- Question about the snow accumulation there? CCA will flag this as a follow up.

**Development (Robert Brinker):** Robert Brinker described the issues around the development projects in the community currently underway.

- Travelodge won't be demolished before March.
- Pre-consultation meeting with local community associations for the Ottawa Hospital on Phase 3 and 4, starting soon. Once we know more, we will inform everyone when the public consultation starts.
- Over summer, attended a couple of meetings regarding traffic management plans for the Civic Hospital, concerns about alternative routes, cut through traffic through the farm, Fisher Avenue, etc. Ongoing.
- Central Experimental Farm: first draft of management plan update is out. Agriculture Canada is concerned about the development going on around the farm itself, high-rises around the farm, lots of dogs running through the farm which is a problem. Robert sits on the Central Experimental Farm Advisory Council.
- Federal Electoral Boundaries under review, comment period is extended until October 29. Right now, Carlington is divided into two electoral districts; future proposal is that all of Carlington moves into Ottawa West Nepean except Westgate Mail and the former Neilson Dairy. Might want to comment to match the municipal boundaries
- A Comprehensive Zoning Review has started – the City is going away from the hard Zoning from R1 to R4. In future the City will only dictate the form, which will dictate the size of the building not what's in it. Quite a bit of change is coming for inner city Ottawa.
  - o Member Question: Is this residential and business?
    - i. Just residential.
  - o Member Question: Travelodge, do we know anything about asbestos in it?



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- i. Unsure, not aware, but they have scheduled around three months to remove any contamination or asbestos. City completes a pre-demolition inspection.
- o Member Question: Are the hospital report minutes available?
  - i. Once the minutes are available, we can provide them over. The topics discussed today will be in the minutes of this meeting.
- o Member Question: What's the rationale behind putting us in Ottawa West?
  - i. Not as familiar with the rationale, however it's assumed it's similar to what the City has done which is trying to match the population of each riding across the country so there is an equal representation.

**Greening (Alexandria Hodgson):** For full report please click [here](#)

- Taking a hiatus on Greening Committee meetings through winter, starting back up in the spring. If anyone has questions or concerns, reach out to the Committee via email ([greening@carlingtoncommunity.org](mailto:greening@carlingtoncommunity.org))
- Reminder about the Greening Mandate, what do we want to focus on:
  - o Increasing tree cover within Carlington boundaries: working with the Trees in Trust program to get more native trees planted. The focus has been on City greenspace. Sent out a survey to residents just a month ago asking where trees can be posted. If you haven't received it and would like to, email the Greening Committee. This program also supports homeowners as well. Link in report.
  - o Creating sustainable fundraising activities
    - i. Successful Plant Sale: Thank you to volunteers, and those who attended. Raised just over \$900.
  - o Increased Ecological Education and Community Involvement: teams diversify-your-garden initiative to be launched in spring 2023. The concept is how can we enable community members who have a garden to have more information, have the tools they need, and how can we allow individuals within our community to walk around our community to view them.
- Fall Cleaning the Capital
  - o Date upcoming in October, working on nailing down the date. Coffee Grams are a perk!

**Activities (Alaine Spiwak):** Alaine is just getting started in her role. A couple of updates:

- Raven Park Event, August 5, was the Company of Fools putting on "The Tempest". It was a great success, a big thank you to the volunteers as well.
- Looking for volunteers to join, please reach out to [activities@carlingtoncommunity.org](mailto:activities@carlingtoncommunity.org) and the Committee will meet on Thursday October 6 at 6:00 p.m., via Zoom.

**City Council Candidate Introductions (Ward 16) and Questions, facilitated by Brian Beard:**

Each candidate introduced themselves, then Brian asked each of them 3 questions that were gathered from the Carlington Membership. Candidates had 2 minutes of response time for each question, and after questions they had an opportunity to wrap up.

- Ethan Sabourin: For full platform, click [here](#)



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- Alex Dugal: For full platform, click [here](#)
- Riley Brockington: For full platform, click [here](#)

*Below are the three questions the 3 candidates were asked during the meeting. They each provided responses on how they would tackle the issues addressed. For more information on their platforms, please visit their websites as found on the City of Ottawa website, links provided above.*

**Question 1:** How do you plan on supporting the transit needs of the neighborhoods of River Ward?

**Question 2:** How important is the need to improve accessibility in your overall priorities for River Ward, and how can CCA work with you to address accessibility barriers more effectively and efficiently?

**Question 3:** As Carlington increases in population, we will see more focus on Merivale Road, what do you see in the future for this part of the community?

## **New Business**

- CCA will be cosponsoring a mayoral debate, Monday October 17. Chiarelli, McKinney and Sutcliffe will be participating with CBC as the moderator, will be at the Lansdowne Horticulture Museum.
- Some preliminary work is being done by the Ottawa Police, the City, EnviroCentre and the Ottawa Safety Council to improve active transportation to W.E. Gowling Public School.

**Adjournment:** Move to adjourn by Annie Woo, seconded by Robert Brinker at 8:58 p.m.