



Carlington Community Association

Minutes (Approved): CCA General Members Meeting – November 22nd, 2022 (In Person and Zoom Pro)

Board in Attendance: Brian Beard, David Hoey, Peter Zakrzewski, Alexandria (Allie) Hodgson, Robert Brinker, Alaine Spiwak

Regrets: Heather Darling

Guests: Councillor Riley Brockington, Mary Young

Call to Order in person and on Zoom Pro: 7:05 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.'*

Note from President: The CCA will be making a \$50 donation to different groups throughout the city at each GM and AGM (for a total of four times a year). For this GM, the CCA is making a donation to the *Minwaashin Lodge*, An Indigenous Women's Support Centre. (www.minlodge.com)

Motion to Approve the Agenda: Moved by Allie Hodgson seconded by Robert Brinker. There was no opposition, the motion was carried.

Motion to Approve the Minutes: September 27, 2022, GM Minutes: Moved by Allie Hodgson, seconded by Alaine Spiwak. There was no opposition, the motion was carried.

Advisements of any conflicts of interest: None noted.

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

- Brian spoke about the municipal election. Thanked all candidates for their participation and involvement. The CCA Board sent our congratulations to Councillor Riley Brockington.
- Traffic Calming and Safety Update
 - Earlier this month, a pedestrian was struck by a vehicle on Merivale, resulting in their death. Changes have been slow in coming to Merivale Avenue, however, as a community, we would like to see changes move more quickly.
 - i. The Transportation Committee is currently working on a response to the accident on behalf of the CCA, framing it around the Community Development Plan, outlining what changes we would like to see. Councillor Brockington said that the Transportation Committee obtained data from speed radar signs set up on Merivale. A quick result of the data is that 1 of 3 vehicles is speeding on Merivale.
 - Most "flex stakes", used as a traffic calming measure, have been removed from roads for winter maintenance.
 - 30 km/hr speed measures are still on Councillor Brockington's radar. The CCA Traffic-Calming Committee continues to monitor the survey and report on it to the Councillor.



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- Rinks in Community: CCA is in the process of signing a 3-year contract for rink maintenance with the City of Ottawa.
 - Call for Volunteers: CCA continues to look for volunteers to help build or maintain the rinks. Emails to be sent to treasurer@carlingtoncommunity.org
- Volunteer Thank Yous! Thanking all volunteers for the work and time they give to the Carlington Community. Reminder: we still have an empty spot on the Board.

2. Carlington Community Health Centre, Yacouba Traoré, Executive Director, 613-722-4000 ext. 226, executivedirector@carlingtonchc.org

Yacouba introduced himself as the new Executive Director at the Carlington Community Health Centre, in his 5th week in the role. Previously, he was the Executive Director of Rideau Rockcliffe Community Resource Centre, for 8 years. Provided a brief presentation on the Centre, including who they are, who they service and programs provided. Summary of presentation:

- The CCHC has been in the community for over 30 years, serving Ottawa River, south to Baseline Road, west to Woodroffe Avenue, and east to Island Park Drive/Fisher Avenue, as well as area bordered by Fisher Avenue, Baseline Road and the Rideau River.
- Offers range of health and social services in partnership with other organizations to clients.
- Partnership include many organizations at local level (including Carlington Community Association), City-wide and Governmental.
- Services include: Assertive Community Treatment Team (ACT Team), Counselling Team, Intake and Harm Reduction Services, Health Promotion Team, Headstart Nursery School, Parent, Child and Youth Team, Primary Health Care Services
 - ACT Team: composed of mental health professionals who provide community-based recovery service to clients 24 hours/day, 365 days/year to individuals with serious, complex, long-term, mental health issues.
 - Counselling and Intake Services: Youth counsellor for children ages 12-24, including trans youth, violence against women/transitional support for women fleeing violence, general counselling for individual, couples and family, crisis intake for counsellors who provide system navigation for services, food security, harm reduction education and support.
 - Health Promotion and Community Development: community health worker, dietician, dental screening, incometax clinic, housing support, ESL Classes, support for seniors.
 - Parent, Child and Youth: prenatal and postnatal care, breastfeeding support and drop-in, playgroups, family and parental support, baby cupboard, after school programs, Students Will All Graduate Program (SWAG), The Spot youth drop-in and youth mentorship program
 - Primary Health Care Services: as a member of the primary health care service, members can obtain primary care services, there is also lung health promotion with a respiratory therapist, and a Community Diabetes Education team
- Newsletter Available from CCHC - registration can be found on their website.



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Question from Member: Are the computers available again to community members?

Answer: Yes, they are again available to community members.

Comment from Member: Newsletter is wonderful, and a group that is wonderful is “Women in the Wild”, and free yoga class during the week which is amazing.

Question from Member: Is the CCHC planning to accept new clients in the future from the general public, for primary care physicians?

Answer: Physicians are still taking patients, please call or come in as you might be eligible.

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

- The new Official Plan got signed off by the ministry, but with 30 amendments.
 - Westgate secondary plan doesn't exist anymore but the policy of the Secondary Plan is implemented in the Official Plan.
 - Along minor corridors, limitations to low-rise apartment buildings got removed from Plan again, 6 stories in general in minor corridors. On Fisher Avenue, the specific policy is still in effect – low-rise buildings are allowed to be built. Currently low-rise is 4 stories, but the City is working on a new zoning by-law, so the threshold for low-rise buildings could change.
 - Urban Boundary was extended again - over 500 more hectares extended than staff recommended.
 - 15 Min Neighbourhoods: small change in new Official Plan. It's no longer mandatory, however, it's recommended that developers consider this.
- Bill 23 - Big change to neighbourhoods. Developers or homeowners can now have 3 dwelling units on each lot. This includes our Veterans Neighbourhood, which is zoned R1 for single family houses. There can be a basement unit and a coach house in the back.
 - Development Charge Reduction - now for apartment buildings, developers can now get a reduction - as long as there is some kind of “affordability”. This will be an issue on taxes collected by the City.
 - No Site Plan Control for high-rise building's exterior. City Staff are not allowed to comment on how the building looks.
 - Reduction of parkland: Currently, if someone develops a building, they have to give a small contribution for parkland. Now cut by 50%.
 - 3rd Party of Appeal Rights are back in the plan again. Some greening standards are now back in as well.
- Bill 39 - City Staff can approve developments with only one-third of the vote.

Question From Member: Does the goal of the Plan to develop 1.5 million residents still take into consideration the need for them to be affordable or just to get them built?

Answer: In principle, the goal of the province is to make developments cheaper. Right now, the City calculates a shortfall of \$15M, that means if the City builds 15,000 dwelling units per year, we as a taxpayer would subsidize that. There is no requirement that the developer has to reduce the prices. They get the benefit but no requirement.

Comment From Member: We haven't heard anything about co-op housing. It sounds like we are being asked to pay for this without any commitment that there will be an outcome of affordable housing.



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Question from Member: Any further details about what is happening at Westgate?

Answer: Previously we had a secondary plan at Westgate, most of these policies in the secondary plan are now included in the Official Plan, so there won't be any changes.

Question from Member: What will the development changes be for the recent Carlington Heritage designation?

Answer: There is no legal designation. A majority of the neighbourhood property owners voted against the protection of the houses. If someone buys a house in the neighbourhood, they can take it down or build a 3-resident dwelling.

4. Greening (Alexandria Hodgson):

- Fall Park Cleanup completed at Meadowvale, Raven and Alexander Park and picked up a lot of trash.
- Reach out with ideas for the spring.

5. Activities (Alaine Spiwak):

- Spent time with CCHC and Councillor Brockington's office to try and work together on some initiatives and where we can promote and amplify.
- The CCA will be running the Merry & Bright Event in December.
- Looking to the community to drive ideas, meeting in one week. Reach out to communities@carlington.org

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

David Hoey described the financial documents regarding money coming in, and that going out. Membership has remained similar, don't expect much change until AGM, T-shirts provide a small bit of money coming in. Rink Maintenance - biggest line item, no spend yet. Highlighted money out is Administration, \$2000K, which is primarily insurance. CCA Grant, the art installation, \$1000. Budgeted items out will be Rink Maintenance, \$5,250.

7. Councillor Riley Brockington's Update: For full report from his website, please click [here](#).

Thanked the Carlington Community for welcoming him back into his role. The Councillor presented his report:

- Councillor Brockington Introduced Mary Young, who joined the River Ward team. Mary previously worked with Councillor McKenney. She will be the main contact in his office.
- December 8th - will be hosting a town hall meeting, the theme is Ottawa Police Service, Neighbourhood Response Team.
- Traffic-Calming a priority - a huge issue which was prevalent during the campaign. Demand for traffic-calming is still high and the challenge is resources. It's about prioritizing the needs that exist in the community. A summary of what he has heard, in partnership with the Traffic-Calming Committee:
 - Would like to see a working group formed under his leadership focused on Merivale Road. Made a commitment to gather information from the City, business groups, the Traffic Calming Committee to look at what can be advanced in advance of the water replacement that won't occur for at least a few years.
 - As part of the safety issue, Council supported the motion to fund the crossing guard at Anna and Merivale, this is coming out of Riley's office budget. Ultimately the City needs to pay for this. It doesn't currently meet the Ward (volume - min threshold of people crossing).



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- At the next meeting, we will go through more development issues in detail, transit issues and updates modifications on Kirkwood Avenue, Merivale speed issues to curb and calm traffic.
- City of Ottawa Official Plan - approved with amendments and modifications. An analysis has been shared with Community Associations.
- Spoke with MP Naqvi about legislation with House of Commons, Heritage Bill, looking at preserving Heritage properties including the Experimental Farm. Looking to be a part of future discussions around the farm.
- Parks continue to be an issue as well. The big focus in 2023 will be Meadowvale. A loose working group was created last year reviewing the timeline on amenities that need to be replaced and most amenities have a replacement date. Looking at redesigning it in one year vs. having to close for different years.
- Alexander Community Centre: It's the number one infrastructure commitment in the entire ward. He believes strongly in this Community Centre being a strong hub. Challenge now is if they use the current gym as a library. He strongly believes a library branch should be coming to the Centre. Has had a couple of conversations with the new Library CEO. The Library has generated millions of dollars in the last three years in surplus, the real expense is operating costs, as the capital is free space. Before Riley can bring the motion to the Ottawa Public Library to bring a branch to Carlington, he is working towards support and backing from the current leadership.

Question From Member: Is the town hall in person or online?

Answer: Confirming with the Sergeant if it will be hybrid. Preference is hybrid.

Question From Member: We don't see them much in the neighbourhood?

Answer: Has had a discussion with the NRT at an event and let them know that he feels there is a disconnect between the NRT and the community. I am looking to have an outlet to bring the NRT and the Community together to better share priorities and needs between the two? We have a 7-person unit assigned to the Carlington and Central Park neighbourhoods.

Question From Member: Why are they a well-kept secret?

Answer: Can't answer it fully, but a good question to bring to the town hall to ask them. I do believe there is a gap that exists and that is why I'm facilitating the town hall for discussion.

Question From Member: Does the City have any plans to improve the recycling program?

Answer: Have gone through a solid waste review, there are Provincial changes to the recycling program. I can look into this with the manager who looks into solid waste regarding the food containers that should be compostable.

Question From Member: Hole on Sidewalk on Merivale, down towards Carling Avenue near the bus stop at the Best Western. It's not wheelchair accessible, who should I contact?

Answer: Leave it with us (Councillor Riley Brockington's office), we'll look into it.

8. New Business - None noted.

Adjournment: Move to adjourn by David Hoey, seconded by Robert Brinker at 7:45 p.m.



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