



Carlington Community Association

Minutes (Approved): CCA General Members Meeting – November 8, 2023 (In Person and Zoom Pro)

Board in Attendance: Heather Darling, Robert Brinker, Brian Beard, Alaine Spiwak, Olivia Jones

Regrets: Alexandria (Allie) Hodgson

Guests: Mary Young, Cameron Jette (Carlington Community Health Centre)

Call to Order in person and on Zoom Pro: 7:02 p.m.

Introductions of CCA Board 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 small donation to different groups throughout the city at each GM and AGM (for a total of four times a year). Today it is to the [First Nations Child and Family Caring Society](#).

Motion to approve the Agenda: Moved by Micheline Lane, seconded by Nelson Coyle. There was no opposition, the motion was carried.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the September 13, 2023, General Meeting: Moved by Alaine Spiwak, seconded by Annie Woo. There was no opposition, the motion was carried.

Advisements of any conflicts of interest: None noted.

- **President's Update (Brian Beard):** For the full report, please [click here](#).
 - A year ago, Transportation Committee surveyed community for support for a 30km/hr speed limit but the Councillor aimed for 40km/hr. A survey was conducted on pedestrian issues with Brian as point of contact for questions. Survey results were shared with the Councillor earlier, along with pre-meeting questions. Updates will be shared with the community after receiving answers.
 - The CCA manages the upkeep for skating rinks at Alexander Community Centre and Meadowvale Park. Dave Hoey coordinates volunteers for Alexander's rink ice management. Income from the City of Ottawa for rink management supports CCA community events. Meadowvale's rink is managed by a local paid contractor.
 - Attended a meeting co-hosted by Councillor Brockington about the planned Baseline Bus Rapid Transit, from Baseline to Canada Post. The money is not in place yet for the section connecting Carlington.
 - Library Branch Update: Carlington is not getting a library branch. Brian is working with Councillor Brockington and OPL to see what else can be done.
 - Volunteers needed at the Board. There are 2 open positions - please consider joining!
 - Community Grants: The CCA runs an annual Community Grant effort, where community members can submit their ideas to give back to the community in various ways, with the CCA covering the costs. Two applications were approved May 2023. Adele has begun her cooking classes, and Chris is working to get partnership and buy-in from the city for "Tiny Forests".



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- Item not on the Report: OC Transpo intends to make changes that will impact Carlington. It's confirmed that Route 114 will be discontinued. When LRT Stage 2 starts, OC Transpo wants to modify Route 53, so that it goes all the way Algonquin College from Tunney's Pasture.
 - Caldwell wouldn't be included and the new route will go by Dulude Arena.
 - Question is how reliable will the route be if these changes are made.

Comment/Question from Member: Can we have 2 flexi-sticks on Anna Avenue? **Answer:** Yes, and as well his office is considering ways to get cycling lanes which would help to narrow it a bit. (Note: There's a school there.) We would like to understand his budget for this so we can be realistic in our plans.

Comment from Member: Re: proposed changes on Merivale between Baseline and Carling: Seems like a lot of cost for a potentially small change/decrease in driving time saving, since south of Baseline has heavier traffic. **Note from Board:** Dedicated bus lane/rush hour bus priority lane on Merivale between Baseline and Carling is approved and will be implemented from the dedicated bus lane from Carling and the "Bus Rapid Transit" (BRT) from Baseline.

Question from Member: Concerned about bike and pedestrian safety at the Fisher/Shillington intersection, since drivers treat the bike lane as a turning lane. How to enforce it? **Answer:** Shillington is designated as a bike route, permitting parking. Safety concerns have been raised about the neighborhood, including Shillington. Numerous streets are deemed unsafe and dissatisfaction has been expressed about safety and designs, like the road work near Raven Park. More support for the Transportation committee is sought, and emailing the Councillor directly with feedback and concerns is recommended.

Comment from Member: An active transportation survey by the City showed Trent with a new sidewalk (survey was available until February 7, 2022). What happened? **Answer:** We aren't familiar with that.

- **Councillor Riley Brockington's Update: Delivered by Mary Young since the Councillor had to attend a Lansdowne meeting.**
 - a. OC Transpo Bus Review: next to Lansdowne, the bus reviews are the next topic. She will bring community's concerns from this meeting to Councillor Brockington and staff.
 - o She has the OC Transpo presentation deck and one-page route decks and is happy to share the information. Please contact Mary by email to obtain copies.
 - o OC Transpo will hold public information sessions, Councillor Brockington will share results.
 - o Routes changes being presented are for information purposes only at this point.
 - o No modification of routes until Trillium Line opens spring 2024.
- Councillor Brockington will issue an e-newsletter mid-month.
- Phase 1 Baseline BRT: could start as late as 2024/2025 with utility relocations. It goes from Greenbank to Baseline Station. Phase 2 is Baseline Station to Billings Bridge; Phase 3 is Baseline Station to Bayshore and



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requires full funding commitment for both design and construction at this point.

- Development Updates:
 - 1066 Silver at Summerville: new owner/new proposal for a 4-storey, 46-unit apartment building, joining 1305, 1295 and 1291 Summerville into one project. Completion for two middle properties is slated to be completed summer 2024. Riley will keep the community up-to-date.
 - 970 and 974 Silver; and 271 and 1275 Shillington properties: zoning by-law amendment coming to Planning Housing Committee mid-November. Intention to build a 4-storey, 51-unit apartment building at the corner.
 - 1081 Carling in Kitchissippi Ward: 2 high-rise residential towers. Councillor Brockington pushed back on the shadow impacts to the Central Experimental Farm. Expect an update on timing, financial and resource requirements and impact on overall department work plan no later than Q2 2024.
 - 1083 Merivale - Shepherds of Good Hope: Riley confirmed a Dec 4 meeting with the community and SGH. On December 5th, there may be an open house at this site.
- Ottawa Public Library: Councillor Brockington has invited OPL, local library advocates and the CCA Executive Committee to meet and discuss the Library in the community. Will confirm the dates.
- November 14:2023 Budget Overview and Consultation co-hosted by 4 ward councillors at Jim Durrell Arena.
- December 21: Annual River Ward Holiday Dinner. Riley is organizing a bus for Carlington residents.

Question from Member: Is there an update on funding for Alexander Community Centre expansion? Has the Councillor found the \$5.8M.? In addition, following the disappearance of the library branch, if we don't get the money by end of year, does the expansion not happen? **Answer:** Mary will ask Riley to provide a response.

Question from Member: Is the Councillor taking into consideration the need for affordable housing regarding all the developments in the community? **Answer:** Yes, affordable housing is being considered; however, there isn't any affordable housing included in the new developments.

Development (Robert Brinker):

- 1066 Silver Street at corner of Summerville: The owner of all four buildings also owns Preston Hardware. Robert shared the site plan. All rental apartments but Robert is unsure if there'll be any 3-bedroom ones.
- 970 Silver Street: 51-unit building, 4 storeys high, 27 underground parking spots. Now driveway entrance will be in the middle of the building. It was changed due to concerns raised by the community.
- **Note:** Our Councillor has no legal mechanism to ask private developers to include affordable housing units. It is only around protected transit areas that the City can require up to 10% of the housing to be affordable.
- Provincial Bill 23 got approved at City Council, now residents can have 3 dwelling units on their property.
- Official Plan Changes: They reversed all provincial changes to the new Official Plan. However, the City has to apply for the changes, as the changes are not automatic.

Question from Member: Timeline on Shillington and Silver? **Answer:** Week of November 12, 2023, these projects go to Planning and Housing Committee to approve the zoning (allowing the size and use of the building). The owner/builder will have to submit a site plan and then apply for a building permit - it's likely still 2 years out.



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Question from Member: Can the community comment on builds? Do we write to the City? **Answer:** If you have concerns, please contact the City Planning staff, they may take your feedback into consideration. However, once the zoning is approved, no more changes can be made.

Question from Member: What would the lot on the Best Western be able to allow for in terms of height?

Answer: Not sure, because of the depth of the lot, but it wouldn't surprise me if they could get 40 storeys.

Question from Member: Is there a certain size requirement for the 3 dwelling allowed on one lot? **Answer:** The current zoning by-law is in effect until the new one is released in 2024, with approval in 2025. Not allowed to build bigger than what's allowed today. The City is moving away from "Use" Zoning, going to Form-Based Zoning, meaning the City can dictate the size of the building, but not what is inside the building.

Question from Member: Will the change to the Baseline Route impact the high-rise building plans?

Response: No. Baseline is allowed to ask for the height as there is a BRT in the current Transportation Master Plan.

Question from Member: Do you have any hypothesis as to the outcome of high-rise building plans that could impact Agriculture Canada? **Answer:** Unsure at this point. Good question.

Comment/Question from member: Yasir Naqvi said that he is working to designate the Central Experimental Farm with Parks Canada as a Heritage Site, but it is still in "reading". Does that link anything to the height/shadowing around it? **Answer:** The only thing to protect the Central Experimental Farm is to include it in the Official Plan.

4. Activities (Alaine Spiwak):

- Presented a calendar of events. She hopes the CCA will host such events as Merry & Bright, Easter Breakfast (with Councillor Brockington's office), Eid celebration with CCHC, Family Fun Day, CCA Yard and Plant Sale, Shakespeare in the Park.
- However, to run these events, volunteers are needed - again asking for additional support from the community.
- Aims to increase CCA merchandise and presence to increase the CCA's visibility in the community.

5. Greening (Olivia Jones): For the full report [click here](#).

- Completed a Fall Cleaning-the-Capital activity.
- Did a walk-about in the community to review communal green spaces as to what could be improved, cleaned up, removed. For example, need some community gardens up in Caldwell.
- Working with the volunteer team as part of Greening, working to remove some invasive species throughout the community - however need some additional volunteers!
- Member suggested linking up with Hilary Rose at CCHC who does walkabouts as well

Question from Member: Is CCA involved at all with Carlington Hill bike pump track? There aren't any resources for it



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at this time. **Answer:** City is communicating with Ottawa Mountain Bike Association about upkeep and that, if they aren't doing upkeep, the City will remove it. Recommended to the member to contact the Board about what to do about getting them to move forward.

6. Membership (Alexandria Hodgson) No formal update except to say she is working on plans to increase membership.

Question from Membership: Is there an opportunity for us to update some of the materials? **Answer:** Will look at what is in stock and what is needed.

7. Finance (Heather Darling): For a full report please [click here](#).

2023-24 Budget (as at October 31st, 2023)



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2023-24 Budget
as at October 31, 2023

Income/Cash Inflows:	2023-24 Budget	2023-24 Actual	2023-24 Variance	2022-23
Membership Fees/General Donations:	1,000	408	(592)	611
Fundraising for Events:				
Greening	1,000	716	(284)	915
Merchandise	1,000		(1,000)	139
Activities	2,000	406	(1,594)	983
Rink Maintenance	10,074		(10,074)	10,074
Total Cash Inflow:	15,074	1,530	(13,544)	12,721



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Expenses/Outflows:	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2022-23
Events/Committees:				
Greening	750	81	669	267
Carlington Cup	200		200	
Merchandise	1,000		1,000	
Bylaw Review (legal fees)	1,000		1,000	
Potential Mural Contribution	1,000		1,000	
Activities	2,000	406	1,594	1,099
Administration (Insurance, printing etc.):	3,000	2,473	527	2,540
CCA Grant (2023-24)	2,000		2,000	1,000
Other:	500	233	267	150
Rink Maintenance	6,000		6,000	4,449
Total Expenses:	17,450	3,192	14,258	9,505
Net Balance	(2,376)	(1,663)	(4,039)	3,216
CCA Cash Balance		15,193		
Administrative Costs / Total Costs	17%			

8. New Business

- Carlington Community Health Centre (Cameron Jette)
 - Provided some updates on the Health Centre programs
 - Breathwork Monday evenings 4 - 5
 - Tech Literacy Program is now live - contact Hilary Rose at email: hrose@carlingtonchc.org
 - Wealth of Knowledge Series of Workshops - November and December, Fridays
 - Process of planning a holiday dinner
 - All information provided in newsletters and sent to the membership committee at the CCA.
 - For more details, contact Cameron Jette at email: cjette@carlingtonchc.com

Question from Member: The CCHC Newsletter used to be weekly, and is now monthly, can you confirm the send date? **Answer:** Will confirm date and sent it to CCA.

- GM Date Change: Moving the February 14 meeting to February 21.

Adjournment: Move to adjourn by Annie Woo, seconded by Rick Clay at 8:52 p.m.