



Carlington Community Association

Minutes (Approved) - CCA Board Meeting – January 6, 2025 (Alexander Community Centre)

Present: Brian Beard, Robert Brinker, Alexandria (Allie) Hodgson, Cathie Fraser, Jenn Sailus, Alaine Spiwak, Vivian Bierman, Julie-Ann Kirkpatrick, Mateusz Trybowski

Regrets: Olivia Jones

Confirmation of Quorum

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

1. **Introductions and Land Acknowledgement:** We would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded Algonquin territory.
2. **Motion to Approve the Agenda: Moved by Jenn Sailus, seconded by Robert Brinker. There was no opposition, the motion was carried.**
3. **Motion to Approve the [November 4, 2024, minutes](#): Moved by Allie Hodgson, seconded by Alaine Spiwak. There was no opposition, the motion was carried.**
4. **Advisements of Conflict of Interest:** None noted
5. **President & Transportation Report - Brian Beard**
 - [January 6, 2025, President's Report](#)
 - Board discussion regarding the Community Safety Meeting:
 - Disappointing police presence; armed, bulletproofed guests, it sets a bad tone for neighbourhood harmony.
 - Suggest providing feedback to Riley for more info, including if this level of uniform is required.
 - A one-pager about the Community NRT (Ottawa Police) responsibilities in our neighbourhood.
 - Tone of conversation and personal attacks on Councillor Brockington and his family were deeply inappropriate.
 - The CCA noted concerns from the community about the presence of the Shepherds of Good Hope (SGH) facilities in Carlington.
 - More can be done to address crime in our neighbourhood, which is separate from the SGH discussion; this was not part of the discussion at the meeting. The community would benefit from this discussion and from learning how the Ottawa Police are addressing crime in Carlington.
 - Focus on SGH does a disservice to our community since the data shows that it's not SGH residents committing crimes; therefore, we are not addressing actual problems.
 - **Action:** Jenn to draft a letter on behalf of CCA to share with Riley and/or Ottawa Police.



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- Events:
 - Computer lab to take place in the new year; exact date TBC.
 - The Music Workshop being run by a Lycée Claudel student who approached the CCA will be January 18 from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.
 - Youth Gambling Workshop is moved to Feb 20 at 7:00 p.m.; registration is required.
 - **Action:** Tell Vivian about upcoming Events so she can post on the website.
- Brian is exploring how we can move to Google entirely and away from RoundCube which means, as a registered non-profit, we can use their services for free. It also means we can save money by cancelling our Zoom account and switching to Google Meet.
- Google Meet does not have a recording function so we would have to identify a workaround for that.
- By-laws:
 - Carlington Community Association By-law Review December 2024, prepared by Judith Shane, BA, MSW, RSW, LLB at LAC & Associates [is available](#).
 - Overall feedback was positive, with some suggestions for consideration.
- The Transportation Committee has nothing new to report, as it is waiting for a response from Councillor Brockington on items raised at the last meeting.
- Speed camera going up on Fisher across from Turnbull.

6. Finance - Mateusz Trybowski

- Treasurer's Report and Budget
- Highlights include:
 - Merry & Bright was successful and revenue will cover expenses.
 - \$3000 for rink maintenance has been received.
 - December Holiday Hampers costs belong under "Activities", as we donated the room rental.
 - Allie has a few expenses.

7. Rinks - Jenn Sailus

- proposed schedule
 - talk to Charity for more details
- volunteers list by email
- call-up via email, google link



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- Ask Dave about rink volunteers.
- Insurance through City of Ottawa
- Volunteer Ottawa account
- money for plowing/snowblower
- We pay AI exactly what we get for Meadowvale.

8. Development - Robert Brinker

- Quiet time of the year for development.
- Second draft of new comprehensive zoning by-laws will be out in March.
- Children's Place rezoning is live online for review and comment.
 - **Action:** Robert to send something to Vivian for the website.

9. Communications/Membership - Allie Hodgson

- Nothing to report.

10. Merch - Cathie Fraser

- Cathie contacted six companies and [received quotes from each](#). Goal is to have merchandise for the February GM.
- The \$1500 we budgeted is not sufficient for the original scope of merchandise, which included adult and child T-shirts, totes, stickers, tablecloth, and pins.
- If there's a savings in volume, which would increase revenue, then we can potentially spend more than \$1500 and still achieve cost-recovery, with the intention remaining to subsidize the price.
- With 4imprint.ca, having a minimum of 100 in the order makes the price per unit less. Cathie and Alaine have both used this service with success.
- Discussion about creating a table cover ourselves, using a cricut and fabric.
- We're aiming for 500 totes and 75 adult and 100 child T-shirts. These will not be sold in a single year but will be useful for our upcoming activities.
- **Robert moved a motion to increase the merchandise budget from \$1500 to \$2500. Brian seconded and all are in favour; the motion is carried.**
- **Action:** Cathie to provide estimates that include taxes and delivery and include a quote for a table cover.

11. Activities - Alaine Spiwak

- Charity completely ran Merry & Bright this year and it was a huge success. It was also cost-neutral.
- Alexander Community Centre wishes to run a carnival/community day in May, not on the long weekend.



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12. Greening - Olivia Jones

- NIL; Olivia was absent.

13. Upcoming federal and/or provincial elections - Robert

- Robert proposes that the CCA hosts a debate for upcoming elections, as there are new candidates being introduced.
- There must be a federal election by October 2025; there could also be a provincial election this year as well.
- Currently our neighbourhood includes two provincial ridings; during the next federal election, we will all be part of Ottawa-West Nepean.
- In the past, for provincial elections, we have combined efforts with other local community organizations.
- **Action:** Robert to lead this initiative and reach out to other local community organizations. It can be either a debate or a meet-and-greet.
- The Board is supportive of this initiative.

14. New Business

- Jenn will be absent for February General Meeting; Allie to take minutes.
- Announcement by the Mayor early this year about the upcoming renovation at the Alexander Community Centre.
- Brian is expecting a new baby in March, so he's letting the Board know that his availability might change around that time.
- Discussion about how to address absentee Board members; a mechanism will be incorporated into the revised By-laws.

15. Adjournment: Move to adjourn by Alaine, seconded by Allie at 8:33 p.m.