

Minutes: CCA Members Meeting – September 25, 2025 (In Person and Zoom Pro)

Board in Attendance: Alaine Spiwak, Robert Brinker, Cathie Fraser, Jenn Sailus, Mateusz Trybowski, Tricia Smith, Matthew Ellis

Regrets: Olivia Jones, Margaret Weil

Guests: Riley Brockington, Adele Stubbert from Councillor Riley Brockington's office

Call to Order in person and on Zoom Pro: 7:06 pm

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

Approval of [Agenda](#): Robert Brinker, Micheline Lane

Approval of Minutes: [February 24, 2025](#) Richard Lang, Alaine Spiwak

Advisements of any conflicts of interest: None

Shepherds of Good Hope Update (delivered by Cathie Fraser)

- Demo started today

Carlington Hill (delivered by Chris Ray)

- Working on developing Carlington Hill activations to provide access to winter sports opportunities for all. He is working on grant applications and developing partnerships with community organizations. Looking for volunteers to assist with events. The members asked questions about operating costs, other events or complementary activations, and long term planning. Chris will return in November for an update.

Councillor Riley Brockington's Update (delivered by Riley Brockington)

- [Councillor Brockington's Report](#)
- Provincial government is coming back to Carlington on October 6th - the Sports Minister will be there to make an announcement on a major financial contribution to the Alexander Community Centre which means we won't have to use the \$1M cash in lieu. Announcement will include community leaders.
- Riley thanks Charity, Olivia, Adele and all the volunteers for their hard work at various events.
- The Westgate Mall development is being scaled back due to residential demand.
- Provincial legislation coming to remove speed cameras, which is disappointing.
- Riley discussed the work that had started at Carling and Merivale. It is not a part of the Merivale water project that involves a redesign; we will need community involvement for the water project.

- Anna and Crown area sewer work will start this year.
- Question (Charity): What store is going in at the Westgate Mall development?
- Answer (Riley): Can't publicly announce yet.
- Question (Tara): Senior Traffic Calming Supervisor at the city left her position. What are they doing to fill it?
- Answer (Riley): The position has been filled, the person covers different areas including Carlington. The new person was a promotion so they are able to action requests starting now.
- Question (Annie): New car dealership on Stevenson is using the street to test drive. The boulders are encroaching on Carling. There have been similar issues on Laperriere in the past.
- Answer (Adele): We will contact by-law for them to look at it and speak to the dealership.
- Question (Roslyn): Snowbanks were not cleared last year on Kingston. Can we have some assurance that won't happen again this year? Concern about a repeat of flooding
- Answer (Riley): We will discuss with the department. Not sure if they have a clear strategy for clearing them. Contact Riley's office if negligence happens. City is coming once a month to check the culvert. Next March, it will be once a week.
- Question (Mateusz): Library renewals do not include Carlington on the OPL plan.
- Answer (Riley): Old Hunt Club south of River Ward will have retail branch like discussed for Alexander Community Centre. Riley continues to advocate for more in Carlington.
- Adele is being promoted to David Brown's office on October 6th.

Chair's Update (Cathie Fraser)

- [Cathie's report](#)
- If anyone wants to comment on these or other matters, email president@carlingtoncommunity.org.

Development (Robert Brinker)

- [Robert's report](#)
- Question (Charity): The location where the coffee house was on Merivale looks terrible.
- Answer (Adele): Riley's office will have a by-law officer go check it out.
- If anyone wants to comment on these or other matters, email development@carlingtoncommunity.org.

Finance (Mateusz Trybowski)

- The left-hand column of the [Finance Report](#) is our budget for the year; the second column is the actuals. Our fiscal year ends April 30. Our budget needs to be revised due to some new considerations noted in the report.
 - There were some donations and savings with insurance which was covered by the city this year.
 - We will use the insurance savings to cover our shortfall. So, we are no longer projecting a deficit.
- Approval of Budget: *Alaine Spiwak, Deirdre Furlong*

Membership (Matthew Ellis)

- Getting up to date on socials and working on reconciliation of memberships
- Question (Tara): Plans to grow membership?
- Answer (Matthew): Looking to develop website and socials, and then establish a plan for a membership drive
- Question (Tara): Renew the newsletter?
- Answer (Matthew): Exploring this to table at the next Board meeting
- Question (Charity): Provide monthly updates so residents know what we are doing?
- Answer (Matthew): Yes, website is underutilized
- Question (Deirdre): Can we collaborate with the triangle garden? Signage would be good as not all volunteers are CCA members. Committee updates would be good.
- Answer (Matthew): Yes, we can look at this. Invite for meeting went to 430 people.

Activities (Jenn Sailus)

- Raven Park Day was a huge success.
- Alexander Park Day on September 27th.
- Volunteers are always needed - kids and teens can get hours for school credits.
- Question (Charity): Can you get a CCA membership by volunteering?
- Answer (Board): Yes, three hours required and fee is waived.
- Question (Deirdre): Are volunteers covered under insurance?
- Answer (Board): Only if they are CCA members. Matthew will follow up with Deirdre to provide memberships to her volunteers.

Greening (Cathie Fraser and Deirdre Furlong on behalf of Olivia Jones)

- Olivia Jones is stepping down as Chair of the Greening Committee. Thank you for her efforts.

- Plant Sale at Gowling was a success.
- Merivale Triangle - There is a lot of construction going on at this location and there are problems with ant colonies. Deirdre will be receiving compost on October 15. She is looking for volunteers to help carry and spread the compost. She will put together a schedule once we know who will help. The safety of volunteers was discussed. An invitation to help will be put on the website.
- A history of the gardens is being put together.
- Robert noted that the tree survey put out by the City shows only 25% tree coverage in Carlington with Carlington West being a priority area. The city will reach out about where more trees can be planted.
- Question (Member): Are there community gardens considered for Meadowvale Terrace?
- Answer (Board): Talk to Heather Douglas who is involved with that park; we think it is part of their long term plan. Deirdre documented two years ago where greening would be great but we need more volunteers to action it. Roslyn would like to help.
- Question (Annie Woo): There is a lot of gravel piles at the Merivale Triangle. Are you concerned about garden impact?
- Answer (Deirdre): No, the gravel is fine. They documented everything before they started so any damage will be fixed after.
- Question (Member): When is the compost coming?
- Answer (Deirdre): They do not give a specific time, just a window. It's already had to be rescheduled because of the construction and it is a lot of work.
- Question (Member): Does the new greening chair have to be a board member?
- Answer (Board): No. A board member only has to be a part of the committee.

Traffic Calming (Tara Beechey)

- Tara Beechey is the new chair of the Traffic Calming committee.
- This committee was previously known as the Transportation Committee. There are eight people on the committee.
- Tara will work with Vivian to provide website updates so people know what is going on with the committee.
- New wayfinding cycling signs added on Fisher at Tunis.
- Carlington East will be a 30km zone.

- Anna to Marshall - no stopping signs within pickup and drop off area have been delayed as a survey is needed. Adele and Riley's office will check weekly to find out when this will be done.
- Speed bumps are being installed on Kingston Avenue.
- Yellow dots are being added to Laperriere for crossings.
- Will continue to work on new and existing initiatives. City moves slowly so patience is important.
- Question (Annie): What is the point of the 30km zone if there is no enforcement?
- Answer (Tara): It is still meaningful to the community.
- Question (Deirdre): Will the yellow dots be activated by bikes?
- Answer (Member): They are by weight. So the bike has to stay on it to get the light to change.

New Business

- Greening (Deirdre Furlong)
 - Took out two trees but will be putting seven in at the triangle garden.
- Question (Charity): Are we short on board members?
- Answer (Cathie): An update will be provided at the next members meeting.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Robert Brinker, seconded by Tricia Smith.