

**Meeting of the Carleton Heights and Area Residents Association (CHARA)  
January 22, 2019, 6:30 p.m.**

**Attendees:** Mike Mack, President, Elizabeth Anderson, Vice President, Yvele Paquette, Secretary, Adam Martin, Treasurer, Darren Dicks, Director, Tim Patterson, Councilor Riley Brockington. Janet Bax, **Regrets:** Noel Sabbagh, Director, Jody Sunstrum, Director

**Update from Councilor Brockington**

Councilor Brockington had a budget meeting with Mayor Jim Watson and is still pushing forward on the traffic problems on Prince of Wales and McCarthy areas. The curves on these roads pose serious problems for traffic. He will be meeting with the Transportation Committee in the near future.

The official opening of the Boys and Girls Club will be in March.

Hogs Back Bridge – The eastern bridge still requires some esthetic work. The swing bridge will have extensive repairs. Work will start in August 2019 and will continue for 2 years. There will definitely be disruptions and traffic problems. The city and the federal government are discussing traffic plans and details will be provided later.

Canoe Club - There have been problems stabilizing the docks as they are disintegrating. The club is asking the city for money in order to fix the problem.

The annual meeting of city leaders will be held February 5, at 7:30 am at the Broadway Restaurant. Two people from our committee will attend. Elizabeth and Jody or Darren.

The Greek Festival committee is happy that there will be very little construction on Prince of Wales this year.

Last winter, over a 12 to 14 week period, there were 12 water main breaks in the areas of Falaise, Normandy and ???????. Planning for replacement will be ongoing in 2019 and the work will happen in 2020.

**Minutes** were approved, moved by Adam and second by Darren.

**The rink** is skatable but requires more flooding. For rink supervision: 12 people signed up to be rink supervisors, Supervision shifts started January 14th. For that first week, all 5 evening shifts were filled, but only 1 out of 4 weekend shifts were filled. **Action:** Darren will talk to Jody about hiring someone for the weekends or rearranging the hours during the week. If there is no supervisor the city rink coordinator must be informed.

**CHARA incorporation status:** Each year CHARA registers as a non-profit organization. Adam paid the renewal \$20 fee. Currently the names of previous directors

appear on the incorporation document. **Action:** Adam will make the necessary corrections.

**Website** – A fair amount of work is required but members of CHARA do not have enough time to do a redesign. **Action:** Tim will look for a qualified person that we could possibly hire. **Action:** All members are to forward to Tim their wish list of what they would like to see in the redesign.

**CHARA's application for 2019 Civic Events Funding** was denied. This year, there were 57 applications requesting a total of \$148,269. The 2019 Civic Events funding envelope is \$50,000. 29 applications were successful in receiving a contribution towards their community events.

- Jury advised CHARA: Event description weak, Fewer activities, organisation effectiveness/partnership weak, Short event timeframe; requesting \$3,000 for 3 hour event/BBQ (5-8pm)
- Recommendations for next year: Expand on event where possible, Secure date and rain date for event – group indicated a range from June 24-July 1 (clarification was obtained prior to jury)

**Upcoming Events:** it is too late to plan and promote a winter carnival. Try for next year.

**Item for next agenda** – Summer kick off party