

## **Meeting of the Carleton Heights and Area Residents Association (CHARA) April 23, 2019**

**Attendees:** Mike Mack, President, Yvele Paquette, Secretary, Darren Dicks, Director, Jody Sunstrum, Director, Councillor Riley Brockington, Frank Plastino, Afrodite Karafotias, Roffaella Plastino, Leonora Peloso, Paolo Peloso, Diane Larocque, Sheila Jameson. **Regrets:** Adam Martin, Treasurer, Elizabeth Anderson, Vice President and Noel Sabbagh, Director.

Mike Mack called the meeting to order.

Introductions were made due to the number of new attendees.

**Agenda** was modified to include discussions on water mains, Hogs Back Bridges and traffic lights on Fisher Ave. The item of Financial Report was postponed to next meeting. Approved: Moved by Yvele and second by Darren.

**Minutes** from previous meeting required two changes. The date was corrected to March 26 and the date for the Annual General Meeting was added. June 25.

### **Business arising from the minutes:**

CHARA and friends will be participating in the City of Ottawa Spring Cleaning the Capital Campaign. All residents are welcomed to meet May 5, 2019 at 9:00 am at the Carleton Heights Community Centre. Our project is to clean up the area surrounding the centre.

12 signs that advertise our monthly meeting have been ordered.

**Financial Report:** postponed to the next meeting.

### **Councilor report:**

Councillor Riley Brockington distributed copies of his report. (An electronic version is also available on the Carleton Heights and Area Residents Association FACEBOOK page). **Briefly:**

**Hog's Back Road Contraction:** Attendees were concerned about the 16-month impact, such as, an increase to traffic problems in the neighbourhood. There will be a meeting Monday, May 13, 6:30 pm at the community centre where the National Capital Commission, Parks Canada, the City's Traffic branch and Emergency Services, will address issues. Darren suggested that OC Transpo should also be present.

**Boys and Girls Club** will have their official opening May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**POW and Dynes Road Construction** – There remains the final layer of asphalt and landscaping.

**Ottawa Next: Beyond 2036** – The city provides a vision for the future growth of the city and a policy framework to guide the city's physical development. There are 20 public parcels of land to be used for social housing and they are near Transit Centres. Residents

are encouraged to provide feedback on the initial discussion papers that are available at [www.Ottawa.ca](http://www.Ottawa.ca)

**OC Transpo post LRT** – For River Ward, there is a plan for additional morning trips on Routes 80, 86, 111 and 290. As well, there will be an additional afternoon trip for the 111. There is a recommendation for a new Sunday service for route 81 too. Roffaela expressed a desire for the return of Bus route 3. Councillor Brockington has pushed for this in the past. Attendees felt the bus demand will increase due to the contraction at Hogs Back.

**McGregor Easson School** – The Catholic School Board expressed interest in purchasing and are in currently negotiations. Perhaps St Rita will be combined with the McGregor Easson School

**Continuing Business:** Jody reported that the Music and Bouncy Castle companies are not available to CHARA in June. Therefore the Summer BBQ will be held July 9<sup>th</sup>. The cost will be \$2600 and the format will be the same as last year. Darren made a motion to accept the date and expenditure. Yvele second this.

**New Business:**

Residents are concerned about the numerous **water main breaks**. Councillor Brockington said 12 million dollars is planned for replacement of the 60-year-old pipes in 2020. There will be a public meeting probably before July 1 for consultation. Afrodite remarked that sidewalks should be better maintained. E.g. Falaise. Councillor Brockington said there is no budget set aside for this. He also said he would like to create an inventory of concerns.

**Lights on Fisher Avenue** – Questions were raised about how they suddenly appeared. No one knew of any consultations conducted by our previous councillor. It was noted that very few pedestrians use the lights. If the lights were moved to the corner near the school, traffic on Normandy would increase substantially. To have stop signs or speed bumps on Normandy requires a lot of red tape. It would also be too expensive to have the lights removed.

**Adjournment – moved by Mike**