

Carleton Heights And Area Residents Association
Annual General Meeting - October 27, 2020 Draft minutes
Via ZOOM

Attendees: Darren Dicks (President) Elizabeth Anderson (Vice-president) Adam Martin (Treasurer) Yvele Paquette (Secretary) Lorraine Neville (Member at large)

Mike Mack, Jody Sunstrum, Francina Webster, Tim Patterson, Fraser Allan, Sarah Cybulski, Linda Wilson, Kathryn White, Monica McGahey, George Hartsgrove (guest speaker), Joe McGeogh, Natasha Gajraj, Susan Baker, Gail Denton, Jeevithan Mutu, Linda Wilson, Anthony Chiarello, *(City of Ottawa), Councilor Riley Brockington.

The President Darren Dicks Called the meeting to order at 7:35.

Darren introduced the Current Board Members - names and roles are noted above. He also welcomed the new people in attendance and thanked them for coming to the AGM.

Approval of Agenda: Yvele moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Lorraine. **Motion Carried**

Approval of 2018-19 AGM Minutes: Elizabeth presented this document on the screen. Darren moved to approve the minutes of the 2018/2019 AGM and Lorraine seconded. **Motion Carried** (document can be found on www.ourchara.ca)

Presidents Report:

Darren mentioned that he has been a member of CHARA for 3 years and 1 year as president. He thanked the current directors as well as Jody Sunstrum for her hard work on the BBQ. Mike Mack was also thanked for his dedication to the maintenance of the rink. Darren then spoke about some of the accomplishments and activities that CHARA carried out since June 2019 to present.

The annual BBQ was held in July 2019 where roughly 200 people attended. The food was sold out. The cost was \$2,900 (food, drink, entertainment, popsicles) all managed by Jody and her team.

We redesigned the website and expanded Facebook to include entertainment. We also created and use a Logo, as much as possible in an effort to get our name CHARA, out there.

We sent letter to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission showing our concern re Cannabis Retail License Application at 888 Meadowlands. (our view is that it would be too close to the Boys and Girls Club and schools).

We let the Mayor and Councillors know in a letter, our suggestions/priorities for their 2021 budget plans. <https://ourchara.ca/letter-to-the-city-regarding-the-2021-budget/>.

Working with Councilor Brockington, neighbours received pamphlets to reduce the chance of rat migration during construction taking place around Claymor, Senio and Falaise. (There are *serious problems in some areas in Carleton Heights*).

https://www.ottawapublichealth.ca/en/public-health-topics/resources/Documents/Rodent_Control_Final_ENG_Aug2019.pdf

Attended meetings such as the Committee of Adjustment - Elizabeth and Tim were looking after the interests of neighbours in Courtland Park regarding intensification and very poor infrastructure.

Elizabeth attended and reported on a meeting hosted by the Housing Manager's Collective on the issue of ensuring affordable housing. The city passed a motion to set aside 20 city-owned parcels of land near existing/future LRT/bus corridors routes.

Lorraine attended and reported on the Rental Housing Regulatory Review (AirBNB and Rental Units). Concerns were over ghost landlords and transients renters. Often property is damaged and without rental agreements, therefore no recourse for residents.

Some activities were postponed or cancelled, such as the AGM, BBQ and the City wide spring clean-up. Darren also thanked Councillor Brockington and Anthony Chiarello for their commitment to CHARA especially by attending all our meetings.

Financial Statements (2019-20) - Elizabeth displayed the Financial Statements spreadsheets on the screen while Adam Martin, Treasurer, explained the highlights. The fiscal year end is March 30, 2020.

Our assets are \$13,276 and Liabilities are \$1,958. Total Equity is \$11,318. This is approximately \$400 less than the previous year. Our assets are cash, the snowblower and Leaf Blower.

Operation Statement - We received \$5,858 from the City of Ottawa in exchange for CHARA maintaining the skating rink. Expenses of about \$6,300 cover the costs of the annual BBQ, stipends for rink supervisors and workers plus the new website work. \$480 in the red for the year. Mike Mack reported the city still owes CHARA \$1,500 as a final payment for the rink. This is not currently included in the financial statements and they will be adjusted before finalizing.

Darren moved, approval of the Financial Statements ending March 30, 2020, seconded by Elizabeth. **Motion Carried.**

Nominations: Both Darren and Lorraine have 1 year left on their terms and will continue for the next year. Lorraine Neville advised the assembly that there are 9 Directors positions on the Board and 7 vacancies to be filled. Therefore, Lorraine moved that the following individuals be nominated for Director positions on the Board of the Association for a two year term: Yvele Paquette, Elizabeth Anderson, Adam Martin, Mike Mack, Francina Webster and Tim Patterson, Seconded by Darren. Lorraine asked if there were any further nominations. No further nominations were received and all nominees are Acclaimed to be Elected to the Board of Directors of CHARA for a two year term. **Motion Carried.**

Guest speaker - Mr. George Hartsgrave

Strategies for Dealing with Ageing, Isolation and Community Inclusion

(presentation can be found on our website).

What is Age-friendly Ottawa? How are Seniors coping?

- Council on Aging of Ottawa
- COVID-19 Seniors Survey: Preliminary Findings
- Healthy Aging: 5 Things
- Community Resources

Councillor Riley Brockington Report. There will be his motion tomorrow to direct the city to make the public aware of all outdoor activities, rinks, snowmobile paths, skate ways etc. in an effort to help mental and physical well being.

Check out the Councillor Brockington's report on our website to find out about:

Cannabis - Retail Application in Carleton Heights

Baseline Road Bus Rapid Transit Plan

CHEO - offering New Drive-up Mental Health Visits Clinic

Mental Health

...and more

Speed Enforcement Technology - New cameras are placed in school zones. A question was raised. Is there anyway to influence where new technology is placed? A: No. The reason is that Provincial Legislation governs the placement. CHARA could pressure MPP on this municipal issue. To be discussed in November's meeting.

Ice Skating Rink Update/Report - The rink boards are already up but Mike will try to get the city to reduce the size if possible. Mike has been the outstanding point person for the rink acting as the go-between the city and CHARA and as a Rink Preparation/Maintenance Co-ordinator. Mike asked for a volunteer to take over his duties as he is resigning.

Jody emailed previous rink volunteers asking who is available to volunteer this year. So far; only 5 people put their names forward. In previous years, 12-14 people put their names forward. Jody will re-send the email in mid-November. Everyone is encouraged to ask their neighbourhood contacts.

Jody describe the duties of the 3 main positions which can be found here.

<https://ourchara.ca/wp-content/uploads/Work-description.pdf>

During COVID we have not had as much fresh air and outdoor activity as in the past. The rink will provide both when everyone gets out skating or playing hockey. We do not know the protocols yet.

Next Meeting November 24 at 6:30 pm. (All meetings are the 4th Tuesday of the month)

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

The directors met for a few minutes after to approve spending \$873.50 on toques. Lorraine moved approval of this expenditure. Seconded by Yvele. **Motion Carried.** As well the President will show our appreciation, by giving our guest speaker a \$50.00 gratuity for taking the time to address our members.