

**FINAL DRAFT CARLETON HEIGHTS AND AREA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 28TH 2021.**

PRESENT: BOARD MEMBERS: Darren Dicks (President), Yvele Paquette (Vice-President), Adam Martin (Treasurer), Directors: Elizabeth Anderson, Tim Patterson, Mike Mack, Francina Webster, Lorraine Neville (Secretary for this meeting).

MEMBERS: Elizabeth Costello (Chair Sub-Committee Courtland Park), Jody Sunstrum, Kurt West, Rachel Vincent, Jane Lund and seven other members.

SPECIAL GUESTS: Peter Organ (President Debra Dynes Family House) Barbara Carrol (Manager Debra Dynes Family House). Sarah Scybulski (Manager of Boys & Girls Club=Prince of Wales) Riley Brockington (City Councillor- River Ward) Andrew Hickey (Councillors Assistant).

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** The President, Darren Dicks, called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.
- 2. INTRODUCTION OF CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:** Each current member of the Board mentioned their roles, activities, and portfolios, they have been involved in, other the past years. The President thanked all Board members for their contributions over the years and hoped they would continue participating in the Associations endeavours.
- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** D. Dicks, Moved, that the agenda for this meeting, as presented, be Approved, Seconded L. Neville. Motion Carried.
- 4. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 27, 2020, AGM MINUTES;** D. Dicks, Moved, that the AGM Minutes of October 27, 2020, be Approved, as presented, Seconded by L. Neville. Motion Carried.
- 5. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (2020/2021):** The Treasurer, Adam Martin, presented, the fiscal year end, March 31, 2021, Financial Statements to the AGM. Indicating that the Association had: Total Current Assets of \$14,196 less Total Liabilities of \$1,693, leaving a Total Owner Equity of \$12,503. The Treasurer also stated the only source of revenue was the city grant for running of the Outdoor Rink in the amount of \$5,325. The Association expenses, where outdoor rink maintenance honorariums, refunds, community events and website hosting costs Totalling \$4,141 leaving a Net Revenue of \$1,184. The Treasurer mentioned that he had receive a few additional expense claims that require reimbursement. A. Martin Moved, that the Financial Statements as of March 31, 2021, be approved by the Board, Seconded L. Neville. Motion Carried. A. Martin then, Moved, that the Financial Statements as of March 31, 2021, as Approved by the Board, and presented, at the AGM, be Received. Motion Carried.
- 6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Darren Dick stated that his written report was on the website for all to read and wanted to thank, once again, all the many volunteers, CHARA'S new the sub-committee on the New Official Plan, Courtland Park members, rink volunteers, Board members and City Councillor Riley Brockington, who comes to most, Director's meeting of CHARA. The Association could not function, without these individuals in the community, coming forward to participate.
- 7. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS:** The President, Darren Dicks, advised the members that the following Directors terms were up. D. Dicks, L. Neville, and that A. Martin and Francina Webster would not be able to complete their term in office, plus there was one vacant position on the Board of Director, for a total of five position up for nomination an election at this meeting. The following Board Members have one year left in their term. Yvele Paquette, Elizabeth Anderson, Mike Mack, and Tim Patterson. (A) The President, THANKED, Francina Webster and Adam Martin for all their efforts and support, during their tenure, on the Board of CHARA and wished them well and good health as they moved on to other endeavours. (B)

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: The President, called for nominations for five positions on CHARA'S Board of Directors, for a two-year term: (7.1) E. Anderson, nominated, Elisabeth Costello, Seconded by L.Neville. (7.2) E. Anderson, nominated, Rachel Vincent, Seconded by L.Neville. (7.3) Y. Paquette, nominated, Lorraine Neville, Seconded by E. Anderson. (7.4) Y. Paquette, nominated, Darren Dicks, Seconded by E. Anderson. (7.5) Y. Paquette, nominated, Kurt West, Seconded by D.Dicks. The President asked all nominees if they agreed to stand for office, as a Director of CHARA. All responded Yea. The President closed all nominations and stated that all nominees for Directors of CHARA for a two-year term are **DECLARED ACCLAIMED TO OFFICE AS DIRECTORS OF CHARA, EFFECTIVE THIS DAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2021.** The New Board of Directors are. Yvele Paquette (6 months, at her request), Elizabeth Anderson (1 Year) Tim Patterson (1 year), Mike Mack (1 year), Elizabeth Costello (2 years), Rachel Vincent (2 years), Kurt West (2 years), Darren Dicks (2 years) and Lorraine Neville (2 years). The President informed the AGM attendees, that these Directors at their October 26, 2021, meeting, will select/elect from amongst themselves, the executives of the Association: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Director at Large, and portfolio responsibilities.

8. **COUNCILLOR RILEY BROCKINGTON REPORT:** Mr. Brockington congratulated all new Board Members of the Association and welcomed the opportunity to collaborate with them soon. The Councillor thanked the CHARA Board of Directors and volunteers assisting the Board for their service to the community, it is, appreciated, welcomed, and acknowledged. Volunteer Service to the Community is also, to be applauded. The Councillor provided an extensive report, which is on our website www.info@ourchara.ca for you to read. The following highlights are from his report: **PROJECTS ON VARIOUS ROADS IN CARLETON HEIGHTS:** (a) Claymor north block (Normandy to Meadowlands) All underground pipe installations have been completed. New watermain. Curbs, sidewalks, and base lift asphalt road paving have been completed. (b) Claymor south block (Falaise to Normandy) Landscaping, to be completed, by October. (c) Senior Ave. All underground pipe installations have been completed. New watermain. Substantial completion will be achieved, in October, as planned.(d) **DEBRA DYNES FAMILY HOUSE:** Working with a group of residents to add more traffic calming to the streets and change a few signs.(e) **FESTIVALS:** The Madonna della Risurrezione parish did not host their annual festival in the spring 2021 due to COVID. Greek fest only offered carryout service this summer. The Rideau Canoe Club hosted the National Canoe and Kayak Championships in August for one week. Concerns were raised about the closure of the multi-Use Pathway near the entrance to Mooney's Bay and sections that were not accessible. CHARA did not host a BBQ due to COVID.(f) **FISHER AVENUE: 1707** Approve a zoning change to permit construction of two house. (g) **FISHER/VIEWMOUNT INTERSECTION:** local concerns, Councillor stated he recently had the crossing time of this intersection across Viewmount lengthened and improved the painted crosswalk lines for greater visibility. (h) **FOREST HILL:** Demolition permit for former Mulligans Florist. Not down yet. Not aware of plans once removed. (i) **GREEN VALLEY CRESCENT:** Speed limit reduce from 50 to 40 km. (k) **HOG'S BACK SWING BRIDGE:** NCC remains tight lipped on the causes of the two unexpected closures in 2021, after extensive repairs to the Swing Bridges in 2020. Councillor asked the City to review public requests to install warning lights at Price of Wales and Riverside, indicating when the swing bridge is open.(l) **SPIRIT LEAF OPENED:** The Councillor and CHARA were disappointed to learn that the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario approved the License for a cannabis dispensary at 888 Meadowlands Drive.(next door to Baskins & Robin and across the street from the Boys & Girls Club House). (m) **MCGREGOR EASSON PUBLIC SCHOOL:** The Ottawa Catholic School Board expressed interest in purchasing, at this time, the Minister of Education has not approved the sale, the building and land remain vacant. (n)

MOFFAT FARM: issues, (O) PERIDOT PRV: new street, (q) PRINCE OF WALES: 1111 POW,1598 POW,1821 POW and POW at Dynes. old Petro Canada gas station. The Councillor concluded his report by stating that the New Official Plan Final Meetings date has been set. Mr. Brockington thanked CHARA and its Sub-Committee, focusing on Courtland Park for their continued interest engagement, and advocacy for the community during this process. There have been countless meetings, a walkabout in Courtland Park this past summer with numerous City Officials, a greater awareness of the Official plan's staff, of local issues and the Carleton Heights Secondary Plan was retained. BASELINE ROAD RAPID TRANSIT CORRIDOR (Bayshore to Heron Station): No funding at this time to implement, will require funds from Provincial and Federal Governments. TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN: The completion date for TMP update and new Active Transportation Plan, was changed, to the fall of 2023 because of the impacts of the COVID 19 pandemic. The Councillor responded to questions posed by Francina Webster on a sign problem display, the Councillor stated it was being taken care of today, Yvele Paquette on Saint Rita's, St Augustin's as it relates to McGregor Easson, Councillor informed it was in the hands of the Catholic School Board, L.Neville asked if a delegation from CHARA to October 14 meeting on the City New Official Plan could be helpful. The Councillor felt a written report along with a oral presentation would be the best combination. Tim Patterson raised the issue of speeding cars and what more needs to be done by the City. The Councillor stated the electronic monitoring devices are only in eight zone and have issued 101,000 tickets and collected around \$5.4 million dollars in fines, if more were in place it would be helpful. The Provincial Member of Parliament, Joel Harden needs to step up in this area as the province has the authority on this issue. T. Patterson suggested more Police cars on Baseline Road could be a money maker for the City and Safety should be their concern for Ottawa citizens. Kurt West felt more enforcement is required in School zones plus more signage. The Councillor mention that data from these devices are capture twice a year. Yvele Paquette stated that traffic on Normandy Cr. North needs to slow down and that lawn signs are not really helping. The heavy construction vehicles have damaged the road on Normandy North. Y. Paquette will take pictures of location and forward to the Councillor's office for action.

- 9. (A) GUEST SPEAKER: BOYS & GIRLS CLUB PRINCE OF WALES: Tomlison Family Foundation Clubhouse: Sarah Scybulski. Coordinator/Club House Manager. Ms. Scybulski length presentation on the Boys & Girls Club, plus a video, outline the Four Pillars of Free Programming Activities a summary is as follows: Provides a safe, supportive place where children and youth can experience new opportunities, overcome barriers, build positive relationships, and develop confidence and skills for life. THE FOUR PILLARS: PROGRAMS ARE THE FOUNDATION OF THE BGCO: The BGCO operates under four specific pillars of programming: EDUCATION, PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES/HEALTH LIFESTYLE: LEADERSHIP AND SOCIAL SKILLS; CREATIVE ARTS. These pillars are comprehensive and encapsulate the over arching goal of social skills development to build strong and productive community members. The variety and quality of these programs are meant to be engaging, accessible for all. MEASURING SUCCESS= THE BOYS AND GIRLS OF OTTAWA HAS DEVELOPED AN EVIDENCE BASED EVALUATION FRAMEWORK TO ENSURE QUALITY PROGRAMMING REACHES ALL OF ITS MEMBERS. SCHOLARSHIPS= The BGC Ottawa scholarship program is intended to recognize youth for their community effort, involvement, and participation with the Club, academic = SPORT & RECREATION PROGRAMS= Including basketball, ball hockey, flag football, indoor volleyball, soccer, canoeing, cycling, running & walking. Baseball, healthy living programs including cool movies. Prince of Wales Boy & Girls Club House has the largest Gym in the City at this site. SOCIAL PROGRAMS=Ping pong. Holiday parties, movies, board games and girls**

only programs. CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS= painting, drama, cooking, outreach art. EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT /PROGRAMS= homework, computer , internet access, resume workshops, mentorship, sponsorship, scholarship applications program. LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS=Keystone Club, Torch Club, outdoor adventures weekends. EDUCATION=OUTDOOR= Camp Smitty. NEIGHBOURHOOD AMBASSADOR PRGRAM was a defining program that allowed BGC Ottawa to pivot to community outreach during the COVID 19 Pandemic. Providing food, clothing, online activities, school packages, art materials, and other needed virtual educational programs. Indoor Programming returned on Monday July 5, 2021. Laughing and enjoying is back in the Clubhouse.

10. (B) GUEST SPEAKER: DEBRA DYNES FAMILY HOUSING: Peter Organ President/Chairman, Barbara Carrol, Manager. Mr. Organ has been with the Debra Dynes Family House for over fifteen year and said it is a community of families of all ages, ethnic backgrounds, religions, and cultures. Mr. Organ stated that this social community at the corner of Meadowlands and Prince of Wales are our neighbours and certainly worthy of CHARA'S support, given in the past and hopefully, in the future, it is truly needed. Manager of Debra Dynes Family Housing, Barbara Carrol, informed the assembly that she has been with this Family Housing community for the past 25 years, and enjoys its diversity, multi/cultural society, and ever-changing dynamics. There are 176 family houses, with population of six hundred residents. This community is made up of all ages, languages, religions, cultures and changing daily. At any point in time, community can be all babies, or old people, or teenagers. People are anxious and need our support to achieve their goals. Debra Dynes Family House provided food for 1,500 people, before the Pandemic, and is now feeding 3,000 every month. This Organization provides School Supplies for six hundred children, ten public computers, five Scholarship of \$1,000 each, Keep moving forward with youth employment by hiring twelve teenagers for the summer months, Special University scholarship for Black Youth Women, name after Beth Loomer, along time supporter of Debra Dynes Family House. Ms. Carrol, went on the said, that every School Board in Ottawa has individuals from this community, the multi-cultures diversity generated from this area create challenges, in Transport, especially lack of bus routes (Councillor Brockington please note) scheduling issues, late night travel, safety concerns, lack of lighting, health appointment, job searches. Many individuals in our housing have two or three jobs, to make ends meet, so more routes in our area, are required, from the city. Seventy percent of our residence's income goes to rent and food. Bob Flick , video photographer for Debra Dynes Family House has put together a video on "Ottawa's Little Miracle" dealing with our community and we hope that you will enjoy.
11. COURTLAND PARK SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT ON NEW OFFICIAL PLAN (Ottawa). Elizabeth Costello, chair/lead of Sub-Committee advised the assembly that the lack of infrastructure and services needed for safe and sustainable growth in the Courtland park is of great concern to this community. We have four Questions 1. Reinstate the complete Carleton Heights Secondary plan, without density changes, until existing infrastructure and services deficiencies are resolved to fit our local context.2. Ensure Courtland Park does not allow the development of multi-unit dwellings and any street parking outlined in the NOP. 3. Complete a comprehensive, evidence-based analysis of the safety, operations, maintenance, and winter-city conditions to ensure the NOP upholds Provincial standards in this area. (Fire Protection & Prevention Act, Design Guidelines for sewage works and the Provincial Policy Statement). 4. Delaying the vote until they have the data and evidence for safe and sustainable growth. Ms. Costello went on to said there seem to be a lack of co-ordination between departments; lack of plans, process or interest shown within partner department in curing the existing problems or mitigating emerging health and safety risks. Public Transportation is a problem affecting

the entire area. Current transportation is deficient in both E-W and N-S Service. Service has declined over the last decade with loss of former routes. Many low-income residents, Debra Dynes Family House, on Prince of Wales, are forced to rely on public transit, have been confronted with 1 to 2 hours commutes twice a day, This is poor service and lack of consideration of these struggling people! The Baseline Road Transit Corridor Project has not been Funded by the Province or the Federal Government and will not be available any time soon, not in the next 10 years. Water management concerns, Rivers that run under streets, sewers that cannot manage the volume of water, combined sewer are also an issue, the ditches, high water tables, sewage back up. All are concerning! We have been informed that reports have gone missing, and data provide is not comparable. Communication will continue with the city staff; our voices are being heard. We will continue with our endeavours as forcible, as necessary, for the safety of this Community and others. A special meeting of the Board will be held next Tuesday to go over our plan of action and CHARA'S sub-Committee's brief, to the city on the New Official Plan on intensification.

12. **OUTDOOR RINK UPDATE/REPORT:** Mike Mack stated he will continue to assist with the preparation of the ice, and Jody Sunstrum has volunteered to coordinate all ice maintenance workers. Darren Dicks will also help with the rink maintenance. A call will go out for volunteers, please join us, it is extremely rewarding, seeing everyone enjoying this winter activity.
13. **ADJOURNMENT:** L.Neville, Moved that the meeting adjourned, at 9:03pm, Seconded by D.Dicks.
14. **NEXT BOARD MEETING:** October 26, 202,1 at 6:30pm via Zoom. Open to the public, all are welcome.