



CARLETON HEIGHTS AND AREA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (CHARA)

Agenda of the Board of Directors Meeting

Time: 6:30 P.M., Tuesday, December 15th, 2020

Place: Zoom meeting

1. Call to Order.
2. Approve Agenda.
3. Approve Minutes of [November 24, 2020](#) meeting
4. Business Arising from the Minutes.
 - a. We need a secretary
 - b. We need to report to the bank and Ministry the new officers.
 - c. Vacant portfolios – how best to fill them especially communications
5. Councillor Brockington's Report
 - a. Cannabis store update and response
6. Financial Report. Monthly update
7. New Business
 - a. Rink update – We need a maintenance supervisor. Suggestions on how to improve on recruiting and maintaining the rink. See email from Jody below.
 - b. Other business
8. Date for next meeting – Jan 26th?
8. Adjournment.



J Sunstrum

Sat, Dec 5,
4:24 PM (6
days ago)

to Michael, me

Hi,

I'm forwarding some comments from Fraser and Jill regarding maintenance scheduling and snow clearing and signage to get skaters to help more.

Could we discuss at next CHARA meeting, or before?

My thoughts are;

- volunteers signing up for maintenance once a week might get more volunteers. We'd still need 'all hands on deck' on the large snow nights/days.

-would CHARA consider paying Rocco for the season for the large snow nights/days?

-I'm happy to post bristol board signs at the rink and in the changerooms asking for all users to help by shovelling

Jody

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Fraser J. McIntyre <fjmcintyre@gmail.com>

To: J Sunstrum <j_sunstrum@yahoo.com>

Cc: Jill Batson <jillbatson@hotmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, December 5, 2020, 08:51:04 a.m. EST

Subject: Re: URGENT: Need Maintenance Coordinator Re: Rink planning-Volunteers needed!
Carleton Heights Rink

Hi Jody,

Thank you again for all you do coordinating things for the rink.

As you know, my wife Jill and I have been some of the high activity volunteers despite not grabbing any of the official roles. We have young children and have frequently swapped off kids and time in order to do huge rink clearing exercises, often coming home at midnight. We both want to be part of volunteering this year.

We want the rink to be successful and have spoken to a few folks in Carleton heights who would like to help more but find the multi hour snow blowing and board lifting is sometimes too much or too variable. We are all able to help with clean up and flooding. Jilland Michelle or me and Darren or folks like Alison have rallied together behind Mikes volunteering and expectations to do our best.

The clearing appears to be what is overwhelming.



I have a couple of ideas that might be worth taking into planning;

1. There is a guy (who's parents also live in neighbourhood) who's business is to blade clear driveways. He has helped before for free and at one point he told me that he had offered to help with his truck but perhaps was told no thank you. I wasn't there for all the conversations and I don't know if it still would be free, but the ability for a truck to pull off a majority of that snow would get people motivated to do the final clean up. You would know when you go out that some nights you have 30 mins of scraping and some nights an hour, but the epic clearing sessions would be taken care of.

2. The puddle rink is a nice luxury but perhaps a rethink to half its size makes sense. By leaving the 1/2 we maintain on the Apeldoorn side, you would still have that wide emergency access at the street or access for a snow removal truck. The other thing that the far 1/2 of the puddle rink inhibits is the blowing of the snow fro the main rink. I think with only 1/2 maintained as puddle rink, a snowblower can "go for it" and get a quick clear. It's also less flooding.

3. We definitely need a way to better communicate that "users be helpers". I am willing to help with signage that encourages that and gives a visual that volunteers that are more shy might be able to point to and ask for help. As you know, some teenagers are amazing, but the rotating crew of hockey players that go from Carleton heights to general burns etc, often won't pick up a shovel.

4. From a scheduling point of view, we might be surprised how willing certain people are to doing a scheduled maintainable night. We know a couple of people that have young families that would actually prefer that I think. You know Jody what it's like with hockey night, beavers night etc.... doesn't mean some of us won't also come out when there is a big weather event.

Thanks Jody,

Please let me know if any of these ideas could use help investigating.

Thanks, Fraser and Jill.