



CARLETON HEIGHTS AND AREA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (CHARA)

Agenda of the Board of Directors Meeting

Time: 6:30pm-7:35pm, Tuesday, October 26th, 2021

Place: Zoom meeting

1. Call to Order. (1 min)
2. Introduce any new attendees (3 mins)
3. Establish Quorum (1 min)
4. Approve Agenda and confirm who is recording the minutes of the meeting (1 min)
5. Approve Minutes of Oct 5th meeting (see below 2-5 minutes)
6. Business Arising from the Minutes.(5 min)
7. Elect/ Assign positions and portfolios (10 minutes)
8. Thank you gifts for AGM presenters – Proposing \$50 gift cards (5 minutes)
9. Courtland Park/NOP committee report (20 mins)
10. Councilor Brockington's Report (10mins)
11. Financial Report. Monthly update (2 mins)
12. Rink Preparation
 - A. - what do we need to do when (5 mins)
 - B. – vaccination protocol
13. New Business (10 mins)
 - a. Should CHARA join the FCA
 - b. Work descriptions -<https://ourchara.ca/wp-content/uploads/Work-description.pdf>
 - c. Develop a policy manual to contain information that is not currently in our by-laws
 - d. Ways to support and partner the B&G Club and Debra Dynes House
 - e. Ways to increase community engagement
 - f. Do we want to order new merchandise for promotion and volunteer gifts?
14. Date for next meeting – November 23rd, 2021



CHARA meeting October 5, 2021

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3. Establish Quorum (1 min)
4. Approve Agenda and confirm who is recording the minutes of the meeting (1 min)
5. Approve Minutes of August 24th meeting (see below 2-5 minutes)
6. Business Arising from the Minutes.
7. Discuss gifts for presenters at the AGM
8. The New Official Plan – CHARA’s response/strategy
9. Date for next meeting – October 26th, 2021

Adjust minutes

Yvele moves to approve the minutes

Agenda approved

Elizabeth C: Upcoming Joint Committee meeting of the Planning Committee and Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee that moves the NOP ahead, then a subsequent meeting with Council in late October

Preamble: Two different ways to approach our response (1) trying to summarize issues and the misdeeds of the City (Apr-Oct this year) can be repetitive. (2) Rethought: what do they want us to do? Need to ground that activity in the specifics of an appeal. Reviewed the Planning Act; need neighbourhood lawyer’s help to review – to be sure grounds for appeal are strong. Don’t want our appeal thrown out right away. Keep it brief, only have five minutes. Went through the whole plan (so long!). Net result: our Secondary Plan has been replaced; low-rise development 3-4 stories, up to eight units, anywhere is what is new. Corridors can be anything (41+ maximum heights e.g., Baseline and Prince of Wales, etc.). No allocation of private parking and legalizing street parking. Front end of NOP outlines holistic principles. In NOP backend, they revise the way Secondary Plans work. Is there another approach?

So far, using bullet points, can change to narrative later. Referencing Ontario Planning Act. Lots of reasons to reject an appeal. Access and inclusion not a basis for an appeal.

Elizabeth A: Prevent the unplanned and uneconomic improvements of infrastructure. Can’t infill Carleton Heights because infrastructure is not up to the job of intensification. Low density is now “low rise”.

Health and Safety – not enforced for our community, we ask you reject the planning process. Pedestrians and cyclists. We need better parking and space allocation. Reject on-street pkg.

Sneaky in plan: rapid transit = fast buses. We don’t have that! Lost 117, etc. We are being treated like old rural outpost.

Kurt – I can get to work in 30 minutes, in good weather. But no pedestrian crosswalks that are easy in the winter. The 88 is problematic. You get to Hurdman – have waited for 45-60 minutes and had to wait a long time.

Elizabeth C: City staff indicate there is enough infrastructure for 15-16k people in Carleton Heights and Area based on a planning application. They also want to grow affordable housing. Currently, population estimates include 8-10k people living in Carleton Heights.

Elizabeth A: Will focus on low-density areas, previously identified as not having enough infrastructure.



Elizabeth C: Reports are contradictory on the flow of water. Do we have combined sewers with sanitary and sewage combined? City and Ottawa Riverkeeper report about overflows into the Ottawa River. Let's do a Rideau River Action Plan.

Tim: Rideau River Conservation Authority. Must have studies on sewage accommodation. In theory we are outside of the flood plains. Kurt shared article from CBC.

Eliz C: Will continue to draft a summary document, use health and safety as rights to request an appeal based on the Ontario Planning Act/ Provincial Policy document. Will share this draft document and send via email for your comments.

Only 5 minutes to speak but we can also provide a written submission; will focus on health and safety risk.

Kurt: For speech, start w/the tip of the spear. Pressure on parking – accessibility and standards (provincial). Then allow development 4-story, multi-unit bldg., where are they going on this street. Show pictures. Six cars for every bldg. – no room for those cars to park. We can't make it safe.

Eliz C: Use language of the plan. No vehicular space.

Eliz A: But we don't have public transportation that they say we have! They have an obligation under Municipal Planning Act to not endanger us. Start with low-income families.

Eliz A: Get Riley's help – failing to ensure our safety. If that doesn't work, we get a MPP's help. Violates the provincial planning act. Clear in the policy document.

Eliz C: Please send the comments in track changes; plan to circulate document on Thursday. Will revise on Sunday. We have until the 13th to submit and the meeting is on the 14th.

Derek: Move to adjourn the meeting. 7:36 pm.