



CARLETON HEIGHTS AND AREA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (CHARA)
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of the Monthly CHARA Meeting
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6:30 pm, Tuesday, October 24th, 2022

Zoom meeting (For an invitation e-mail: info@ourchara.ca)

1. Call to Order

- Board members for quorum: Dr. Elizabeth Anderson, Dr. Tim Patterson, Lorraine Neville, Elizabeth Costello, Patrick Diotte, (end of meeting) Angela Grandinetti with regrets from Darren Dicks and Mike Mack
- Councillor Riley Brockington, Andrew Hickey, Yvele Paquette, Jane Lund, Susan Baker, Rick Palmer, Dave Coyle, Dina (DV), Pat Lamanna.

2. Establish Quorum

- Five board members in attendance confirmed by: Patrick D.

3. Approve Agenda and September Meeting Minutes

- Moved to Approve Agenda with September 27, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes: Lorraine N.
- Seconded by: Elizabeth C. **Motion Carried.**

4. Councillor Brockington's Report

- **1111 Prince of Wales:** Presented to planning committee on 26 Oct (post-monthly CHARA meeting). Proposed parking lot expansion not supported by the Councillor, and the city planning department is not prepared to sign off. Applicant will have the right to appeal the decision at the Ontario Land Tribunal.
- **Reliability of OC Transpo routes, including route 111:** In an effort to assess the reliability of OC Transpo routes, two routes were chosen over the summer (1111 and 85). The two routes are consistently reported as late. Councillor Brockington analyzed the data and confirmed the reported trend of unreliable service. The councillor intends on maintaining pressure on OC Transpo to improve service reliability.
- **Rats:** Rats continue to be a big issue in the community, however one of the underlying issues is the fact that some properties are not well kept. New strategy to tackle rat problem is being considered.
- **Speed camera on Fisher Avenue:** The speed camera on Fisher Ave is now operational. This is River Ward's first speed enforcement camera.
- **Dynes Rd Speed Bump:** Slated to be installed in November. There has been a big delay in road work due to a strike back in July. Most road projects will wait until the Spring.
- **Tennis Court at Carleton Heights Park:** The court is in very poor shape. The Councillor wants to have it fixed using funds in the 23-24 budget.

Questions for the Councillor

- **Q: There have been many complaints about buses being full and passing buy stops, unable to pick up additional passengers. What is being done about this?)**



- A: During rush hour, entire fleet is in service. Additional buses (in repair), but Riley has met with Assistant GM to ask for additional capacity. Does not think the problem has fully materialized because a lot of students are still walking. Once snow starts, demand will go up. Issue is being pursued by Councillor Brockington's office.
- **Q: We have lost four bus routes, all of which were being used by students quite a bit. Why is this?**
- A: An effective bus system makes sure that a person gets from point A to point B on time. The problem is, OC Transpo does not collect that data... they have no idea what the underlying issues are. Transportation needs to be taken seriously. It's a basic service. The inadequate service hits the most vulnerable the hardest. Issue is being pursued by Councillor Brockington's office.
- **Q: Regarding the intent to fix the tennis court at Carleton Heights, the neighbourhood should be surveyed for their interests (i.e., pickle ball?)**
- A: When courts are refreshed, they are automatically updated for tennis and pickle ball. (Councillor Brockington)
- **Q. Please note that the City's work in the area resulted in the over-renovation of Lexington Ave ditches** from approx. Chandler to Baseline Road. Communication with CHARA and its residents with a systems view is imperative to save City time and money. **Also, City staff reference to "capacity data" has sometimes confused Courtland Park and Courtland Place.**
- A. Ok. Councillor will note this for future discussions.

5. Presentation from MPP Chandra Pasma (no show)

- MPP Chandra Pasma who was scheduled to present on proposed changes to the Ottawa Centre electoral boundaries
- The MPP was slated to address CHARA but did not attend. CHARA will connect with the MPP's office to re-table to presentation.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

- **Status of Community Garden Effort:** Update from Patrick Diotte (lead): Email sent to JustFood on Tuesday Oct 11 – no response as of 24 Oct. We can examine the feasibility of Lexington Park as a priority. Consider working with the schools on the edge of the park. **Action:** Follow up with JustFood, and explore options with the Boys and Girls Club. If the project is feasible, Councillor Brockington has offered to add a note in his monthly newsletter to promote it. CHARA would need to provide the text to promote it.
- **Ongoing need for a new CHARA President** The position will remain vacant for the time being, and Directors will pitch in to cover off on President responsibilities. A 1-yr Director position also remains open.
- **CHARA Rink (Liz A; M. Mack not in attendance)** Mike Mack spends "150hrs of his personal time managing the rink last season." Big issue with the rink not being level. A. Hickey (from the Councillor's office) is tracking the issue and is working to have it fixed. Riley has committed to pursuing the issue. **Action: Liz A to email Mike Mack to send 3-5 bullet points on the nature of the issue to Councillor Brockington (with pictures, if possible).**

7. Financial Update



- Two expenses added this month for new checks and web hosting. The Association maintains a healthy balance. The outcome of the Rink RFP will determine if we can expect rink revenue in Nov/Dec. **Action: Councillor Brockington will investigate if the Rink RFP is available yet; the Rink Committee (absent) leads the submission.**

8. New Business

- **Donations to local not-for-profit groups:** Pamphlet was received from the Boys and Girls Club with a donation form. Donations to this and other local not-for-profit groups (e.g., Debra Dynes) to be added to the November agenda for board discussion.
- **Debra Dynes AGM on 14 Nov:** Invitation received Who can attend? Yvele to forward personal invitation for consideration.

9. Consent Agenda

- **780 Baseline Rd Development:** On 23 Oct, Elizabeth C moved that the letter to the City and the applicants for the development at 780 Baseline Road is ready to be sent and posted to our website. Seconded by P. Diotte. **Motion Carried.**

The letter was sent to the City of Ottawa planner and Zoning By-law Amendment applicants, uploaded in the comment area of the City of Ottawa development applications website; and posted on the CHARA website.

10. Next meeting November 29th, 2022.

11. Motion to Adjourn

- Moved by: Tim P.
- Seconded by: Lorraine N. **Motion Carried.**
- Meeting concluded at: 7:42PM

Adjournment.