



CARLETON HEIGHTS AND AREA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (CHARA)
Monthly Meeting

6:30 pm, Tuesday, March 26, 2024

- 1. Call to Order.** Tim Patterson called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.
- 2. Establish Quorum. Attendees:** Elizabeth Anderson, Tim Patterson, Lorraine Neville, Elizabeth Costello, Peter Organ, Bianca Staltari, Michael Mack **Councillor's Office:** Riley Brockington, Mary Young **Community Members:** Serge Drouin, Barbara Erlandson, Elaine Vininsky, Rebecca Lee, Yvele Paquette. **Regrets:** Yannick Charles
- 3. Approve Agenda.** Barbara Erlandson approved the agenda. Lorraine Neville seconds. All in favour. Approved.
- 4. Approve February Meeting Minutes.** Lorraine Neville approved. Peter Organ seconds. All in favour. Approved.
- 5. Councillor Brockington's Report.**
Hydro Ottawa in the community tomorrow tree trimming at several properties in the area from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and there will be power outages.

The POW watermain replacement project is a 350-meter stretch of water main. Councillor co-hosted a session with 30-35 residents reviewed the project with the City of Ottawa and external consultant replacing services to properties. Late spring and early summer it will begin and complete in the fall.

Tennis and basketball courts in Carleton Heights Park being resurfaced this summer. Councillor reached out to the Curling Club, and they are concerned about the southern egress of their property with car parking and the Club has asked for more information on the plan. The hope is to establish a pedestrian pathway and limit the drive through capacity and parking.

Courtland Park Ditch Study multi-million-dollar investment, professionally investigated and assessed by Robinson Consultants. Most properties drain east to the Rideau canal. Many culverts have ground cover and silt cover due to lack of maintenance. Culverts do not have sufficient cover. Four phases, each have a construction season.

Councillor is hosting social and community events beginning Saturday in Carleton, the annual spring breakfast open at 9:00 a.m. April 20th Electronic Waste and Park clean up at the Hunt Club Community Centre. Guided walk for residents will be held the same day with an expert arborist. High Tea will be held May 11th. June 6th will be the Strawberry Social. Father's Day with Governor General Brass Band Saturday June 15th. Canada Day Concert and BBQ Saturday June 29th. Find out more at <https://rileybrockington.ca/events/>

Elizabeth Costello asked that Councillor organize a meeting with the City of Ottawa, Robinson and residents to discuss plans and ditch heights as recent repairs have been problematic. Rebecca Lee agreed the ditch depth. Adjustments made last year are very difficult to manage and mow and dangerous. Barbara Erlandson and Elizabeth Anderson also had follow-up questions on the scope of work, and the planned approach.

Barbara Erlandson would like a copy of the ditch study emailed to barbara.erlandson2@gmail.com

Yvele requested information about a large development at 1634 Ortona Avenue in Carleton Heights. It is not on the dev apps system. Councillor is investigating with the planner and will forward information.

Elaine Vilinsky asked about the site plan or next steps of the 222 Baseline Avenue development. Councillor provided a 222 Baseline update. I recently requested an update from Peter Hume. The development team have



begun the site plan process, a building permit is in the works. The power, gas and water have been disconnected and the building has been stripped of materials that can be recycled. A construction partner has been brought in to begin the construction process. Capping of the sewer line is expected soon.

Barbara Erlandson has ditches that are steep and some have filled in at Chandler and Morley with no drainage to the East. In a major storm what will happen next? Barbara is interested in emergency preparedness for future storms. The culvert at this location flooded and dramatically, significantly impacted the property last storm.

Barbara Erlandson expressed concerns about intensification and parking east and west of the Courtland Park and across Carleton Heights. She is interested in better traffic and parking controls. Councillor asks to track in 311. Another resident also logged problematic parking consistently through the winter at 1368 Morley Avenue. Councillor indicates data is unlikely to support a stop sign at Morley and Sanford. Barbara requested traffic calming and some early results, traffic, speed and parking are increasing.

Councillor is working to be better prepared locally. The Office is taking an inventory of supplies, space and building to better prepare and coordinate volunteers in case of emergencies, storms and floods.

Councillor and Mary Young confirmed they would help sort out/ navigate the CPIP policy and details for BBQ event insurance if needed.

6. Current vacancies in Secretary and Vice President's positions. Elizabeth Costello will take over minutes in the short-term. Bianca Staltari will take over the social media and web requirements.

7. President Leave of Absence. Lorraine Neville will take on Vice President role to uphold 10 meetings this year.

8. Business Arising from the Minutes.

Spring BBQ 2024.

- Details need to be completed by Thursday for BBQ June 25th and rain date June 26th.
- Rebecca Lee offered to help Peter and Bianca. Peter confirmed Grill Master. Yannick mentioned by email she could help. Tim could help intermittently. Yvele P. will help where she can.
- Rebecca Lee will help with advertising and French translation.
- Yvele P. wants CHARA to use the Community Centre to advertise meetings and board positions.
- Mary Young offered to help the BBQ committee and confirmed community donations can help.
- Elizabeth C. resent the financials to the Board.
- Tim P. will reach out to Franco Ippolito to see if he has interest in helping again.
- The BBQ planning committee meeting will be held on Zoom Monday April 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

Rink update. Rink meeting March 6th with Mike Mack, Adrian Richardson from City of Ottawa Parks and Recreation and Councillor Brockington to regrade the rink site. The City verbally agreed to regrade the rink site and will continue to work with the City of Ottawa to get this done. The snowblower will need to be cleared out of the Rink Room for summer activities. Mike is looking for a volunteer to store the snowblower this summer.

Financial Report Elizabeth A. and Elizabeth C. will complete any outstanding CHARA cheques March 29-31 and drop off cheque to Mike Mack. TD Bank Meeting among signatories confirmed for April 19th or 20th.

Lorraine Neville motion to adjourn 8:13 p.m. Elizabeth C. seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting date: 630 p.m. Tuesday, April 23, 2024.