



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

6:30 pm, Tuesday, February 27th, 2024

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

- 1. Call to Order.** Tim Patterson called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.
- 2. Establish Quorum.**

**Directors:** Elizabeth Costello, Tim Patterson, Patrick Diotte, Peter Organ, Bianca Vodden, Elizabeth Anderson, Lorraine Neville, Mike Mack. **Regrets:** Yanick Charles.  
**Community Members:** Yvele Paquette.  
**From the Councillor's office:** Mary Young and Councillor Brockington.
- 3. Approve Agenda.** Peter Organ moved to approve the agenda. Lorraine Neville seconded. **Motion Carried.**
- 4. Approve Minutes of January 2024 Meeting** (<https://ourchara.ca/minutes/>) Deferred to email vote.
- 5. FCA Report and Membership Fees.**
  - Lorraine attended Feb 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. Membership fees due. \$40 (up from \$35). Cheque by mail preferred.
    - o Loraine moved to approve motion to renew FCA membership. Elizabeth C. seconded.  
**Motion Carried.**
  - Director of Emergency Preparedness recommends associations have plan for emergency in their respective areas.
- 6. CHARA Regulation 1: Apolitical**
  - Requires approval by the Board. This will result in a by-law amendment at the next AGM. This item is required in our By-Laws to qualify for city funding.
  - RE the requirement for democratically elected board members, we may need to institute new measures to ensure we are fully compliant with that provision (i.e. advertising in the Councillor's newsletter).
  - Lorainne moved motion to approve regulation. Seconded by Elizabeth Costello. **Motion Carried.** Regulation approved and posted to website – will be voted on at the next AGM.
- 7. Vacancy in Secretary Position**
  - Requirement for someone to fill the role of Secretary in the interim. Will be discussed offline.
- 8. Councillor Brockington's Report**
  - City intent to replace tennis and badminton courts
    - o Both are currently past their life cycle;
  - City has released plan to address Courtland Park drainage issue. \$2 million job – significant work has been identified.
  - Mailed invites have gone out to residents north of Baseline for the upcoming water infrastructure renewal work. Public meeting taking place on March 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - Solid Waste Master Plan – city continues with its evolution of solid waste, currently consulting on Third Draft. [www.Ottawa/wasteplan.ca](http://www.Ottawa/wasteplan.ca)



- Upcoming events
  - 2 March - Annual River ward trivia night is this Saturday at the Alexandre Community Centre starting at 5PM
  - March 7<sup>th</sup> - International Women's Day virtual speakers' series.
  - March 30<sup>th</sup> – Annual Spring Breakfast at Carlington, 9AM
  - April 20<sup>th</sup> - Annual Earth Day Event
  - May 11<sup>th</sup> – Mother's Day high tea
  - June 6<sup>th</sup> – Strawberry Social
  - June 29<sup>th</sup> – Canada Day Concert and BBQ at McCarthy Park

## 8. Business Arising from the Minutes

- **Progress on Spring 2024 BBQ**
  - Grill Master has been confirmed. \$2000 in funding has been secured. Community Centre has confirmed availability of date.
  - Application portal/date for community funding has not opened yet.
  - BBQ planning documents will be sent by Patrick to the BBQ planning group.

## 9. Rink Update

- Rink now closed for the season.

**10. Adjournment.** Tim Patterson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 PM. Lorraine Neville seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.**

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 26th at 6:30 PM.