



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

6:30 pm, Tuesday, November 28th, 2023

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

1. Call to Order. Elizabeth Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

2. Establish Quorum.

Directors: Elizabeth Costello, Tim Patterson, Patrick Diotte, Peter Organ, Yanick Charles, Bianca Vodden, Elizabeth Anderson, Lorraine Neville. **Regrets:** Mike Mack.

Community Members: Afrodite Karafotias, Elaine Vininsky, Jane Lund, Terry Baber.

From the Councillor's office: Riley Brockington and Mary Young

3. Approve Agenda. Patrick Diotte moved to approve the agenda. Elizabeth Costello seconded. **Motion Carried.**

4. Approve Minutes of October 2023 Meeting (<https://ourchara.ca/minutes/>) Elizabeth Costello moved to approve the October 2023 Minutes as presented. Bianca Vodden seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.**

5. Residential and Municipal Affairs.

Residents contributed \$3,895 to support the lawyer's review of planning and development policy and also to write a letter to City planners on the interpretation of policy for 153 Sanford Avenue.

153 Sanford Avenue

With the support of residents, CHARA hired AIRD & BERLIS LLP to draft and send a letter clarifying the interpretation of policy for parking for this site.

780 Baseline Avenue

CHARA is presenting tomorrow November 29th at the Planning & Housing Committee. Find more about the application at: <https://devapps.ottawa.ca/en/applications/D02-02-22-0049/details>

Send letters to kelly.livingstone@ottawa.ca and or watch presentations tomorrow at the City of Ottawa YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/@ottcitycouncil>

Discussion ensued on height of the building for the site. Consensus was reached that height should be dependent on the shadow study to save the integrity of Central Experimental Farm research.

Canada Lands/Confederation Heights

in person engagement November 23, 2023, and online opportunities for input. Find out more at Canada Lands Company, Confederation Heights: <https://engage.clc-sic.ca/realize-the-potential>

Rideau Canal

Monitor the Rideau Canal Cultural Landscape Study at <https://engage.ottawa.ca/rideaucanal>
The survey is live. Participate in the survey here.

Civic Hospital

Attended a presentation on Thursday, November 23, 2023. Find out more at <https://newcampusdevelopment.ca/>



Central Experimental Farm

Contacted Federated Citizens Association (FCA) to lead. Residents want to participate, volunteering to contact the AAFC Director General and the Friends of the Farm. Local community associations are interested in mobilizing.

City of Ottawa 2024 Budget Consultations

CHARA submitted questions and the City of Ottawa Finance Department provided responses for our website.

Upcoming no parking and petitions

CHARA will be working with residents to support their no parking requests. Question: If residents choose no parking except for a permit, how could this work? Could residents apply for permits? In meeting Board members voted against allowing unsafe permit parking on our narrow streets. Others indicated that permit parking is just not available in the area.

6. Treasurer's Report.

- CHARA has been grandfathered into the Community Partner Insurance Program (CPIP). CHARA benefited from \$3895 in resident donations to fund legal counsel. CHARA has a bank balance of \$14,200 and an estimated \$936.00 in liabilities, netting \$13,264. The total liability includes a shortfall of \$436.50 to complete payment to legal counsel.
- Financial breakdown:
 - o Balance: \$14,200.00
 - o Liabilities: \$936.
 - o Outstanding Balance: \$13,264.00

7. Election of CHARA Executive

- Secretary vacancy forthcoming in the Spring, will require volunteer to manage social media and the website.

President (1-year term)

- o Nomination: Elizabeth Anderson
- o Nominated by: Lorraine Neville
- o Seconded by: Tim Patterson
- Nomination closed; Elizabeth Anderson acclaimed to position of President.

Secretary (Term to be defined)

- o Nomination: Patrick Diotte
- o Nominated by: Elizabeth Anderson
- o Seconded by: Lorraine Neville
- Nomination closed; Patrick Diotte acclaimed to position of Secretary.

Treasurer (2-year term)

- o Nomination: Peter Organ
- o Nominated by: Lorraine Neville
- o Seconded by: Elizabeth Anderson
- Nomination closed; Peter Organ acclaimed to position of Treasurer for 2-year term.

Vice President

- o Nomination: Nil.
- Will be revisited at a future meeting.



7. Business Arising from the Minutes

a. Rink Update

- i. CHARA declined to take on the contract for the rink this year.
- ii. Major issues:
 - i. Large trees in the vicinity of the rink creates challenges for maintenance.
 - ii. Inadequate water supply.
 - iii. Lack of volunteers.
- iii. Mike is willing to approach high schools for volunteers.
- iv. Matt (from the City) will look into the water supply issue.
- v. The process of resurfacing the tennis courts could present different options for the rink.
- vi. Note on volunteers.
 - i. Supervisors needed for a minimum of 20 hours/week
 - ii. Volunteers must be at least 14 years of age.
- vii. Could a “low priority” snow clearing contract work? No.
- viii. Decision regarding the rink needs to be made soon – depends on the snow.
- ix. Motion presented by Lorraine Neville: \$5,000.00 to Mike for the rink, seconded by Elizabeth Anderson. Response from Mike required by Monday.

9. Councilor’s Report

- Councilor has committed \$500 to the rink, on condition that CHARA takes on the rink, as a contribution.
- Tennis Court resurfacing: to be completed in 2024.
- Mural at Curling Club: Proponent has retracted mural application and has agreed to engage the community next year with another proposal, ideally with a design that better reflects the community.
- 780 Baseline: Presentation to Committee tomorrow, staff recommendation includes support for one tower & pause on other two towers (2x North facing towers over the farm) due to concerns regarding shadowing over the Farm.
- On Nov 10th, special River Ward community update was distributed RE OC Transpo route review. New route will be created – 112 and will go from Baseline station via Viewmount, up PoW to Billings Bridge.
- December 21st Holiday Dinner at Hunt Club Riverside Community Centre – currently there are 200 RSVPs. Everyone is invited to attend. Catered by Grill Master.
- Budget: expected to be passed on December 6th.

10. 2024 BBQ Planning

- Lead planner required.

10. Adjournment. Elizabeth Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 PM. Lorraine Neville seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.**

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 23rd at 6:30PM.