

**CHARA Board Meeting MINUTES**  
**December 14, 2021**  
**6:30 pm**  
**Zoom Meeting**

**Attendance:**

**Board Members:** Yvele Paquette (President), Elizabeth Costello (Treasurer), Rachel Vincent (Secretary), Tim Patterson, Lorraine Neville and Mike Mack.

**Regrets:** Elizabeth Anderson (Vice-President), Kurt West.

**Members and Guests:** Riley Brockington, City Councillor and Andrew Hickey (City Councillor staff).

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Yvele Paquette (President) called to order the meeting at 6:35 and declared there was quorum.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Yvele called to accept the agenda, with minor changes. Move to approve the agenda as amended. Darren seconded. Motion carried.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Lorraine moves to approve minutes of November 23, Yvele seconded. **Motion carried.**
4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:** Draft Ditch Alteration Policy now posted on the CHARA website, as well as previous policy from 2008.
5. **UPDATE ON THE RINK:** Mike reports no snow expected until after Christmas. Rink preparation ongoing. Leaves cleaned up and we are waiting for now. List of volunteers provided to the group by Jody, the previous volunteer coordinator. Mike got the snowblower repaired.
6. **REPORT FROM THE CITY COUNCILLOR:** City budget passed last week after marathon 10-hour meeting of city councillors. New investments in your community for roads, sidewalks. In January, final consultations on Transportation Master Plan will take place. Transit levy higher than rate of inflation. Review of finance plan for OC Transpo starting next year. Fare revenue has been impacted by COVID, and there is pressure to raise cost of fares. There will be a reckoning; the public wants to have a conversation. Public consultation will be part of the process. Meadowlands Drive will be paved between Fisher and Prince of Wales next year. Near St-Pius X, new speed technology will be installed. Sidewalks on Prince of Wales will be repaved and rebuilt. Some parts are currently below grade, and this time of year are submerged under water. Drainage plan required first, before the rebuilding. Lorraine raised questions about Carleton Square, including \$50k + on the costs of dealing with the rats caused by Dynes Rd. City Councillor says he is still working on these issues and is advocating the community not bear the costs alone. The other question concerned the use of Carleton Square for parking for parents picking up students at St-Pius X. City Councillor notes that the School Trustee needs to be included in the discussion about solutions.
7. **NEW OFFICIAL PLAN (NOP) COMMITTEE BUSINESS:** City Councillor answers specific questions from Elizabeth C. on behalf of the New Official Plan (NOP) committee on new ditch alteration policy, etc. The New Official Plan (NOP) is not officially yet in effect but cannot be modified. No new zoning will take place for three years. Developers often reference future development plans in their applications for permits, much to the

frustration of residents. Stormwater management by-law under review next term of City Council.

- 8. FINANCIAL REPORT:** Money from the City of Ottawa for the rink is automatically deposited in the CHARA account.
- 9. UPDATE ON OUTREACH TO OTHER ASSOCIATIONS:**  
Community associations on Baseline Rd. – Cityview, Belair, etc. – they want to write letter to the Minister against the New Official Plan (NOP). They saw CHARA letter to the Joint Committee (posted to the CHARA website) and now want to use part of that letter to the Minister. We could take our letter, make some minor changes, and send directly to the Minister. Or we could join their letter. Yvele suggests that we ask for a copy of the collective community association letter before we decide whether or not to sign-on.  
**Action:** Elizabeth C. makes the motion to send CHARA letter to the Minister, with minor changes. Lorraine seconded. Motion carried.
- 10. INSURANCE UPDATE:** Yvele. Working to determine cost of insurance for CHARA. City Councilor is working to get economy of scale insurance so all community associations can be part of group/umbrella coverage. **Action:** Andrew will follow up with Yvele.
- 11. NEW BUSINESS:** Yvele raises question about non-profit reporting to Corporations Canada. Does CHARA meet the requirements? **Action:** Lorraine to review and follow-up.
- 12. NEXT MEETING:** Yvele moves a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 pm. Tim seconds, and the motion is carried.

**Next meeting: January 25, 2022, 6:30 pm**

***Date approved – January 25, 2022. Signed by CHARA Secretary, Rachel Vincent.***