



**CARLETON HEIGHTS AND AREA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (CHARA)  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of the Monthly CHARA Meeting**

6:30 pm, Tuesday, April 25th, 2023

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

**1. Call to Order.** Elizabeth Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm.

**2. Establish Quorum**

Directors: Peter Organ, Elizabeth Anderson, Tim Patterson, Lorraine Neville, Elizabeth Costello, Patrick Diotte, Mike Mack

Regrets: Darren Dicks, Angela Grandinetti

Community Members: Susan Baker, Jane Lund, Moustaffa Zommo, **Liz (?)**, Elaine Vininsky, **Dimitri (?)**

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

**3. Approve Agenda** Lorraine Neville moved to approve the agenda. Peter Organ seconded. Moved.

**4. Approve Minutes of March meeting** (<https://ourchara.ca/minutes/>) Lorraine Neville moved to approve the Apr minutes as presented. Elizabeth Costello seconded. Moved.

**5. Councillor Brockington's Report.**

- Developments updates
  - o 780 Baseline Road: Still not aware of 3<sup>rd</sup> revised submission to address 45-degree angular plane.
  - o 222 Baseline Road: Following public info session, Councillor committed to meeting with planner and community separately. Meeting with planner included conversation around a few issues (i.e. parking, balcony positioning, infrastructure capacity). Planner listened and noted concerns. They are in agreement that zero parking is not acceptable. Councillor pleased that a variance request of no parking is a non starter. Next step: Meeting with Peter Hume to reinforce main issues expressed by the community.
  - o 153 Sanford: Councillor not formally in receipt of Committee decision, however application for severance was approved.
  
- OC Transport in the Community
  - o OC Transport is about to commence an intensive review of service in the city which is likely to yield reductions in service. Genesis behind the review is twofold: ridership is nowhere near where it was pre-COVID and travel patterns have change (demands are different). Review is largest since 2011.
  - o Transit budget passed with significant deficit with no funding source – concern for the Councillor. City can't financially sustain the current situation. Plan set to be announced this Thursday – it will be a phased approach.
  - o Councillor believe this process is too rushed (estimated timeline to 2024).



- Rats
  - Councillor is filing a public inquiry (formal method for members of Council to acquire information regarding a subject) in order to start the process to combat the rat problem in the ward.
  - Two main issues for rats are food and a safe place for rats to live.
  - Councillor believes that there needs to be a more integrated approach – learning from approaches taken by other municipalities.
  - Intent of the upcoming inquiry is to explore if there is anything else the city could do to tackle the rat problem.
  
- Greek Fest
  - They will be back this year using a weekend model rather than seven straight days.
  - Major challenge is volunteers.
  
- Church on Fisher (**Name UNK**)
  - Considering starting their street festival this year – scaled back to 1-day in June. More details to follow.
  
- Garbage
  - Solid waste master plan – significant changes to garbage collection upcoming. In May, city will be releasing its new vision for garbage collection.
  - Currently there is a cap of 6x bags per collection that isn't enforced – the cap is set to change. Change will likely include bag tags (yearly allotment).
  - Why? Because there is a significant amount of waste that is going to the dump that should be recycled or composted.
  
- River Ward walk through with City of Ottawa Infrastructure Services
  - This week the Councillor will be meeting with head of infrastructure services in River Ward to show the state of sidewalks, pathway networks, etc. to shed light on areas for improvement.

## 7. Residential and Municipal Affairs Report

- With the royal assent of Bill 23 November 28 2022, the City has implemented new bylaws from January that are dramatically different from what we have known. I encourage people to review them online: <https://ottawa.ca/en/living-ottawa/laws-licences-and-permits/laws/laws-z/zoning-law-no-2008-250#section-6adeaa95-f3fb-44fa-ac94-0ec25952f720>. The Consolidation/administration highlights numerous changes.

## 8. Treasurers Report

- Our insurance appears to be the same as last year and the rink payments are in process to be completed this week. No other transactions have been reported.

## 9. Rink update from special CHARA meeting (Elizabeth Anderson).

- Three major problems identified:
  - Rink was moved several years ago to an area that is not conducive
  - Issues with water pressure – causes problems with flooding the rink



- Not as many volunteers willing to help with the rink.
- Rink assistance would be greatly appreciated through the Councillor's office.
- Request from Councillor: Official letter from CHARA highlighting ongoing issues with the rink (i.e. location, water pressure, etc.)

**10. BBQ Planning (Patrick Diotte).**

- Received approved Park Permit application for Carleton Heights. Need time to review documents and insurance requirements.
- Proposal to hold a sub-committee meeting on 9 May.
- No change to proposed date of 27 June.

**11. Other business.**

- Lorraine Neville attended monthly meeting of the FCA – nothing major to report in relation to CHARA business.

**12. Next meeting date: May 23rd, 2023**

**13. Adjournment.** Meeting adjourned at 7:32PM. Lorraine Neville moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded T. Patterson. Adjourned.