



CARLETON HEIGHTS AND AREA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (CHARA)

Monthly Meeting

6:30 pm, Tuesday, April 23, 2024

1. Call to Order. Tim Patterson called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

2. Establish Quorum.

Attendees: Elizabeth Anderson, Tim Patterson, Lorraine Neville, Elizabeth Costello, Peter Organ, Bianca Staltari.

Councillor's Office: Mary Young, Riley Brockington.

Regrets: Michael Mack, Yannick Charles.

3. Approve Agenda. Lorraine Neville approved the agenda. Elizabeth Anderson seconds. All in favour. Approved.

4. Approve March Meeting Minutes. Peter Organ approved. Lorraine Neville seconds. All in favour. Approved.

5. Councillor Brockington's Report.

Grass fire at Moffat Farm today. Fire fighters were dispatched today to a grass fire at Moffat Farm. Big issue is the amount of brush and tree debris in wooded area. Tornado, significant storm, ice storm in recent years has left a lot of debris. City position: "let nature take its course" versus introducing machinery for clean up that can cause major damage. Yet, extensive damage along Airport Parkway, Hunt Club, McCarthy Road, River Ward could cause significant fire risk. Perhaps the public can assist in identifying high brush and debris areas to mitigate fire risk in the ward.

Street sweeping now happening. Phase 1 of street sweeping has started in the downtown core and ends mid month. Phase 2 will start and complete over 5-6 weeks. The sweepers make several passes where there is a lot of grit and debris. Where possible, ask your neighbours to remove cars for the street sweepers to minimize the need for return visits. The sweeping ends May 31st. Street sweepers workday and night to get the work done quickly and efficiently. They are transient and not bound by zone bylaw.

Arnot Road sidewalk that connects Dynes with Fisher. The City will replace the sidewalk from Dynes to the school entrance. The work is challenging because there are several mature trees. The existing sidewalk is 1.5 m wide. The standard today is 1.8 m wide. The City has decided to build out and extend the curb into the road by 60 cm. The road will therefore be narrowed by 60 cm. The sidewalk will abut the roadway. Grass will be added alongside the new concrete sidewalk. Mature trees will be protected.

Prince of Wales water main replacement. The City is sending the work to tender this month with a target date to begin the work this summer and complete with landscaping October and November.

Anam and Apeldoorn water main replacement consultation will take place before the end of June. Two tentative dates, June 18 or 19th from 7-9 p.m. at the Carleton Heights Community Centre. Targeting completion in 2025. The City will want to discuss driveway, tree, culvert issues with homeowners this year before work starts. Mary Young will confirm the date.

Comprehensive Zoning By-law Review report anticipated in joint meeting PHC and Ag and Ag Affairs Committee April 29th. The public will have a month to review. Report will be tabled at Committee for discussion May 31st. Public consultations on the report will continue over several months. The report will not be approved until 2025. **Recommendations will include 4 units per lot, no parking and inclusionary zoning (that is, no exclusionary**



zoning). Minor corridors can expect zoning to include more development. Councillor shared concern for balance to meet needs of the housing emergency and neighbourhood planning.

Affordability missing. Elizabeth Anderson: Where is affordability? There are added costs to infill. Where is the balance? Expensive houses are being developed. Housing being built is not affordable. Added expenses are being downloaded to residents, making houses less affordable. **Councillor.** New federal funding has become available for affordable housing units; four of these developments will be in River Ward. Councillor has no authority to ensure new housing includes affordable housing units.

City Stormwater management and repair missteps. The recent repair at Morley and Wilshire Avenue has already completely deteriorated. The ground is falling away, and the pipe is exposed. The corner is now deteriorating the road. It didn't work. We told them it wouldn't, and it hasn't. Mary Young will investigate with City staff.

Save the Central Experimental Farm (CEF). The Working Group that includes NCC staff, Agriculture Canada staff and City staff will update PHC in June on the first 6 months of their deliberations. Councillor is writing to the Minister of Agriculture, Minister MacAulay to send a thank you for the Deputy Minister speaking at PHC, representing concerns future development and shadowing will have on CEF longitudinal research. Councillor plans to ask the Minister, do you have specific plans through legislation or the federal bill in second reading (supported by Friends of the Farm and Heritage Ottawa, etc.)? The Councillor suggests writing as residents, saying: "We care deeply, we participated through the development process and shared your concerns for CEF research. Can you share, what is the plan here.?" Recall, the Deputy Minister of Agriculture Canada indicated at the PHC meeting: "There will be detrimental long-term impacts to longitudinal research with shadows from the (780 Baseline) development."

Coyotes at Claymore South/Meadowlands and on Morley last week. Lorraine Neville: Coyotes are in our neighbourhoods. I saw these coyotes. One went into a backyard, and we heard a cat crying out. We phoned 311 and nothing happened. Soon the City of Ottawa will be working on these roads again. We will have rats emerging again. Maybe the coyotes will eat the rats. Both are a problem. The coyotes are coming further in town. Councillor is dropping a postcard on rat mitigation this weekend.

153 and 154 Sanford both had rat problems. Elizabeth Anderson: We had to mitigate. The City has no requirements for garbage in rat proof containers. City of New York requires that all garbage is placed in rat proof containers. When garbage was set outside and not in aluminum cans, the rat population exploded. This is an opportunity for Ottawa to require all garbage be placed in rat proof containers. Rats are vermin. The only strategy is a prevention strategy (e.g., avoid feeding them, rat proof everything). It's a serious health issue. Councillor: property standard bylaws can address garbage. Three bags per unit will soon be enforced.

Wildlife strategy draft in process. Strategy will soon be released to help mitigate coyotes and rats. We coexist with coyotes. We need to eliminate rats. How do we do this effectively? Draft coming soon.

Upcoming events. Successful Earth Day this past weekend. Mother's Day high-tea coming up May 11th with two seatings at 3:00 p.m. and 4:15 p.m. Please RSVP through the Councillor's Office. The Strawberry Social will take place in June at 1pm. Fathers Day event will have food and a brass band on June 15th. The Summer BBQ with cake and concert will be held June 29th.



6. Appointments.

- Elizabeth Anderson is Acting President.
- Lorraine Neville is Acting Vice President.
- Peter Organ is Treasurer.
- Board members are encouraged to recruit new members.
- Secretary role will remain vacant.
 - Elizabeth Costello will take on uploads to the web.
 - Bianca Staltari will take over social media promotions.
 - Elizabeth A. will approach Yannick Charles to take on the info@ourchara.ca email account.

8. Business arising from the Minutes.

Progress Spring BBQ 2024.

- City of Ottawa funding application for the Spring BBQ was declined.
- BBQ Committee met April 22nd. Given funding was declined, BBQ will be pared down.
- BBQ is scheduled for June 25th and rain date June 26th. Councillor has scheduled to attend.
- City of Ottawa waived the fee for the park.
- Junkyard Symphony contract \$400.00. Approved.
- Bytown Brigade contract \$200.00. Approved.
- Face painting fees of a few hundred dollars. Approved.
- Grill Masters fees for 200 hamburgers, 50 hot dogs: \$1,400.00 (total 250 versus 300 last year). Approved.
- Councillor is donating \$2,000.00. Lorraine will donate drinks up to \$400.00 maximum. Franco Ippolito will be approached to support the event. Committee will solicit private donation of \$500.00.
- BBQ Committee may require CHARA to contribute \$300-\$400 to cover expenses.
- BBQ poster created by Bianca and sent to Mary Young. Approved with changes for 250 meals.
- Elizabeth A. surgery scheduled for May 12th and will be absent at next meeting.
- Next Spring BBQ Committee meeting Wednesday, May 22nd.

Review of other processes outstanding.

- Bank meeting attended April 23rd by Elizabeth Anderson, Lorraine Neville, Peter Organ and Elizabeth Costello. Mike Mack did not attend. The Bank is proceeding to make changes and will contact us if Mike Mack needs to provide a signature. The Bank will also contact us if other information is required.
- Peter Organ will provide a financial report at the next meeting.
- Lorraine Neville will contact Tim P. to send the next meeting invite and help her host the next meeting.

Lorraine Neville motion to adjourn 7:33 p.m. Elizabeth C. seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting date: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 28, 2024.