



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

6:30 pm, Tuesday, November 29th, 2022

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

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

2. Establish Quorum: E. Anderson confirms quorum. Board members attending include: Tim Patterson, Elizabeth Anderson, Elizabeth Costello, Lorraine Neville, Darren Dicks, Mike Mack (later)
From the Councillor's office: Riley Brockington, Mary Young and residents attending: Elaine Vininsky, Peter Organ, Mary Young, Doug O'Brien, Franco Ippolito, Dave Coyle, Sophia Pradal, Susan Baker, Rebecca Lee

3. Introduce New Attendees M. Young has joined Councillor Brockington's office. Franco Ippolito was introduced. Others said hello.

4. Approve Agenda L. Neville approves agenda. T. Patterson seconded. Moved.

5. Approve Minutes of October meeting (see <https://ourchara.ca/minutes/>) L Neville approves Minutes of October meeting. D. Dicks seconded. Moved.

6. Councillor Brockington's Report

780 Baseline Road: 3 towers proposed, submitted revised application, site is bigger and has not addressed concerns. Its now 1000 units, 4-storey podium, purchased Hilliard properties for staging and a park later. Councillor Devine met with Councillor Brockington about concerns application and concerns will co-meet with the developer and the planner (3rd planner on the file) before the year ends.

1111 Prince of Wales: Rejected to the application because rebuilt today the parking formula would include far fewer spaces, particularly with Baseline corridor.

Delay in road repaving is far greater than what contractors can complete by the end of the season. The strike in July further delayed projects. Meadowlands has been further delayed to much dissatisfaction to residents. Six streets not completed included this area Meadowlands and it will be prioritized next year.

Baseline Road Secondary Plan discussed with Acting Manager. When Planning Dept. early 2023 brings work plan to the GM in early 2023, this will be on the work plan and prioritized higher than others identified.

Minor work Dynes Road tomorrow and Dec. 7 by Hydro Ottawa relocating electrical equipment; power will be out for 11 households until 4pm. On Dec 7th, similarly houses will be out of power.

Speed bump on Dynes not built to specifications. It was removed and rebuilt on November 14th.

In January, Riley will provide a summary of traffic calming needs identified and the requests outstanding. Riley has a strategy to work in consultation with the community association on how to approach the volume of requests coming in. Next meeting, I'll have a detailed strategy on this safety issues and concerns.



Route 11, the Councillor continues to work on capacity issues. Buses have been over capacity, particularly during rush hour. Carleton University students are being left behind – working on adding capacity to the immediate neighbourhood.

LRT Commissioner will release his report tomorrow on concerns with LRT phase 1 procured planned rolled out.

Also, a Governance Report will be released on how Committees and Subcommittees will be structures; two weeks later Councillors will be assigned to Committees.

With the departure of the City's General Manager, an Acting GM (City Treasurer) is in place and a national search has begun.

From F. Ippolito: Thank you for addressing the busses, I have 2 frustrated Carleton U students.

D. O'Brien: Mr Brockington. The following YouTube may be of interest to you. It talks about "Strodes" (i.e., Street Roads) and it nicely discusses many transportation issues. It does not have any solutions for Us, but the concepts are good. < <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ORzNZUeUHAM> >

D. O'Brien: Mr Brockington. There is another possibility for bus transportation besides additional trips or bigger busses, That is, there could be some additional partial trips where a bus starts in the middle of a route to avoid getting filled-up at the beginning of the route. Such a partial run might do two trips in the time it would take to do one.

Question on 780 Baseline: Councillor indicates the meeting with the developer is TBD. However, the developer responded to community comments with larger buildings so I am concerned.

Question on Bill 23: Bill 23 will cost the City an est. \$123 million with the loss of developer fees, and overrides the Heritage Act, the Conservation Authority Act, expands the Ottawa urban boundary and introduces greater intensification

Also, on Nov 4, the NOP was approved by the Minister with a summary of changes; province held the NOP 11 months later and modified it in 40 different areas including Ottawa's urban boundary, building heights, and more. The Association of Municipalities across Ontario (AMO) was refused the opportunity to comment at Queen's Park.

Will the province cover the infrastructure costs? Likely the City, and its taxpayers will need to absorb these added costs.

For 780 Baseline, Councillor Devine and Councillor Brockington intend to reach out to Ag Canada regarding the development's impact on research at the Central Experimental Farm and are working with the planner to do so.

Is this a result of Bill 23? When we meet with the developer, we will ask this question.



Traffic study did not address Fisher, the drainage study did not address local ditches, these are serious problems that may require more work; the development is technically linked. I am unsure what the threshold is that triggers new studies. This has grown 12%.

This summer OC Transpo discussed the potential to redevelop route 11 with a critical mass of students. First asked for cost neutral option which we came up with and it was denied. Now, we may have opportunity for a partial route to clear the bottleneck you see in your community. Through the budget process, the Councillor hopes to reinstate bus route 3. Councillor will keep us posted.

D. Dicks: Can we get a bus route, a short rapid route, to the new LRT station at Heron and Riverside? This would be very helpful.

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

7.1. Ongoing search for CHARA president – no volunteers at this time.

7.2. Volunteer to attend FCA meetings – L. Neville volunteered and will try to regularly attend.

7.3. Volunteer to liaise with Debra Dynes and Tomlinson B&G club – P. Organ volunteered to be the liaison.

Motion Lorraine moves P. Organ be a Director of CHARA. Unanimous. Moved.

Motion E. Costello moves to donate \$100 to each to Debra Dynes and the Tomlinson Boys & Girls Club. D. Dicks seconded. Moved.

7.4. Are there roadblocks to restarting the summer BBQ?

Costs to the association are increasing year over year. We are unclear if we have revenue this year. It is not clear what insurance is needed for the Rink operations.

Councillor Brockington may have a sponsorship available. The Councillor is the official organizer of a community event (but we advertise it as CHARA's annual carnival) then the City pays the insurance. If he needs to look into insurance, he will continue to help out the discussion here.

F. Ippolito and P. Organ are interested in helping P. Diotte with the BBQ. Some of the young people from Debra Dynes may be able to volunteer to help. S. Nadal may also be willing to help.

We suggest P. Diotte who has volunteered to co-chair the event will lead a subcommittee to discuss the ideas. Jody Sunstrum and Rink volunteers may be able to help. D. Dicks will advise but will not be part of the Subcommittee. Facebook and the Councillor's newsletters are possible.

F. Ippolito, formerly with the Central Park association. We had the bounce house, picnics, tug of war – all free. Drinks and hot dogs or hamburgers were not. We did four events per year and it was a large association. A 50/50 draw. F. Ippolito has marketing ideas which will also be discussed in the subcommittee.

L. Neville. Roughly \$3800-\$5000 to do the BBQ. Also, the event needs insurance.

D. Dicks, typically last Tuesday in June. A large part of the expense was with Grill Master. We can do this differently than the past.



8. Financial Report. Monthly update

Positive balance with a few incremental expenses outstanding.

Without Rink revenue, CHARA has \$0 revenues for the year. There is a new RFP for the Rink Operations this year. Riley was looking into its release date of the RFP. The Rink Committee may have an update.

It is unclear if we will have Rink insurance. Typically, this has been included with the Rink contract but the FCA noted that this will not be included in the Rink agreement this year. They are consulting the City on this but if it remains this way, CHARA can have additional costs.

Also, last year, one of the Board members mentioned we may want to consider an audit. If so, this would add additional costs. D. O'Brien says there is a very big difference between the different types of financial reviews. A full audit is the most expensive. Do we need anything more than a "Review"?

If we move to in-person meetings, we will need to pay rental fees (and possibly insurance according to the City) adding more costs.

9. New Business

9.1. Rink update: M. Mack says he has the Rink Operations contract but has not reviewed it or signed it yet. Rink contract has CGL insurance included. Rink Operations contract for three years, includes \$5325 per season through 2025.

Action: M. Mack will send the Rink contract to the Board.

Riley B. asked about grading. M. Mack said this has not happened for Carleton Heights. There is a play structure being built, perhaps this could happen at the same time.

Action: Riley B and Mary Young will look into this as they thought top soil would be added by now.

M. Mack indicates that the area for the rink needs some leaves cleared. Need volunteers.

Action: Mike will send note to Darren who will forward email to Rink volunteers.

9.2. CHARA position on Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022:

M. Mack: It comes into effect January 1st. We should note our issues. There are also concerns on the more power for Mayor's act.

D. O'Brien: The Premier has a majority and he exercised his majority. There could be a scandal or there is nothing we can do about it. It has to relate to our local issues.

S. Pradal: How can we voice our concerns? Developers are submitting request to purchase agricultural land. Developers need to pay their fees. How is this making housing affordable and where are they commuting from or getting services (e.g., hospitals)?

E. Anderson and attendees: Write letters to Doug Ford, Steve Clark etc.

L. Neville: FCA wrote a letter on behalf of all community associations. It's a majority so another letter will not be a strong voice. Individuals writing letters could help. We could post this letter on our website.

Motion D. Dicks moves to post the FCA letter on Bill 23 to the CHARA website. E. Costello seconds. Moved. (L. s letter to P. Diotte).

10. Next meeting date? December 13, 2022.

L. Neville moved to Adjourn 810 pm. Seconded D. Dicks. Adjourned.