

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

**Minutes of the Monthly CHARA Meeting**

6:30 pm, Tuesday, September 27, 2022

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

**1. Call to Order/welcome/Introduce new and old attendees**

Attendees Elizabeth Anderson, Yvele Paquette, Lorraine Neville, Darren Dicks, Elizabeth Costello, Patrick Diotte, Michael Mack, Andrew Hickey (Councillor Brockington's office)

**2. Establish Quorum (5 required):** Darren Dicks, confirms yes.

**3. Approve Agenda** Darren Dicks approved and Elizabeth Anderson seconded.

**4. Round Table or Community Updates**

No updates were provided.

- Review AGM Minutes of June, Elizabeth C. volunteered  
Add: APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (2021-202): The Treasurer, Elizabeth Costello, presented the consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022. The Financial Statements indicate Total Assets of \$20,190.81 and Total Liabilities of 4,042.95, leaving an accumulated surplus of \$16,147.86.

The Treasurer also stated the revenues for the year reached \$5,358.40, primarily due to the city grant of \$5,325 for running the Outdoor Rink. The Association expenses included outdoor rink maintenance honorariums, memberships, website hosting and insurance costs (and not in-person events due to the impact of the pandemic), totalling 4,042.95, leaving an operating surplus of \$1,305.45.

E. Costello moved that the Financial Statements as of March 31, 2022, be approved as presented at the AGM by the Board, Seconded K. West. Motion Carried.

- Lorraine Neville, Elizabeth Anderson seconded with approval of June 14, 2022 minutes with changes below
- Motion. Elizabeth Costello moved, that the Board approves these Financial Statements for the year ending March 31, 2022, as presented for CHARA, and that the Board forwards these statements to the CHARA AGM for their Approval, Seconded by Lorraine Neville. Motion carried.
- Motion. (Vote completed by email, included for ratification): Elizabeth Costello moved, that the Board approves CHARA's investment in Directors and Officers insurance to support CHARA's sustainability and mitigate risk," Seconded by Darren Dicks. Motion carried.

**5. Business Arising from the August Minutes:**

- Garage sales - postpone if outdoor, find lead if indoor and if not, postpone.
- Community Garden – Kurt West and Rachel Vincent (not in attendance). Patrick will review the materials available. No application has been started or completed at this time. Past meetings highlight maintenance required with allocated resources of people, time, materials and possible partnerships.
- Residents Outreach –Summary provided June 28th. Resend to Elizabeth A.

- Ditch Alteration Policy, CHARA's presentations to the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management – (Special Joint Meeting of the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management and the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee) – no standards but a committee has been struck.
- Elizabeth A neighbours have new research reports available and are taking the City to court.
- Lorraine, unfortunately older research ignored.
- Some recent ditch renovations didn't need to be made to the neighbourhood; changes to Lexington Avenue included more work, more dangerous outcomes, at more cost to the City of Ottawa.
- Elizabeth Costello and Rachel Vincent distributed flyers to gather resident feedback concerning the development proposal for 780 Baseline Road and provide notice for upcoming important dates. On June 28, Elizabeth Costello relayed a summary of the comments to the Board.
  1. There is no consensus on the 780 Baseline Road development; however the majority of responses from residents were against the development application proceeding as is
    - Among the comments that came in, most opposed the development (not all).
  2. Comments and concerns regarding the 780 Baseline development:
    - Living conditions during construction and continuing through 2034 (e.g., rats, noise impacts on mental health/abilities to work from home, blasting and rattling impact/damage to current properties),
    - Poor transitions to neighbouring properties / devaluing local properties/neighbourhoods,
    - Traffic, congestion, the safety of residents in cars, on bikes, walking accessing the property and local neighbourhood properties/locations (poor access in/out; the likelihood of accidents), parking overflows in local neighbourhoods, particularly with poor bus transportation (poor bus service/rapid transit is years away); traffic study completed during lockdown so misrepresentative,
    - Low capacity of infrastructure/ sewer, water, and stormwater systems (there are ditches in some surrounding neighbourhoods); servicing studies incomplete- based on 'assumed use' of pipes/does not confirm system/flow routes, nor the impact on ditches,
    - Shadowing, wind impacts, little green space - studies are misleading and incomplete, according to residents.
    - The site plan includes expensive units (not plans to house families or affordable housing); what does mixed-use mean (how many units will be affordable, what will be office versus retail space, will it create a 15-minute neighbourhood?)
  3. No input on the Infrastructure Master Plan

#### 6. **Councillor Brockington's Report (10mins)**

- Development application search <https://devapps.ottawa.ca/en/>
- 780 Baseline, developer working on a response
- 111 POW – parking lot possible 27th of October
- Paving has been completed, Ortona and Meadowlands at Prince of Wales will be completed soon at the end of November
- Camera for speed on Fisher near the school will be live soon
- Arnot sidewalk improvement, corner at Dynes difficult and mature trees are in danger
- Rats on Claymore, City assesses rats are travelling above ground

- Ditch alteration policy, inspection provided a poor report that was less than expected and Councilor is waiting for the new report

Q. Carleton Square residents are paying over \$7K per year for rat control. Locals are getting cats as pets which creates different problems in gardens. Rats moving from Claymore. Outdoor poisoning affecting pets. Bait in the sewer not taken up so not in our infrastructure and considered beyond the City's responsibility, is that right?

A. All that is left is a communications campaign.

Q. Claymore had street torn up and rats appearing. Any more reports on coyotes? Foxes? Porcupines? They seem to have migrated to Riverside South.

A. City hired a naturalist to assess what is going on.

Q. Regarding the 780 Baseline development, what is the Councillor's perspective and when is it expected at Planning Committee and when is the developer breaking ground?

A. There is no date for the Planning Committee. There will be more changes expected at this time prior to Planning Committee. Have not yet heard back from the developer on it. Will talk to the planner on a ball park date.

Q. Coyotes are at the rink. There are dead rabbits. There are many coyotes running along Normandy Cres.

A. We'll mention to the naturalist.

Q. Is the NOP approved?

A. Not yet approved by the Minister.

Q. A resident has a website and has engaged neighbours to oppose the development at 780 Baseline Road. The resident decided not to join CHARA.

A. There are some people that have come in late and not understood the City policies. We have documentation of their concerns.

Q. A truck ran all night long on Normandy.

A. Yvele will resend an email to the Councillor.

Q. Mike is considering moving the boards for the rink, but it may affect lighting. A. Perhaps we can change the leveling of the field for the rink?

A. Unknown, follow-up with Rink administrators.

## 7. **Financial Report -Elizabeth C.**

- A positive financial position with no new expenses at this time.
- All bank charges received have been credited.
- The CHARA CGL insurance policy is now active at no cost to the association. This CPIP expense was covered by the City of Ottawa. The City of Ottawa administration plans to review the CPIP (and CGL insurance coverage expenses) again in 2023
- Rink RFP will reopen this year; let's be sure to support the Rink Committee to apply.
- The Rink Committee asks Councillor Brockington to support the leveling of the field to ease maintenance of the rink.

8. **Executive Elections.**

- Yvele Paquette, resigned as President.
- Rachel Vincent and Kurt West are moving out of the area. Both have a 1 year left in their term. Therefore, two positions are open for a 1-year term.
- Patrick Diotte was nominated by Yvele Paquette and Elizabeth Anderson seconded the nomination. Patrick accepted the nomination.
- Lorraine moved Patrick as a Director of the CHARA Board and unanimously moved by other Board members attending. Patrick Diotte was nominated by Elizabeth Anderson as Secretary. Elizabeth Costello seconded. CHARA Board unanimously moved by other Board members attending.
- President – bring back at the next meeting
- Vice President Elizabeth Anderson, 2 years
- Treasurer, Residential and Municipal Affairs, Elizabeth Costello, 1 year
- Secretary – Patrick Diotte, 2 years
- Directors at large include:
  - Mike Mack, 2 years (Rink)
  - Darren Dick, 1 year (Rink)
  - Angela Grandinetti, 2 years
  - Tim Patterson, 2 years (Residential)
  - Lorraine Neville, 1 years (Policy and Procedures)

9. **Date for next meeting: October 25, 2022**

Yvele moves to adjourn the meeting 7:49 p.m. and Darren Dicks seconds it.

Adjournment