

CHARA Board Meeting MINUTES

March 22, 2022

6:30 pm

Zoom Meeting

Attendance:

Board Members: Yvele Paquette (President), Elizabeth Anderson (Vice-President), Elizabeth Costello (Treasurer), Rachel Vincent (Secretary), Lorraine Neville, Darren Dicks, Mike Mack.

Community Members: Elizabeth Cooke, Susan Baker, Rebecca Lee, Peter Organ, Jane Lund, Dave Coyle, Salma, Elaine Vininsky, Andrew Hickey (Councillor Brockington's office; River Ward).

Regrets: Kurt West, Tim Patterson, Alison Soloway.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Yvele Paquette (President) called to order the meeting at 6:35.
2. **ESTABLISH QUORUM.** Yvele declared there was a quorum.
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Lorraine moves to approve the agenda, Elizabeth A. seconded. **Motion approved as presented.**
4. **ROUNDTABLE.**
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Lorraine moves to approve minutes of February 22, as amended (to add financial report from Elizabeth Costello). Darren seconded. **Motion carried.**
6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**
 - **SECONDARY PLAN FOR BASELINE ROAD.** From Minutes arising #2, a draft SWCAA Baseline Secondary Plan and Area Zoning recommendations are underway to be presented to the Board at a later meeting.
 - **MOTION:** Elizabeth Costello moved, "That the Board has a special meeting, outside of a regularly scheduled Board meeting, to introduce the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority leadership and areas of responsibility for local water management." Seconded by Lorraine Neville. **Motion carried.**
 - **UPDATE ON SOCIAL MEDIA:** Rachel reported that the CHARA Twitter account is now active again. The next step is to create an Instagram account. **Action:** Rachel to ask Councillor Brockington to do shout-out on his account to increase the number of CHARA followers.
7. **Community Garden.** Rachel reported that Councillor Brockington has referred CHARA to Just Food, as they have a Community Gardening Network. Kurt took a workshop with Just Food to learn how to create a community garden. This project will take at least a year to launch. Rachel proposed a **motion** to make Kurt and Rachel V the leads of a subcommittee on a community garden. **Motion carried.** As a first step towards a community garden, a meeting will be organized with interested individuals in the CHARA community: Peter, Liz C., Elizabeth C., Jane and others.
8. **COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** *Forthcoming.*
9. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** The bank authorities successfully transferred signing authority to this year's Board members on March 17, 2022. Currently, CHARA appears to be in a positive financial position (surplus); however, Board members have not submitted

all expenses for the year. Please fill out the remittance form sent to you by email earlier this month and provide me with the receipts to receive payment.

10. UPDATE ON THE RINK: Rink over for the season. Lost three shovels this season. Darren has the list of who did the rink volunteer positions (supervision, cleaning, etc.). **Action:** Darren informs us that CHARA will pay **student** rink volunteers \$15/hour and others an honorarium. **Elizabeth Cooke** volunteers to house the shovels and some rakes over the summer.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

- Lorraine discusses a new Ontario Act. Lorraine advised the Board that the new Ontario Corporation Act seeking compliance by Oct 2024 does not apply to CHARA, as we are incorporated under Canada Corporation Act. Elizabeth A. recommends striking a committee to review the Bylaws and bring suggestions of changes to make to the Board.
- Elizabeth A. made a presentation on our behalf (March 16) to the Federation of Citizens Association of Ottawa (FCA). Introduced who we are, and our concerns with the New Official Plan: three main issues – transportation, street and pedestrian safety and issues with stormwater and wastewater management. Alex Cullen, head of FCA, gave our organization a positive shout-out.
- Lorraine suggests holding a BBQ in June or August if COVID is restrictions are not necessary. Others note that previous BBQ's were planned starting in January or February. Rachel, Elizabeth and Darren are supportive of doing a BBQ and maybe a porch sale in September. Elizabeth C moves **motion** to do the BBQ + porch sale in September. **Seconded** by Elizabeth A. The CHARA Board agreed that there will be a BBQ in September 2022, if feasible. Elizabeth C seconds it. **Motion carried.** Action: Yvele and Rachel to do a shout-outs on Twitter and FB to see if someone would be willing to take on the leadership of the BBQ.
- **Ontario Housing Affordability Act.** Salma encourages CHARA Board to oppose to the vacancy tax. She has made a video on the topic, and notes it will harm homeowners and renters, who will have to report every year to the City. No impact analysis on the proposed tax. In Vancouver the tax was brought in 2017, almost a quarter of the supply of housing disappeared. It will impact housing prices and affects seniors, and people trying to enter the housing market. Elizabeth C: depending on the outcome tomorrow at City Council – if it passes – perhaps we could do a debrief after the outcome.

12. ADJOURNMENT: Yvele moves a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 pm. Lorraine seconds; **Motion carried.**

Next meeting: April 26, 2022, 6:30 pm

Minutes approved April 25, 2022.