

**CARLETON HEIGHTS AND AREA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
(CHARA)
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS Zoom Meeting
March 23, 2021**

ATTENDANCE

Board members: Darren Dicks, Elizabeth Anderson, Lorraine Neville, Tim Patterson, Francina Webster, Yvele Paquette Mike Mack, Adam Martin, Darren Dicks.

Members and guests: City of Ottawa: Councilor Riley Brockington, Andrew Hickey.

General public: Susan Baker, Liz Cooke, Elizabeth Costello, Ross Hadwen, Pat Lamana, Rebecca Lee, Jane Lund, Peter Organ, Mark Macaulay, Joan Morishita, Gerhard Nerge, Andrea Petryk, Rachel Vincent, Krista West, Kurt West

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Yvele moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Lorraine. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Lorraine moved to approve the minutes from February. Second by Elizabeth. Motion Carried.

Business arising from the minutes:

Procedural issues arising from last meeting : Lorraine proposed a new method of posting and distributing the minutes. Directors should review and send comments to Darren as soon as possible. **Action: all members.** Hopefully these procedures can be approved at or before the April meeting. Following is the proposed statements:

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As per By-Law 5.06 Minutes: "All minutes of Board meeting shall be available to members through web-posting and other means, unless the Board resolves that all or a portion of a Board meeting is deemed confidential, privileged, or both."

The Secretary for the meeting of the Board of Directors will forward the Draft minutes to CHARA directors for their review, corrections, additions and clarifications. The Directors will have 72 hours to make their suggested changes to the minutes.

The Secretary will revise the draft minutes as per the Directors suggestions. Any questions requiring clarification will be brought to the attention of the President for resolution.

The Secretary will arrange for the posting of the draft revised minutes to CHARA website make sure that the minutes are clearly marked DRAFT and only available to members at this time, with exceptions given to presenters, Councilor and councilor's staff.

The Secretary, will upon approval of the Board meeting minutes with any amendments, arrange for the reposting of the Approved minutes and so indicated and are official.

All approved Board meeting minutes will be available to the public on the CHARA website or by request.

Approved at the Board meeting on -----2021

Qs and As: From previous meeting:

Adam asked, what are the standards for clearing the snow from Bike Lanes. Andrew responded that the POW's bike area is not covered by the city of Ottawa.

Follow up on the presentation on degraded boulevards. Andrew said he requested that Bi-law officers come by more often in the Courtland area.

Councillor's report

The full report can be found on our website under minutes.

Items covered:

Claymor Avenue, Senio Avenue and Falaise Road
Bell Fibe Work on Rideauview Terrace and Green Valley
Official Plan Review Update
Service Line Warranties of Canada
Community Clinics
Pop-up clinics in high-priority neighbourhoods
Pop-up Clinics in Rural Communities
Vaccinations for Indigenous Community Members
OPL Services Continue While in the Red Zone
April Break Programs for Teens at OPL
Paint it Up! Mural Program
April Break In-person and Virtual Camps
Summer Camps and Programming
Transportation to Pop-Up clinics
Get COVID-19 Vaccine Updates in Your Inbox
Earth Day E-Waste Depot
Cleaning the Capital - Spring 2021

Q & A Elizabeth asked Riley to provide any engineering reports to support his reassurances that the stormwater management in Courtland Park is both sufficient to current needs and capable of managing the planned intensification targets for Courtland Park.

Action: Councillor Brockington

Strategy to deal with New Official Plan response

Report on meeting with city planners arranged by Councilor Brockington for River Ward:

Three community associations attended, including CHARA, Carlington and HuntClub/Riverside Park. Michael, Francine and Elizabeth represented CHARA.

Elizabeth Anderson reported:

- received confirmation that the Carleton Heights Secondary Plan is cancelled because it is considered 'obsolete';

- questioned the planners reasons for showing 'transitway' stations on Baseline Rd. as these did not exist;
- A. Miguelez expressed belief that this transportation corridor was expected to be in place by ~2023;
- R. Brockington confirmed for the planners, that there is no budget, timeline or work plan for this 'transportation corridor' on Baseline Rd.;
- Anderson reminded Brockington and informed planners that Courtland Park is already becoming dangerous due to the modest intensification to date;
- Anderson requested, with support from R. Brockington, a physical meeting with planners in Courtland Park to show them the existing and projected problems;
- date/time/participants for this proposed meeting not yet provided by the the Councilors office.

Francina reported:

- City planners in charge of the New OP for Ottawa presented on March 22, 2021 to some local community associations (including CHARA) and were available to answer questions.
 - The transects of the city were described (i.e., inner urban, outer urban, suburban, rural) as were the new types of multi-family, low-rise dwellings that will be (newly) permitted to be built in order to facilitate 60% intensification within the existing City limits.
 - Low-rise, multi-unit dwellings of up to 4-stories will be permitted within neighbourhoods, and up to 9-stories on arterial roads and near rapid transit corridors (unclear if infills will be required to be multi-unit, but my impression was that they would).
 - These dwellings may not be required to have sufficient parking for all residents; therefore, it is expected that over-flow will be captured as street parking.
 - It was raised that for this to be workable, the city would need to have a plan in place to clear snowbanks in the winter and supply car charging stations year-round).
 - The ultimate goal is that residents will move away from the use of cars and move toward the use of public transit, bicycles and walking.

- That notwithstanding, the plan itself does **not** to include any plans to specifically improve walking and cycling infrastructure (with Prince of Wales Drive south of Hog's Back being used as an example of a road for which there are no plans to improve infrastructure to protect the safety of cyclists of pedestrians).

- Another issue that was brought up with respect to 'mixed use' zoning for the creation of 15-minute neighbourhoods were the differences in rules that are applied to residential versus commercial properties (e.g., set-backs, fence heights, etc.).

- There was a concern that these rules would be unevenly applied to home-owners versus business owners, and that they risked changing the character of the streets.

- Finally, it was raised that multi-unit dwellings would not necessarily be "affordable".

- The city planners indicated that there would be "inclusionary zoning" near major transit corridors, which would require affordable housing to be built in those zones.

- The next version of the New OP is due to the City in August, and is scheduled to go to City Council in September.

- Councillor Riley Brockington has requested that the September date be pushed back so that residents have time to digest and provide feedback on the revised version of the document.

Financial Report: Monthly update:

Adam reported that the CHARA's current balance is \$15,140. He had received the final payment for the rink management from the city \$2,130. The majority of expenses are for labour \$2,930. **Action: Mike** will forward to Adam receipts for fuel (snowblower). Rental for the room at the community centre of \$45 was paid to the city.

AGM and BBQ: Lorraine proposed that the AGM and the BBQ be held together in September 2021. Darren second that and all agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.