

**CARLETON HEIGHTS AND AREA RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION (CHARA)
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ZOOM MEETING June 22, 2021.**

ATTENDANCE

Board Members: Darren Dicks- President, Yvele Paquette- Vice-President, Elizabeth Anderson, Lorraine Neville, Tim Patterson, and Mike Mack, Francina Webster. **Regrets:** Adam Martin - Treasurer

Members and guests: Councilor Riley Brockington, Erin McCracken (councillor's office), Jody Sunstrum, Peter Organ, Elizabeth Costello, Susan Baker, Jane Lund, Kurt West, Rachel Vincent, Yanick Charles, Iyas Salim,

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Darren called the meeting to order at 6:35pm, The President indicated that there was a quorum.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Adjusted to include an item from Peter Organ.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Darren moved to approve the minutes from May 25 and seconded by Elizabeth.
4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Proposed purpose and scope of committee for Courtland Park and the Official Plan was accepted. Procedure was proposed by Elizabeth and seconded by Lorraine. All were in favour. See below for the full document.

Membership procedures: Yvele offered to assist Lorraine with creation of the new procedures.

New Business:

Peter Organ, Debra Dynes Family House: Peter explained two programs offered require some financial assistance: 1) Summer Camp Program needs \$800 and 2) Creation of a large outdoor chess board needs \$600. The board will take a vote on how much money to send - using email this week. (Need to verify CHARA financial situation first). **Action: Peter** will provide a "blurb" to CHARA to be placed on Facebook and our website. **Action: Darren** will conduct the vote regarding financial assistance. (*Subsequent to the meeting, Adam reported via email that our bank balance is \$12,000 - Members voted by email to send \$600 to Peter.*)

Councillor's report:

- **Andrea Ward** has left Riley's office and her replacement is Rhean Wilson. (Andrea is now working elsewhere for the city). We wish her well in her new endeavours.
- **Broken water mains** occurred twice where construction is happening. Riley responded quickly to get things moved along, ie requesting city staff to contact owners, organize extra garbage pick up etc. Approximately 13 homes had flooded basements.
- **Courtland Park** will be repatriated into Carleton Heights at the next revision of the Ottawa Neighbourhood Study map. See also ONS Tim's report below.
- **Active Transportation** - The councillor's office received over 80 emails on this subject. A summary was forward to the transportation staff. There is a list containing short term and long term projects.
- **Boys and Girls club** will open July 5, 2021. There will be a 6 to 12 year old day camp that is FREE and a youth evening camp.
- **Infrastructure Courtland Park Walk about.** Councillor Riley wants all experts to be together at the same time.
- **As we Heard Document** - River Ward's information will be released this week. Riley would like to meet with each of the 6 community associations to prioritize needs and wants. Final report will be in August.
- Riley mentioned that he received some good suggestions.
- There were 4 places (areas) chosen and Riley will submit his report to the president.
- **Falaise Infill**
- **Fisher Avenue** is to be paved but no date has been decided yet.
- **Official Plan** will be released in August and public sessions will occur later in August or September.

Q and As for the Councillor

Elizabeth A. requested that a Fire Marshall be asked to join the walk about. Riley will make a request. Should not be a problem.

Francina mentioned that there is an increasing issue with boat speeds on the Rideau River, especially Sea-Doos, which presents a safety risk to the swimmers and paddlers. **Action: Councillor Brockington** will talk to Constable Jordan regarding the enforcement of the 10 km/hr speed limit on the Rideau River.

Yvele asked about the Conflict of Interest regarding Councillor Jan Harder. There is a report from the Integrity Commissioner (IC) and there are articles in the newspapers. The IC recommended that JH be reprimanded, stripped of duties as Chair of the Planning Committee and be fined. Councillor Brockington was quite concerned and said this is very serious business where colleagues are asked to comment about colleagues. He is reading the very extensive report and

will continue reading so he will be well-informed before making any decisions. The City Council will vote tomorrow on motions to support/accept the IC or not.

Elizabeth Costello's report: Repealing Courtland Park Rideauview Secondary Plan (NOP) -

Purpose is to ensure the City engages in true consultation and evidence-based planning.

Infrastructure is lacking and there is abundant evidence indicating that history has shown this to be true.

The city has ignored the evidence. The city is planning intensification but lacks the knowledge of how the stormwater and wastewater works in Courtland Park's neighbourhood.

- 1973 - Beeandbee Theatres Ltd requested rezoning from low density to medium density. (For 8 to 10 floor apt. bldg).
- Sept 21, 1973 Board of Control rejected the request 1975 New Eden Developments requested rezoning; Board rejected the request out of hand.
- Rezoning is possible once the sewer facilities are improved. The collector lines won't carry the load increase. (The main trunk sewer is capable).
- March 1983 - Auto Sky Drive In - Developers want to build 120 homes. Neighbours were assured by Board chairman Graham Bird, the city will build adequate sewers.

Call to action: offer no support for the new official plan, request Municipal Planning Act to reinstate the secondary plan; engage media.

Please see

<https://ourchara.ca/wp-content/uploads/Dark-Clouds-Hang-Over-the-Auto-Sky-A-history-of-Ottawas-first-drive-in-movie-complex--OttawaStart.pdf>

For an entertaining collection of articles pertaining to the a Short history of the Auto Sky drive-in.

Towards the end of this meeting Lorraine strongly encouraged members to make better use of the media because the city is just not listening.

ONS Tim's report - Background: the vaccination messaging that showed priority areas, incorrectly excluded part of Courtland Park from the Carleton Heights neighbourhood. Tim showed a slide where he outlined a statistical error (improper use of the clustering algorithm used) in the Ottawa Neighbourhood Study (ONS) - that saw West Courtland Park hived off from the Carleton Heights Neighbourhood and grouped with clumps of widely spaced groups of houses neighbouring the Central Experimental Farm within the Civic Hospital Neighbourhood. This error resulted in people in Courtland Park who should have been eligible for early COVID-19 vaccinations along with others in the at risk

Carleton Heights Neighbourhood were not able to get one because of this misplacement. The next official map will correct this and show the new boundaries.

BBQ - will take place September 14 along with an AGM meeting same night.

BBQ - Jody again offered to coordinate the activities and organization of the BBQ. (Note: her documentation from the previous BBQ can be found at <https://ourchara.ca/wp-content/uploads/CHARA-bbq-planning2019.pdf> (Please take a look at it in an effort to select where you can help Jody).

Riley again offered to kick in money for the BBQ. As well, we can use his newsletter to advertise both AGM and BBQ.

Forthcoming meetings:

~~The July ?? 2021 meeting is for Courtland Park. Cancelled.~~

The August 24, 2021 meeting is to deal with:

- a response the New Official Plan with the upcoming council vote
- to confirm the details for the AGM
- planning BBQ.

Ajourment 8:10 pm