

CARLETON HEIGHTS AND AREA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (CHARA)
D R A F T Minutes from the ZOOM meeting



September 22, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

Attendees: Darren Dicks (president), Elizabeth Anderson (vice president) Adam Martin (treasurer) Lorraine Neville (member at large) Francina Webster, Jeevithan M., Tim Patterson (host), Councillor Riley Brockington, River Ward, Anthony Chiarello (City of Ottawa)

Regrets: Noel Sabbagh (member at large)

Darren called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

Agenda: Lorraine moved to approve the agenda, second by Elizabeth Elizabeth had an item to add but was moved to an offline meeting because the concern was from a different ward.

Minutes: were approved by Lorraine and second by Adam

Councillor Brockington's report covered the following (***the full report is on the website***): www.ourchara.ca under meeting minutes.

- Back to School Safety
- Benefits of walking or biking to school
- Supporting Schools During COVID
- Ottawa Public Health's Role
- School Board's Role
- Mask Bylaw Update
- New Provincial Regulations for Social Gatherings
- Expanded COVID-19 Testing Hours and Locations
- Hog's Back Road Bridges
- Cannabis Retail License Application in Carleton Heights
- Road Closures Needed for Service Connections
- Approved Future Road Modification on Fisher Avenue
- Fisher Avenue (Deer Park Rd to south of Meadowlands Drive intersection)
- Fisher Avenue (Baseline Road and Malibu Terrace)
- Meadowlands Drive (Ortona Avenue to Ness Street)
- Prince of Wales Drive Asphalt
- Fraud charges to Ottawa-Based Snow Removal Companies
- Noise Exemption Granted on Fisher Avenue
- Bookmobile Has Returned
- Improvements to OC Transpo Community Pass Application Process

- Glad Cleaning the Capital Program Fall Campaign
- Tree Planting this Autumn
- Enforcement of on-street parking limits resumes
- Older Adult Summit—Autumn 2020
- River Ward E-Waste Depot: September 26
- Sign up to receive the Councillor's monthly newsletter Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca
- Mental Health - In the councillor's report you will find a variety of counselling websites and phone numbers in 7 different languages for youth, seniors, First Nations along with the kids helpline
- Financial aid - Federal, Provincial and local government

Financial report - monthly - Adam inquired about getting a third person to have cheque signing capabilities. Lorraine volunteered and will join Darren and Adam for a meeting with TD. Adam received the invoice from Yvele for internet charges. Yvele is investigating the increase in prices and a suspicious line item, with Hostpapa. Update: Hostpapa will give us a 20% discount next year. Our bank balance is currently \$10,859.07.

Summer Correspondences - Yvele reported on the emails received mainly through the email account via the *contact us* on our website.

Annual General Meeting (AGM) OCTOBER 27 - After some discussion the committee decided to use ZOOM to conduct the October meeting.

Either Tim or Anthony will be the host.

The agenda will include

- a year end Financial report,
- a report from Councillor Brockington which could include updates regarding Bus Rapid Transit and/or CIVIC hospital.
- a speaker presenting on mental health (Riley/Anthony offered to arrange a speaker for us).
- Elections For Treasurer, Secretary and Vice-president (the bi-laws on our web site show the responsibilities for each of these positions. Note: Secretary's position is out of date regarding website and Facebook tasks.

We need to give advance notice to our community members noting when the meeting will take place and what are the agenda items. For the elections part of the agenda, we need to describe what each director's positions entails - ahead of time. Anthony will look into a newsletter advertising. CHARA, seeking volunteers and the AGM agenda items if possible. Anthony will assess costs beforehand. **Action: Yvele** will provide information on Facebook.

Ward Boundaries - Every 15 years the city reviews ward boundaries. Populations affects the review. The city of Ottawa has had an increase of 100,000 people since the last review. The city

hired independent consultants with the goal to refine the wards. The city must make final decisions in December in preparation for the election in 2022 and onward. Lorraine made a motion that CHARA accepts option 6 for River Ward. Second by Darren. All members voted in favour. Darren asked Lorraine to draft a letter of support to Councillor Riley, for review by the Board..

Recruiting volunteers/new members - **brought forward to another meeting.**

Rink update - Michael Mack, CHARA's rink point person received the city's invitation to operate the rink again this year. Mike will act as a consultant/advisor to the building and maintenance of the rink. Lorraine moved that CHARA accept the invitation to build and maintain the rink with a smaller size. Second by Darren. Carried. Councillor Brockington may be able to help with advertisement for rink volunteers in his newsletter.

Other Business - A concern was raised by Francina representing herself and her neighbours. The speed of traffic on Prince of Wales at the bend is seriously dangerous. There have been accidents whereby drivers go off the road and drive onto the grass. Francina has met with Councillor Brockington seeking traffic calming methods.

Adjournment. Darren moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7.55pm, Second by Lorraine.

Next meeting: October 13 to plan the AGM
Next meeting (AGM) October 23, 2020