

ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING

MINUTES

Riverside Park Community Association

Wednesday, 25 October, 2023

Location: Hybrid meeting

Board members attendance	
Dave Coyle, President Gabriel Gonzalez, Secretary Kevin Wolfe, Treasurer	Terry Wood, Director Rob Vhoven, Director Tony Tran, Director

1. Welcome and introduction

1.1. Dave called the meeting to order reviewed meeting rules, checked for quorum, and acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on the unceded land of the Algonquin people, and reviewed the agenda (published on the website).

2. Establishing AMM quorum

2.1. Dave checked for quorum of ten fee paying members present. Quorum was established - There were 16 participants in person and 29 online.

3. Approval of the agenda and September meeting minutes

3.1. Dave reviewed the meeting [agenda](#) and moved for approval. It was seconded by Kevin.

3.2. The minutes of the September meeting were approved as uploaded on the RPCA website by Kevin and seconded by Terry.

4. Financial Report (video starts at 15:15)

4.1. As per [his report](#) Kevin gave a detailed review of the 2023 financials in a way that allows comparison with 2022 results. He also gave an overview of the tentative 2024 budget.

4.2. Kevin also explained that together with Dave and Rob, they conducted an exhaustive audit of all accounts, spending and income for the previous year and concluded that they are all in order. They also informed the

audience that anyone is welcome to review the numbers.

4.2. There was a discussion on whether the RPCA should run a profit or not. Kevin explained that the board is open to discuss spending, although in a gradual manner. Terry also underscored that the savings the RPCA has are a reflection of decades of prudent management of the association and that any money spent now would likely not be replaced.

4.3. Dave also raised the need for the RPCA to comply with the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporation Act. He explained that this will have a cost, including for an external audit, especially if the RPCA ever wants to apply for a grant.

4.4. Terry identified two follow-up items:

- Whether the RPCA needs to become compliant with the ONCA and if so how;
- The need to address the issue of the 5-year audit as mentioned in the RPCA's by-laws.

Votes:

- **Terry moved to approve the 2023 finances. It was seconded by Tony**
- **Terry moved to approve the 2024 tentative budget. It was seconded by Tony**

5. Councilor's report (video starts at 47:30)

5.1. The Councilor reported on the latest local updates as per [his report](#).

He touched upon development issues, including the Brigil plans, St Pats home, The Docks at Mooney's Bay, Confederation Heights, the Revalie, and the Trilium line.

He also gave a brief update on the airport parkway expansion, explaining that City Council doesn't have funds to finance the whole project, so is currently focused on the off-ramp at Walkley Road. The City Council's motion on this included the funding for the off-ramp, protected intersection, MUP and traffic circle to move forward. Parsons has focused on Walkley Road. People have raised concerns about the traffic impact of the proposed modifications to WWR. The Councilor reiterated that City staff believe that opening the off-ramp ahead of the parkway widening will increase traffic to a level WWR will not be able to absorb. **The Councilor announced an upcoming town hall with revised plans for WWR in December.**

Other issues raised by the Councilor include the August rain storm flooding, his plans to survey residents on parking restrictions during summer festival times, updates on plans to modernise the Mooney's Bay pavilion and Wildlife Strategy Review.

5.2. Q&A

In the ensuing Q&A, the Councilor detailed the City's plans to increase preparedness from increasingly strong storms and explained how he expects Hydro Ottawa to be better prepared and report on this preparedness publicly. He also indicated he would like to have a clearer picture of how community groups can step up to help in the case of a longer power outage.

The Councilor was also asked about the timeline and budget for the Mooney's Bay pavilion revamping, which remains unclear, and his views on the Lansdowne 2.0. Project, on which his opinion was not set yet. He also explained the proactive work the City does to maintain the sewer system and prevent infrastructure failure.

Terry highlighted that City staff indicated that the resulting traffic increase from un-widened airport parkway off ramp would not be significantly greater and still within City parameters and asked that any chances to the comprehensive vision presented by the City earlier in the year need to be properly explained to allow for a balanced and factual discussion. The Councilor stressed that safety is a priority with this project and noted that this is a project that originated in the community by the community which called for traffic calming measures.

6. Election of directors (video starts at 1:53:26)

6.1. Pursuant to the by-laws, a nomination committee was formed, composed of Terry and Tony. Five directors' terms were up, four indicated a willingness to serve another term. A number of potential candidates were approached by the nominating committee. Two members would like to stand for election.

The nomination committee proposed Dave to stand again for Revelstoke. Rob and John Vassi Nagy stood for election in Mooney's Bay. Gabriel Gonzalez was the candidate for General Vanier. Kevin re-presented himself for the Riverside Park West, while Marianne joined Riverside Park East.

Terry added that two spots remain open. He then asked if there were any other members in the audience who would like to seek election to the board. Nobody came forward. Terry noted that people can join the board outside of the AMM, although the nomination would stand only to the next AMM.

Terry moved to adopt the proposed slate of candidates by acclamation. It was approved.

7. Community outreach (video starts 2:02:05)

7.1. Gabriel drew attention to the survey which accompanied the October edition of the Newsletter. The goal of the survey is to better understand who the RPCA reaches and the interests of the community.

8. Activity updates (video starts 2:06:23)

8.1. There was a brief discussion on upcoming events, including Winter-Fest and Rinks, Summer-Community Gardens, Fall Fest, Pumpkins for the Planet, Christmas Dinner and Santa.

9. Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 13th, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment

Dave moved a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was unanimously approved.

Motion carried.

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