



# RPCA MEETING

## MINUTES

### Riverside Park Community Association

Wednesday, 10 January, 2024  
Location: Hybrid meeting

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

#### 1. Welcome and call to order

- 1.1. Dave called the meeting to order, and recognized that it took place on unceded Algonquin Anishinaabe land. The [agenda](#) was approved by Terry, seconded by Kevin.
- 1.2. The [minutes](#) of the December meeting were approved by Dave and seconded by Kevin.
- 1.3. **Financial report** (video starts at 8:04) – Kevin reviewed the financials for the month ending on 31 December 2023, which included the first payment received from the City for rink management. Total spending for the month stood just below \$500. Full report available [here](#).

Terry moved to approve the report, it was seconded by Dave.

- 1.4. **Insurance for community events** (video starts at 12:27) – Dave explained on-going discussions with the city on the Community Partner Insurance Programme (CPIP). By June 2024, the RPCA will be required to apply for the insurance and tell the city the number of planned events and community gatherings.

Dave invited anyone interested to contact him to form a working group to prepare the RPCA's application by June.

- 1.5. **ONCA Compliance (video starts at 14:42)** – Dave explained that the RPCA bylaws need to comply with ONCA by October 2024.

## 2. **New Business** (video starts at 16:10)

- 2.1. Dave listed a number of upcoming activities, including community gardens (see [event plan](#)), rinks, fall festival, garage sale (25 May), park festivals, and the relocation of the Brigil mural.
- 2.2. **Transportation report** (video starts at 26:30) Terry led a discussion following the city's presentation of the Walkley Road traffic calming plan. He gave an overview of the city's presentation and Q&A, highlighting that views remain divided about the main aspects of the project and expressing concern over the disproportionate attention to the use of cars and the lack of attention to safety during the presentation.

Terry stressed that the off-ramp will transfer traffic issues from the Mooney's Bay area to West Walkley Road as stated in the 2016 environmental assessment, which also made it clear that the tradeoff would be traffic calming measures on West Walkley Road.

Terry also noted the significant interest in other ways to address speeding on West Walkley Road, including photo radar, although it is clear that as things stand, Walkley, as an arterial road, does not qualify for radar or other traffic calming measures.

Terry also welcomed the city's efforts to address all concerns raised during the consultations, including cut-through traffic on adjacent streets, which need further consideration.

The ensuing exchange reflected similar views on the project, with some in favour, while others questioned the need for the traffic calming or expressed concern over certain aspects of the project as it currently stands (i.e. cut through traffic, questioning the city's data, etc).

Following extensive discussion, Terry proposed that the Board adopt a resolution on the 'Airport Parkway Off-Ramp, West Walkley Road Modifications and related matters'. After some further discussion and several changes to the proposed resolution, the Board adopted the resolution by consensus. The Board also supported Terry's offer for the Transportation Committee to prepare comments from RPCA back to the City to follow-up on the 'Project Update' community meeting and subsequent discussions, which would include comments of concern about the project received by RPCA, with the comments paper to be approved by the Board.

## 3. **Councillor's report** (video starts at 1:10:30)

- 3.1. Councillor briefly went through his [report](#), starting with an update on Walkley Road. He acknowledged the concerns raised during the public consultation meeting, including the net increase of wait time for vehicles to turn from Walkley southbound onto McCarthy, the need to review intersection of Walkley and Wexford, the afternoon rush hour left-turning restriction onto Wexford and secondary impact on Avoncourt, as well as mitigation for cut-through traffic on Southmore, Thorndale and Provost. He invited everyone to send their remarks to the city by January 2022. In terms of timing, he expected the project to be completed by 2027.

He then reviewed changes in his office, and went through development updates. He committed to doing a festival parking restriction survey with residents who live North of Walkley. Other aspects of his report include an update on the Mooney's Bay toboggan hill, immunisation clinics, and his contacts with the police's neighbourhood response teams. He also reviewed upcoming events in his ward.



- 3.2. The following Q&A was mostly focused on the Walkley Road modifications plan. The Councilor once again acknowledge concerns and promised to pressure city staff to provide detailed answers to all questions sent before 22 January.

**4. Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 14th, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.**

**5. Adjournment**

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

**Motion carried.**

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