



RPCA MEETING

MINUTES

Riverside Park Community Association

Wednesday, 13 March 2024

Location: Hybrid meeting

Board members attendance	
Dave Coyle, President Tony Tran, Vice President Rob Vhoven, Director	Terry Wood, Director John Mark Vassy Nagy, Director Gabriel Gonzalez, Secretary

1. Welcome and call to order

- 1.1. Dave called the meeting to order, and recognized it taking place on unceded Algonquin Anishinaabe land. The [agenda](#) was approved by Terry, seconded by Dave.
- 1.2. Dave explained that due to Kevin's absence, the financials will be reviewed during the April meeting. Likewise, the minutes of the February meeting will be prepared in time for the April meeting.
- 1.3. **Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA) compliance** (video starts at 08:11) – Dave explained the need to update the RPCA by-laws to comply with ONCA by August 2024 and announced it will be the main topic of discussion for the April and May meetings.

John provided the board with a [draft of the revised by-laws](#) to be approved at the April meeting. Amendments to the by-laws will need the approval of at least 80% of the people present at a Special Meeting of the Members attended by at least 10 members in good standing, with the proposed changes publicized at least ten days in advance of the Special Meeting of the Members. John also highlighted the need for an audit, or for the board to waive the requirement at the next meeting. John suggested voting on two motions at the coming meeting, one waiving the audit until the next annual general meeting, and another waiting the audit requirement for the following year.

Dave reminded that corporate compliance is necessary to receive insurance from the City, which covers the liability of skating rinks, community gardens and other activities the RPCA may wish to organise.

The board agreed to have a more substantive discussion on the by-laws at a meeting on March 27 to prepare for the discussion on the by-laws at the April meeting. Dave invited all members to send their comments based on the draft shared on the RPCA website. Terry reminded the board of the need for a summary of each amendment as per existing by-laws and asked for an annotated version of the revised by-law. John stressed that all he did was make sure the updated by-laws are consistent with ONCA and nothing else.

2. Ward updates (video starts at 41:45)

- 2.1. **Councilor Report** (video starts at 42:40) - Andrew briefly went through the [Councilor's report](#), including events hosted by his office, development update and Council meeting discussions.
- 2.2. **Summer Festival parking** (video starts at 53:20) - Dave drew attention to the [survey on summer festivals parking](#) and warned that the issue is likely to grow because of intensification.
- 2.3. **Minor/Major Capital Programs** (video starts at 56:50) - Dave wondered about opportunities for the RPCA to become active in that area.
- 2.4. Dave also shared details of the plans for the **Mooney's Bay beach pavilion** and hoped the City will ask the RPCA for functional input.
- 2.5. Terry encouraged everyone to look at the city's flood report and highlighted that the City has some programmes to help residents improve their drainage and get rid of excess water.
- 2.6. There was a brief discussion on the impact of the value village redevelopment on Riverside Park, notably with regards to traffic on Walkley Road in the context of the West Walkley Road redesign. The discussion continued on the need to keep an eye on intensification projects and their impact on existing infrastructure.

3. Community updates (video starts at 1:13:20)

- 3.1. Rob announced that all the rinks are officially closed after another trying year. He expressed his gratitude on behalf of the RPCA for the volunteer's commitment.
- 3.2. Tony encouraged residents to be extra careful with vehicle thefts. Dave gave an update on the food security - Hub and Nodes. The most needed items include canned and dried goods, snacks and breakfast supplies and condiments.

Dave advertised the Riverside Park Seed and Seedling Exchange on Saturday May 18, 2024 at Ernie Calcutt Park. Marianne explained they are looking for extra seeds and seedlings and people who have extra window space as well as volunteers for help on the day of the event.

In terms of other events, Dave highlighted the fall festiva planned on September 7 and cohosted by the Hunt Club Community Association and RPCA. In Riverside Park, the garage sale will go ahead on May 25.

- 3.3. Dave noted that the community mural that had been located on the Brigil site needs to be moved and invited residents to offer suggestions on where to place it.

4. Community Design Update (video starts at 1:36:20)

- 4.1. Dave reported that the City will start consulting with community associations earlier in the development process. There will be a new community association engagement process.

5. Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 10th, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.



6. Adjournment

Dave moved a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gabriel seconded.

Motion carried.

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