

RPCA MEETING

MINUTES

Riverside Park Community Association

Wednesday, 9 April 2025

Location: Online meeting

Board members attendance	
Dave Coyle, President Gabriel Gonzalez, Secretary Kevin Wolfe, Treasurer	Rob Vhoven, Director Marianne Ariganello, Director Brendan Ray, Director John Vassi Nagy, Director

1. Welcome and call to order

- 1.1. Dave called the meeting to order, and recognized it taking place on unceded Algonquin Anishinaabe land and explained that the minutes of the previous meeting were prepared with AI. Dave and Kevin moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Rob.

2. Financials (video starts at 8:30)

- 2.1. Kevin reviewed the financials for the 2 months ending on 31 March 2025. The RPCA got its final cheque from the City for the same amount as last year. He also noted that interest rates are going down. Overall, the budget is exactly where expected.
- 2.2. Rob commented on the rinks season as the rinks were open longer than initially expected given the good weather conditions. He thanked all the volunteers who maintained the rinks throughout the winter. Rob asked the Board for support in organising a pizza party to thank the rink supervisors. Kevin indicated that was included in the budget.
- 2.3. **Dave moved motion to approve the financials, seconded by Rob.**

3. President's update (video starts at 17:36)

- 3.1. Dave presented a tracker of building projects and a calendar of social activities in the neighborhood and key city planning milestones (i.e. TMP). He also called for volunteers for upcoming events. Dave also

discussed the community gardens, green initiatives, and the volunteer appreciation for the Brookfield Community Food Cupboard.

4. Community Gardens update (video starts at 37:45)

- 4.1. Marianne gave an update on upcoming events from the RPCA garden committee and how people can get involved. Upcoming events include the seedling and seed giveaway (May 17th), garden tours (July & August) and the give it away weekend for garden utensils.
- 4.2. Longer term plans include identifying collaborations for permanent community gardens.
- 4.3. Marianne also called on neighbours to loan sunny windows to grow seedlings before the May 17th giveaway and to help build the community gardens. The RPCA garden committee is looking for commercial land that can be transformed into a food garden to help combat food insecurity. She called on people who have contacts to reach out to the garden committee. Finally, Marianne called for volunteers for the RPCA "YardShare" program.

5. Ward update (video starts at 54:30)

- 5.1. Abbie Simpson went through the Councilor's update, mentioning notably the Docks at Mooney's Bay which is expecting to break ground on the town homes shortly, the Saint Patrick Home which is looking to expand, and the Bank and Walkley Plaza for which a formal application has been received (approx 1300 new units).
- 5.2. Abbie also gave updates on the OC Transpo new ways to bus. She also gave a quick update on the final phase of the TMP. Some of the priority projects include the airport parkway and the baseline rapid bus corridor. Public engagement on the draft plan happening between March and May 2025. The second draft of the comprehensive zoning by-law is also available on the engage Ottawa website.
- 5.3. Finally, Abbie reviewed upcoming events, including the river ward community breakfast, earth day event and mother's day high tea.
- 5.4. There was a discussion with the Councilor on the importance of the Walkley Plaza redevelopment and the MUP on the west side of the airport parkway.

6. Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 11th, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.

7. Adjournment

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