

# Meeting summary for RPCA June 2025 Board Meeting (06/11/2025)

## Quick recap

The June Board Meeting began with introductions and updates on local wildlife issues before officially starting at 7:00 PM with quorum present, despite some initial audio issues. The board reviewed financial updates, community engagement activities, and discussed important amendments to their articles regarding membership classifications. The meeting covered various community events and activities, development plans for different areas, and concluded with updates on zoning applications, parking restrictions, and upcoming events requiring volunteer support.

## Next steps

- [Dave to send a letter to both David McInty and Yasir Naqvi regarding the NCC's development plans for the Southern corridor.](#)
- [Riley to look into strategies to address concerns about rezoning of lands around McCarthy woods and plan a public session in the fall.](#)
- [Riley to investigate a potential budget motion to reinstate some service on Route 92.](#)
- [Riley to ask the Docks development to clear the sidewalk along Riverside Drive on the east side.](#)
- [John to obtain signatures from Dave and Gabriel for the amendment to the articles and file the form with the Ontario government.](#)
- [Kevin to send an email to board members to schedule a planning meeting for upcoming events, including the Fun Day.](#)
- [Board members to commit to volunteering for upcoming events to support Marianne.](#)

## Summary

### June Board Meeting: Wildlife Updates

The June Board Meeting began with introductions, including welcoming Yasir to the team. Dave noted that Marianne was absent due to double duty with other meetings. The group discussed local wildlife issues, including rat sightings in Carlton Heights and Brendan's dog's encounter with a porcupine. The meeting officially started at 7:00 PM, with quorum present. Brendan and RVH experienced audio issues that were later resolved.

### Community Engagement Strategy Update

The board discussed recent changes in their community engagement activities, with Dave noting they now spend more time in development meetings with city officials and less time in board meetings. They reviewed the agenda and minutes from the previous meeting, with Kevin and John confirming their acceptance. The board also mentioned plans to hear from Yasir around the halfway point of the

agenda, and Dave highlighted an important amendment to their articles that would allow for different membership classifications, particularly for younger people in the Brookfield community.

### **Financial Update and Budget Review**

Kevin presented the financial update for April and May, highlighting that memberships will expire this summer and members will receive renewal notices. He noted new memberships and garden plot rentals, with most plots filled. Kevin explained that \$586 from the garden seedling drive will be donated to the Brookfield Community Center, pending final confirmation. He also discussed increased advertising and marketing expenses due to new banner purchases and a table boss, as well as bank fees and software costs. The organization is still in the positive for the year, with about \$429 left for spending by the end of July. Dave moved to accept the budget, and Rob seconded the motion.

### **Riverside Park Community Events Update**

Dave provided updates on various community events and activities in Riverside Park and surrounding areas. He mentioned upcoming events like the Brookfield Community Food Cupboard bake sale, the Fun Day on August 16th, and the Pumpkin Fest on November 1st. Dave also highlighted the board's involvement in planning and zoning workshops, public advisory committees, and environmental initiatives. He emphasized the importance of creating a "complete community" and noted that Riverside Park interfaces with eight other wards, making it a central hub for community activities.

### **Community Design and Development Strategies**

Dave discussed the need for a complete community design, emphasizing the importance of density and intensity in development projects. He highlighted the Norberry development, which will increase the population from 1,400 to 2,000 people, and compared it to other cities to show its moderate density. Dave recommended increasing the height of low-rise buildings and incorporating commercial spaces to create a balanced community. He also addressed the need for investment in River Ward, mentioning its low investment level compared to other wards and the potential use of facilities like high-speed rail and LRT. Dave expressed concern about the environmental rating and equity index in Riverside Park, and mentioned the need to review and protect assets, particularly the Southern corridor, also known as the Hydro Corridor.

### **Community Garden Fundraiser Update**

Marianne reported on the successful seedling fundraiser and giveaway, which raised over \$500 and provided over 500 seedlings, with proceeds going to the Brookfield Community Food Cupboard. She announced a new yard share initiative on Dupont Street with six garden beds available for \$30 per year, and mentioned an additional donation of three garden beds for growing vegetables for donation to food cupboards and emergency food centers. Marianne encouraged volunteers to help with weeding, excess vegetable donations, and the upcoming August 16th Fun Day event, which will require volunteers both before and during the event.

## **New MP Outlines Priorities**

The conversation ended with Yasir introducing himself as the new Member of Parliament for Riverside Park and outlining his priorities, including housing development, green space preservation, and downtown revitalization. Yasir emphasized his commitment to community engagement and provided contact information for his office. The group discussed concerns about the National Capital Commission's development plans for the southern corridor and agreed to send a letter to Yasir and Riley regarding these issues.

## **Confederation Heights Development Updates**

Riley discussed the development plans for Confederation Heights, which will become its own neighborhood, with a public advisory committee meeting scheduled for June 24th. He mentioned that the project at Mooney's Bay is progressing daily, while work at Brazil has slowed down due to issues with the city and local residents. Riley also talked about Norberry Residences' application for a height deviation to allow for an additional floor in their proposed medium-rise apartment buildings. He noted that the current covered parking garage will be demolished by the end of the year, and arrangements are being made to accommodate tenants with special needs. Riley plans to meet with Saint Pat's new executive director and continue pushing for a public session before construction starts. Finally, he mentioned a new zoning application for a residential development at Hunt Club, owned by Tiger Developments, which will be presented at the planning and housing committee next week.

## **Summer Parking Restrictions and Updates**

Riley discussed the distribution of a flyer about summer parking restrictions in Riverside Park and surrounding streets, which will be in effect from mid-June to Labor Day. He mentioned the closure of Heron Road between Bank and Alta Vista, with a detour via Walkley Road, expected to last until the end of August. Riley also provided an update on consultations for the Mooney's Bay Pavilion project, noting a significant decrease in public response compared to previous years. He mentioned that the proposed pickleball court might be canceled due to its proximity to residential areas, and the need to consider an alternative amenity in the future.

## **Community Projects and Zoning Updates**

Riley discussed concerns about the delayed construction of a park due to inflation, highlighting the need to address the issue to avoid shortchanging the community. He provided updates on the airport parkway widening project, beach operating times, and changes in water testing frequency by public health. Riley also addressed the comprehensive zoning bylaw review, expressing concerns about the potential reclassification of lands around McCarthy Woods and plans for a public session in the fall. He mentioned ongoing discussions with community leaders and the need to inform the public about zoning changes. Finally, Riley provided updates on transit concerns, an upcoming older adult summit, and the Dragon Boat Festival.

## **Board Meeting: Articles and Events**

The board discussed the amendment to the articles, which was passed at the last annual general meeting and requires John to file the necessary form with the Ontario government for \$130. John explained that once the articles are amended, the bylaw will be effective, allowing for multiple classes of members including student memberships. Kevin reminded the board about the need for a planning meeting to discuss upcoming events, particularly the fun day, and emphasized the importance of securing commitments from board members and volunteers to help with event organization. Marianne encouraged everyone to participate in events, highlighting the rewarding experience of volunteering.

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