

RPCA MEETING MINUTES
Riverside Park Community Association
Wednesday, 10 December 2025
Location: Online (Zoom)

Board members attendance	
Dave Coyle, President Kevin Wolfe, Treasurer Marianne Ariganello, Director	Rob Vhoven, Director John Mark Vassy Nagy, Director

1. Meeting highlights

- **Community Focus:** The December meeting emphasized community engagement, volunteerism, and committee formation rather than formal board business.
 - **Green Space Protection:** Significant concern was raised regarding proposed zoning changes affecting NCC lands near McCarthy Woods and the Southern Corridor. Advocacy efforts are underway, with collaboration across community and environmental groups.
 - **Financial Update:** The association reported a short-term seasonal deficit typical for this time of year, with stable investments and anticipated winter rink revenue.
 - **Gardens & Green Initiatives:** The Garden Committee is seeking volunteers and planning activities including a seedling exchange, garden tours, and planter stewardship.
 - **Rinks & Winter Recreation:** Community rinks are being prepared, but additional volunteers—especially for Paget Park—are urgently needed.
 - **Food Security:** The Brookfield Community Food Cupboard is facing increased demand and reduced purchasing power; partnerships and youth engagement opportunities are being explored.
 - **City & Ward Updates:** Councillor Brockington provided a detailed update on the City budget, zoning by-law review, transportation projects, and major developments affecting River Ward.
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2. Key Dates & Upcoming Events

- **December 17:** Zoning By-law Review Committee meetings begin (public delegations welcome)
- **December 21:** “Santa’s Nice List” posted on RPCA Facebook
- **January 20:** Public meeting – Confederation Heights redevelopment
- **January 22:** Public meeting – ALTO
- **January (TBD):** Garden Committee planning meeting
- **February 14 (Tentative):** Community Winter Festival (volunteers needed)