

RPCA MEETING

MINUTES

Riverside Park Community Association

Wednesday, 11 February 2025

Location: Online (Zoom)

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

1. Meeting summary

- The board meeting focused on several key updates and discussions, including the passing of former president Joel Duff, financial reports for December and January, and plans for extending rink operations into March. Marianne presented updates on the garden committee's activities, including seedling giveaways and a compost fundraiser.
- Councilor Brockington provided a comprehensive report on city matters, highlighting the comprehensive zoning by-law review, the Walkley Road off-ramp project, and ongoing efforts to protect public lands. The board expressed concerns about the impact of the Walkley Road changes on traffic and cycling infrastructure, leading to a decision to invite city staff to present their plans at the next meeting.

2. Details

- **Opening:** The meeting opened with a moment of silence to honour the passing of former RPCA President Joel Duff. The minutes of the December meeting were then accepted and the agenda approved.
- **Financial update:** Kevin provided an update on financials showing similar revenues to the previous year. He noted higher expenses due to snowblower maintenance and extended rink operations. The Board agreed to open the rink huts during Family Day

and continue supervised operations through the March break, with J&R providing snow clearing services to support rink operations.

- **Gardens & Green Initiatives:** Marianne presented updates on several garden committee initiatives, including a seedling giveaway and fundraiser scheduled for May 16th, where participants can donate seeds, grow seedlings, or volunteer.
- She announced the launch of the Lonely Mitten Project with one collection site in Mooney's Bay and discussed plans for a compost fundraiser to support their yard share program, with pre-orders available at \$10 per 50-liter bin.
- Marianne indicated that the Gardens committee is seeking volunteers for both events, particularly for the compost delivery and pickup process.
- **Councillor's updates:** Councillor Brockington provided updates on the comprehensive by-law review, the NCC's southern corridor, and the Walkley Road redesign.
- On Walkley Road, Councillor Brockington informed the Board that the city will be proceeding with the off-ramp construction but that bike infrastructure plans were scrapped because of provincial legislation. Participants expressed their concern at this announcement and the Councillor agreed to have City staff present the reviewed plan at the next Board meeting.
- The Councillor also announced plans for a public meeting on March 30th on the reopening of the Mooney's Bay Hill.
- In other updates, the Councillor touched on OC Transpo reliability issues, upcoming events and community initiatives.