

Meeting summary

Quick recap

This was a board meeting of the Riverside Park Community Association held to discuss community updates, financial reports, and upcoming events. Dave provided opening remarks about the meeting schedule changes, noting that the annual general meeting would move from October 14th to November 11th to accommodate a new councillor, and announced that there would be no July or August board meetings but community activities would continue. Kevin presented financial updates showing the association brought in over \$2,000 from garden plot rentals and soil/seed day events, with successful compost fundraising generating an additional \$600 beyond covering their own compost needs, though the year-to-date finances remained slightly negative due to rink expenses. Riley provided extensive council updates covering various local developments including airport parkway improvements, the docs construction progress, Heron Road renewal work, and concerns about the Brookfield pedestrian bridge replacement scheduled for autumn. Marianne shared details about the highly successful seedling day and compost fundraising event, highlighting the need for more volunteers to support future community initiatives, particularly noting that most current garden team members were over 60 years old. The conversation ended with discussion of an upcoming June 23rd meeting with MP Yasser to discuss prioritization between green space preservation and development opportunities, focusing on comparing natural areas versus parking lots in Confederation Heights.

Next steps

Abbie

- [Attend the upcoming meeting with the local MP regarding the McCarthy Woods-McCarthy Corridor \(Southern Corridor\) and continue to represent the office at relevant meetings.](#)
- [Monitor and update the community via the Engage Ottawa page regarding any new developments or public releases related to the Mooneys Bay Pavilion project.](#)

Dave

- [Post the briefing package and relevant maps on the website in advance of the June 23rd community meeting with Yasser and Riley, focusing on land development prioritization and green space.](#)
- [Send and finalize the letter to Yasser \(MP\) regarding the June 23rd meeting, focusing on the theme of land development prioritization.](#)

Marianne

- [Meet with city staff to discuss the possibility of planting native plants as understory to the newly planted trees on Riverside Drive, and explore solutions for maintaining the area around the trees.](#)

- [Continue outreach for volunteers, especially for garden and event activities, and coordinate with community members and Brookfield students for future events.](#)

Riley

- [Follow up with Yassir \(MP\) and other elected representatives regarding potential federal/provincial funding for the Mooneys Bay Pavilion redevelopment, and share any updates on funding or the release of the final design report.](#)

Collaboration

- [Riley/Abbie: Share results of the Provo Drive traffic survey with the community once the survey period ends.](#)
- [Riley/Abbie: Provide ample advance notice to the community \(River Ward and Capital Ward residents\) regarding the replacement of the Brookfield Pedestrian Bridge over Sawmill Creek in the autumn.](#)
- [Riley/Abbie: Share detailed information about the driveway hump program for flood mitigation with interested Riverside Park homeowners as needed.](#)

Summary

Board Meeting Updates and Initiatives

The board meeting achieved quorum with 4 of 7 members present, including Dave, Kevin, Rob, and Riley. The group approved the agenda and minutes from the previous April meeting, which were generated using AI technology. Key updates were shared about upcoming events, including moving the annual members meeting from October 14th to November 11th, and discussing a new hydroponic farm initiative at Brookfield's Green Industries that will produce about an acre of lettuce annually once all three farms are operational in September.

Financial Performance Review Meeting

Kevin presented the financials for the past two months, highlighting a significant increase in income due to garden plot rentals and a successful soil and seed day event that brought in over \$2,000. He noted that while the organization made more in revenue than expenses for the period, the year-to-date financials show a slight deficit mainly due to rink operations. Marianne approved the financials, with Rob seconding the approval.

Local Development and Traffic Updates

Riley provided updates on several local development projects, including the airport parkway off-ramp work starting in summer 2026 with lane reductions on Walkley Road, and a survey of Provo Drive residents about potentially making it one-way to address expected cut-through traffic. Construction continues at The Docks development with new residents moving in, and Heron Road off-ramps will be repaved this summer with nighttime work approved. Riley also announced that the Brookfield Pedestrian Bridge will be replaced in October or November, and discussed recent incidents at

Mooneys Bay including a child rescue and stabbing, clarifying that neither incident occurred at the park itself.

Riverside Park Development Updates

Riley reported that there are 110 properties in Riverside Park and discussed the renaming of the "Southern Corridor" to "McCarthy Woods-McCarthy Corridor" to align with NCC terminology. Riley mentioned an upcoming meeting with their local MP at the end of the month and shared a conversation with NCC CEO Toby Nussbaum about concerns over the NCC's plans to declare green space surplus for residential development. Riley also provided updates on Ottawa 200 events and upcoming activities in Riverside Park.

Mooney's Bay Pavilion Project Updates

The meeting focused on updates regarding the Mooney's Bay Pavilion project, where Craig expressed disappointment about the lack of funding commitments despite previous promises from federal and provincial representatives. Riley explained that while elected officials have been supportive, no firm funding commitments have been received, and suggested following up with Yassir in an upcoming meeting. Marianne reported on the successful seedling day event which raised over \$400, including \$160 donated to the Brookfield community food cupboard, and highlighted the need for more volunteers for future community events. The group also discussed an upcoming meeting on June 23rd with Yassir and Riley to discuss land prioritization between natural green spaces and development opportunities at Confederation Heights.