

**Riverside Park Community and Recreation Association (RPCRA)
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, June 1, 2011
19:00
Riverside Churches
3191 Riverside Dr. Room 4**

Board Members Present

Louise Robert – Vice-President
Howard Keck – Treasurer
Tom Babcock

Members Present:

Jeanette Caron
(Sign-in sheet available)

City representatives

Greg Killough

Board Members Absent

Teresa Reeve - President
Matthew Cragg – Director
Amanda Yorston
Barbara Squire
Bill Smith
Andy Pinsent

Reporter

1 Welcome:

1.1 Louise Robert opened the meeting at 1900

2 Approval of Agenda and Minutes:

2.1 Tom Babcock recommended and Howard Keck seconded the approval of the Agenda and minutes

3 President's Report

3.1 Louise Robert presented the President's Report. (See attached)
3.2 Highlights include discussion on the Volunteers` Bar-B-Q, in which the board confirmed that paid volunteers (i.e. students) are also invited.

4. Councillor's Report.

4.1 Greg Killough summarized Maria McRae's Report in her absence.
4.2 He noted that Maria McRae`s website is being revised and that the Councillor`s Report will soon be available in electronic format.
4.3 Greg then answered questions from the floor. He took note of the RPCRA concerns:
4.3.1 Schedule of maintenance (mowing) of the parks and grass accumulation due to the heavy rains

- 4.3.2 Pot Holes: reporting and repair fund
- 4.3.3 and he will look into a question of reserving meeting space at the Hunt Club Riverside Community Services Centre (i.e. any costs)

5. Treasurer's Report

- 5.1 Update from Howard Keck
- 5.2 Written report to follow at end of June.

6. Environment Committee

- 6.1 Tom Babcock presented the report of the Environment committee.
- 6.2 He noted that the Clean-up dates in May were both rained out. However other dates are planned for October.
- 6.3 Plans for the financial contribution from Hope Beach Volleyball - The Committee is assessing priorities.

6.4 Paint-it-Up! Program - Jeanette Caron, provided an update to the RPCRA's Paint-it-Up project.

6.4.1 Further to last month's update, our project (which has received funding) will use youth art to decorate up to five Bell utility boxes in the Riverside Park community by the end of September.

6.4.2 Utility boxes being considered for the project (pending approval by Bell, the City and the community residents) are located at the following approximate addresses:

- 2820 Springland (near Holy Cross school)
- 2617 Flannery (at Springland)
- 753 Ridgewood (near McCloskey's Service Station)
- 2940 McCarthy Road (at Provost)
- 723 Fielding Drive (near Fielding Drive Public School)
- 1024 Walkley (at Airport parkway)

6.4.3. Youth art designed and created during the Christie Lake Kids summer program will be selected the week of August 17th. Once approved by Bell and the City, the utility boxes will be decorated.

6.4.4 The RPCRA will host a community recognition event at the end of the program (details to follow)

6.4.5 Action: We need volunteers from the community for the Selection committee, for the implementation of the designs on the utility boxes and for the community recognition event. Please contact Jeanette Caron if interested.

7. Transportation Committee

No update

8. Festival Update

No update

9. Communications Committee

9.1 Suggestion to post a `membership form` on the RPCRA website

10. Neighbourhood Safety and Police Liaison Committee

No update

11. Roundtable

12. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 20:00

Next meeting of RPCRA will be held on Wednesday September 7, 2011

Reports read at the June meeting

I) President's report June 2011

- Please send Teresa a note at the RPCRA yahoo address or leave her a message on her phone (613) 526-1623 by June 20th if there is anything that you would like addressed with the City. She will be sending an e-mail to each of the program areas for the City on issues. If there are potholes or road issues, lights, noise, or anything no matter how small or large please let her know and please pass the e-mail address on to your neighbours.

-Our amazing Communication Committee will be starting a membership campaign in September and would appreciate your assistance; we will also be preparing a mail drop with a summary of activities and issues for the campaign.

-We will be having a volunteer appreciation BBQ in October please send Teresa or I the name and e-mail address or phone number of all residents who have volunteered their time to make our neighbourhoods better. Harold, we will need a little money to buy hamburgers, chicken etc.

-There is a vacancy on Board of Directors that we need to fill; we hope to fill the next position from one of the underrepresented areas, Revelstoke, Riverside Park South, Riverside Park South East. If you know of anyone that would be interested please give them my name and phone number, they can be from any area within the RPCRA area. In addition there will be more vacancies to fill at the AGM, we are very worried about filling Howard's position as Chair of the Finance Committee and our accountant.

- The Dragon Boat Summerfest is the weekend of June 17, I hope you have the opportunity to spend some time there and support this great event.

- The next meeting is in September but there will be monthly newsletters for July and August.

- There is still some space on the Committees for volunteers there are a few priority items the Committees are working on right now that need your help:

- the Environment Committee needs to develop ideas/options for an improvement to Mooney's Bay Park that is sponsored by Hope; I believe the amount of the gift is \$5,000.
- the Festival Committee will have the Festival Policy drafted and ready for consultation at the September meeting,
- the Rinks Committee is doing their final report and planning for next winter, the proposals, etc,
- the Transportation Committee has quite a bit to tackle not the least of which is the amount of traffic going through the Mooney's Bay community at the rush hours,
- the Neighbourhood Safety and Police Liaison Committee are working with police to bring issues to their attention that impact on the community, we hope to have an officer attend the next meeting,
- the Communications Committee will be developing a newsletter and organizing an awareness campaign to let people know about the RPCRA and how they can get involved, and
- lastly Teresa needs some help on the Board Administration and City Liaison Committee to write these letters and potentially access to information requests.

She is hoping that all Committees will have met in the next three months before the September meeting and have a priority list and a plan of action to accomplish the priorities including a budget detailing the funds they will need to accomplish their list.

- We have received the contract for the Paint it up program and received the full funding of \$5,000. Jeanette is leading this project so please give her your support and let her know if you can help out. Teresa and I are 100% behind the great project and will be volunteering our time to work with Jeanette to ensure it is a success.

- Thank you for taking the time to attend these meetings.

2) RIVER WARD CITY COUNCILLOR MARIA McRAE'S REPORT TO THE RIVERSIDE PARK COMMUNITY

Annual Strawberry Social for River Ward Seniors

Date: Friday, June 24, 2011

Time: 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Place: Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre
3320 Paul Anka Drive (at McCarthy Road)

Entertainment provided by Mike Fahey

Refreshments and Snacks

Door Prizes

Seniors Information Booth

Please call 613-580-2486 to reserve your ticket(s).

Space is limited.

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General Vanier Protection Neighbourhood Watch

The newly formed General Vanier Protection Neighbourhood Watch group is hosting their Neighbourhood Watch Inaugural BBQ on June 2. Event details are as follows:

Date: Thursday, June 2, 2011

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

5:30 p.m. Sign Unveiling

Location: General Vanier School

1025 Harkness Avenue

I hope to see you there.

Councillor Maria McRae's Annual Community Safety and Crime Prevention Meeting

Thank you to Bill Smith for attending my Community Safety and Crime Prevention meeting on behalf of the RPCRA. These annual meetings provide residents and community organizations with the opportunity to discuss community safety issues with numerous organizations that work to make our city a safe place to live, work and play.

Festivals in Riverside Park

The following will take place in Mooney's Bay Park this year:

MEC Paddle Fest (May 28, 2011)

Enbridge Canoe for Kids (June 4, 2011)

Ottawa Dragon Boat Race (June 18, 2011)

HOPE Volleyball (July 16, 2011)
National Capital Triathlon (July 30, 2011)
Ottawa Kids Triathlon (July, 2011)
Canadian Triathlon (September 3, 2011)
Winners Walk of Hope (September 11, 2011)
Carleton University Fall Orientation (September, 2011)
Ottawa Mission "Big Pull" (September, 2011)

City Grass Cutting – Delays Due to Weather

The city of Ottawa experienced significant rainfall during April and May of this year. The oversaturated conditions of our green space and sports fields make grass cutting operations challenging for city staff. City staff are currently behind schedule on the suburban/urban road side boulevards, vacant properties and passive park area grass cutting operations. Crews continue to work additional hours to ensure that city properties are properly maintained. I appreciate your patience and understanding.

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Half Price Parking for Motorcycles and Scooters Resumes

On Friday, May 20, 2011, the City of Ottawa resumed its half price motorcycle and scooter parking at:

- The ByWard Market Parking Garage, 70 Clarence Street; and,
- Ottawa City Hall Parking Garage, 110 Laurier Avenue West.

Since 2009, the City has offered half price motorcycle and scooter parking in the ByWard Market parking garage. The ByWard Market parkade has a separate entrance with a dedicated Pay and Display machine and 12 motorcycle/scooter-sized parking spaces. Spaces are also available at the City Hall parking garage although they are not configured specifically for motorcycles and scooters.

In addition to this, there is half price parking available year-round for motorcycles and scooters at all on-street and off-street Pay and Display machines. Motorcycle and scooter enthusiasts can take advantage of half price parking by pressing the grey motorcycle button to activate this feature.

The convenient, half priced parking is intended to encourage use of smaller, fuel-efficient forms of transportation.

Give Away Weekends

The City of Ottawa is holding two city-wide "Garbage Give Away Weekends" in 2011. The Give Away Weekends this year are **June 4 and 5, 2011** and **October 22 and 23, 2011**. Council approved this plan to allow residents to give away objects they no longer want by simply placing them at the end of their driveway.

Here are some guidelines for setting out treasures:

- Place items at the curb
- Place stickers or signs on items with the word "FREE"
- At the end of each day, bring any uncollected gems back to your home

The intent of the program is to help residents reuse household items that otherwise might end up in local landfills. The City of Ottawa is calling on community groups and residents to participate in Give Away Weekend, and help discover the hidden treasures in your neighbourhood, community, and city. It's another way to RETHINK GARBAGE and protect our most precious treasure – our environment.

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Integrated Road Safety Program (IRSP)

June Initiative

Impaired driving and cycling safety are the focus for the City's Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) in June. The monthly enforcement campaign is part of the City's Integrated Road Safety Program (IRSP).

To bolster the enforcement on impaired driving, the IRSP is teaming up with the CAA North & East Ontario to deliver additional R.I.D.E. checkpoints in June. In 2009, Ottawa experienced 381 impaired driving-related collisions – injuring 175 people (22 seriously) and killing nine. Eighty four percent of the impaired drivers were male and 32 percent were between the ages of 16 and 24.

During spring and summer, cycling safety should be on the forefront on the minds of both cyclists and motorists. Like pedestrians, cyclists are vulnerable road users.

In fact, two cyclists lost their lives and 240 were injured – 16 seriously – in traffic collisions on Ottawa roadways in 2009.

Next month's cycling safety initiative will target drivers who violate cyclists' rights, and cyclists

who disobey the rules of the road. It will include both education and enforcement. Sharing the road and respect is essential to ensure our roadways remain safe for all users.

Tips for Drivers to Increase the Safety of Cyclists

- Treat bicycles as you would any other vehicle on the road. Cyclists generally ride in the right-most through traffic lane, about one metre from the curb or parked cars.
- When passing a cyclist, leave a safe distance between your car and the bicycle. Give extra passing distance during slippery road conditions.
- Pass at a moderate speed and give plenty of space on quiet roads. Cyclists may be startled by fast-approaching vehicles.
- Shoulder check and signal all lane changes and turns.
- Check for bicycles in your side view mirror before opening your car doors.

Tips for Cyclists to Increase Their Safety

- Shoulder check and signal all lane changes, turns and stops.
- Do not cycle on sidewalks. Motorists do not expect cyclists to enter the roadway from the sidewalk.
- Recognize and be careful of the blind spots around cars, trucks and buses.
- Exercise caution when crossing intersections.
- Always wear a helmet.
- Be bright at night. Use a headlight, taillight, reflectors and light-coloured or retroreflective clothing so drivers can see you