



MINUTES

Riverside Park Community Association RPCA May Meeting of the Board of Directors

Wednesday, May 6, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.
Meeting Location: Zoom

1. Call to Order

1.1. The meeting was called to order by Joel at 7:05 p.m. The following directors were in attendance:

- Kate Cathrae, Director
- Travis Croken, Vice-President
- Joel Duff, President
- Barbara Haines, Treasurer
- Andrew Wintonic, Director
- Gillian Wintonic, Secretary
- Paul Willetts, Director
- Mark Staz, Director
- Terry Wood, Director
- Nicole Christy, Director

1.2. The following community members were in attendance:

- T. Cullinan
- E. Gluckstal
- M. Simms
- N. Riendeau
- R. Gray
- C. Gray
- T. Gavin
- R. Moir
- S. von Schoenberg
- M. Kaplansky
- K. Adams
- M. Stephens
- P. Penna
- S. Boyko
- B. Webster

1.3. The following guests were in attendance:

- A. Chiarello
- R. Brockington, Councillor

2. Agenda

2.1 Joel noted that Councillor Brockington would be arriving late at the meeting due to a conflicting engagement.

2.2 It was moved by Mark and seconded by Terry to accept the [agenda as circulated](#).

Motion Carried

3. Minutes of March 4, 2020, Board Meeting

3.1 It was moved by Paul and seconded by Travis to [accept the minutes](#).

Motion Carried

5. Report: RPCA Board of Directors

5.1. *President's Report*

5.1.1. Joel provided a written report ([Click here](#) to see Appendix B).

5.1.2. Joel reported that the RPCA is responding to the COVID-19 pandemic by creating a resource centre on the website, which has all public health alerts and information from the Councillor. Recent flyers to encourage subscriptions to the mailing list have resulted in a 25% increase in the number of subscribers.

5.1.3. The West Walkley Road traffic calming pilot has been postponed due to lower than normal traffic flows. It is anticipated that the pilot will take place in Spring of 2021.

5.1.4. It was moved by Travis and seconded by Barbara to accept the report.

MOTION CARRIED

5.2. *Treasurer's Report*

5.2.1. Barbara provided a written report ([Click here](#) to see Appendix B).

5.2.2. Barbara presented the statement of financial position. It was noted that the RPCA financial state is positive, and that all revenue for the rinks season has been recognized.

- 5.2.3. A \$1000 donation has been made to the Andrew Fleck Children's Centre as part of the Buy a Brick campaign.
- 5.2.4. A community member asked if the RPCA would be making donations in response to the COVID 19 situation. There are none planned at this time, but discussion on this topic will continue under agenda item 7.1.
- 5.2.5. It was moved by Mark and seconded by Kate to accept the report.

MOTION CARRIED

5.3. Communications and Outreach Committee Report

- 5.3.1. Joel provided a written report ([Click here](#) to see Appendix B).
- 5.3.2. The RPCA website has been rebuilt at no cost to the organization to feature a modern layout that is suitable for mobile devices. The new website features a directory of local businesses, parks, schools, and community resources. The RPCA intends for the website to be a valuable resource for community members, and looks forward to receiving feedback on the new layout, design, and content.
- 5.3.3. It was moved by Travis and seconded by Barbara to accept the report.

MOTION CARRIED

4. River Ward Councillor's Report: Riley Brockington

4.1. The Councillor provided a written report ([Click here](#) to see Appendix A). The following items were discussed:

- 4.1.1. In regards to restrictions put in place by the City, it was noted that built amenities within parks are still restricted from use, but community members are now free to use other areas of the park while respecting physical distancing rules. It was also noted that the province has lifted restrictions on community gardens, which will now be allowed to operate as an essential service.
- 4.1.2. The Jim Durrell arena is being used as a temporary shelter, to assist with physical distancing.
- 4.1.3. Canoe Bay has received permission to proceed with the construction of the traffic light on Riverside Drive.
- 4.1.4. Riverside Drive repaving from Walkley to Hunt Club has been started early, to take advantage of low traffic volumes.

- 4.1.5. Two signed pedestrian crossings will be installed on Springland. The first will be at the south end at Holy Cross. The second will be further north between Hobson and Norberry. The crossings will be installed later this year.

5.4 Community Safety Committee Report

- 5.4.1. Mark provided a written report ([Click here](#) to see Appendix B).
- 5.4.2 Nicole Christy and Paul Willetts left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.
- 5.4.3 Mark reported on alarming recent incidents at or near Flannery Drive and Brookfield High School, involving alleged street racing and drug dealing. The RPCA responded quickly to connect residents to the Neighbourhood Response Team. The local police acted quickly to support residents and apprehend the perpetrators. Councillor Brockington assisted in having Brookfield High School close its parking lot to vehicular traffic.
- 5.4.4 It was noted that increased reporting results in increased resources, and residents are encouraged to report any activity within the community.
- 5.4.5 It was moved by Nicole and seconded by Travis to accept the report.

MOTION CARRIED

5.5 LUDT Committee Report

- 5.5.2 Terry provided a written report ([Click here](#) to see Appendix B).
- 5.5.3 Terry reminded attendees that the comment period for the R1-R4 zoning changes is still open.
- 5.5.4 Additionally, the Stage 2 LRT Connectivity Consultation comment period is open until May 15. Several improvements have been proposed for local LRT station connectivity.
- 5.5.5 It was moved by Mark and seconded by Kate to receive the report.

MOTION CARRIED

6. Committee Appointments

- 6.1 Bylaw 6.2 states that committee “members may be appointed from the Corporation’s members or, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, from residents of the neighborhood.” Therefore, formal board motions are required to confirm committee membership changes.

6.2 For this month, the board is proposing to accept all current committee members.

6.3 It was moved by Joel and seconded by Barbara:

“Be it resolved that all committee members be formally accepted as presented.”

MOTION CARRIED

7 New Business

7.1 Community Response to COVID 19

- 7.1.1 There was an open discussion on what the RPCA can be doing to serve the community at this time.
- 7.1.2 It was noted that, to date, the RPCA has been proactive in sharing information with residents via the website and e-newsletters.
- 7.1.3 The association is interested in learning more about local organizations, and organizations providing support to community members, that can be supported and promoted at this time.

7.2 Ottawa's Urban Boundary Review

- 7.2.1 The City is in the process of reviewing the urban boundary. The discussions are exploring the challenges and benefits of intensification contrasted with continued expansion.
- 7.2.2 Terry noted that this is a very complex discussion. The report prepared by the City will be before council on May 27. The city is proposing three options:
 - Status Quo – This option presents the most modest level of intensification, and would have the least implications for Riverside Park. Under this option, the largest amount of land would be added to the urban boundary.
 - No Expansion – This option presents the most intensification, with no addition of land to the urban boundary. This option would likely have the greatest impact on Riverside Park.
 - Balanced Growth – This option attempts to balance expansion and intensification and is the approach supported by the City. There may be less implications on Riverside Park, but there could still be a significant impact.

- 7.2.3 Riley reiterated that there are many stakeholders involved, with very diverse perspectives that favour different aspects of the three options proposed by the City. The three approaches presented do not take into account potential impacts on quality of life, and this makes it more difficult for communities to evaluate the proposals.
- 7.2.4 The HCCA discussed this at a recent meeting, and moved to reject the no expansion option, but do not formally support any option at this time. Terry recommended that if the RPCA were to take a position on this issue, we could support the balanced growth scenario, but with proposed changes to the proportion of intensification versus expansion.
- 7.2.5 Barbara raised environmental concerns and stressed the need to protect green space by placing an emphasis on intensification over expansion of urban boundaries.
- 7.2.6 There was an open discussion on how the interests of Riverside Park could be best represented and how the RPCA should best advocate for those interests.
- 7.2.7 It was moved by Terry and seconded by Travis that:
“The RPCA support a modified balance growth scenario, with an intensification rate increased to at least 70%, with a distribution of residential growth modified to 55% built up area and 45% greenfield, thereby reducing the amount of greenfield land to be acquired. Additionally, RPCA calls for a moratorium on acquisition of any greenfield land until further consultations are held on how to better manage and mitigate intensification. Finally, the RPCA urges the City to defer any decision on the Growth Management Plan until there can be more extensive research and meaningful consultation.”

MOTION CARRIED

8 Other Business

8.1 *Email Management*

- 8.1.1 David Hutchison had taken on responsibility for email management in the past, but is looking to pass on this role.

9 Upcoming Events

- 9.1 On May 10, there will be a Mother’s Day Serenade, from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm which will be broadcast Live on Facebook.

10 Next Board Meeting

10.1 The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 3, 2020 – 7:00 p.m., via Zoom Videoconference.

11 Adjournment

11.1 The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Meeting minutes were prepared by:

Gillian Wintonic, Secretary

Minutes confirmed by:



Joel Duff, President



Gillian Wintonic, Secretary

[Appendix A – Councillor's Report](#)

[Appendix B – Board Report](#)