



# MINUTES

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

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Wednesday, September 2, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.  
Meeting Location: Zoom

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### 1. Call to Order

**1.1.** The meeting was called to order by Joel at 7:02 p.m. EDT. The following directors were in attendance:

- Travis Croken, Vice-President
- Joel Duff, President
- Barbara Haines, Treasurer
- Paul Willetts, Director
- Mark Staz, Director
- Terry Wood, Director

**1.2.** The directors were absent with regrets:

- Kate Cathrae, Director
- Nicole Christy, Director
- Andrew Wintonic, Director
- Gillian Wintonic, Secretary

**1.3.** The following community members were in attendance:

- Kevin Adams
- Mel B
- Sandra Baranek
- Sandra Boyko
- George Brown
- Laurence Charron
- Adrian Fournier
- Marvin Kaplansky
- Bob Laird
- “Maison”
- Ron Moir
- Catherine Newell
- Paul Penna
- Katie Raso
- Natalie Riendeau
- Michael Simms
- Teresa Van Den Boogaard

**1.4.** The following guests were in attendance:

- Riley Brockington, River Ward Councillor
- Anthony Chiarello, Office of River Ward Councillor Riley Brockington

## **2. Agenda**

**2.1** It was moved by Travis and seconded by Terry to accept the agenda with an amendment: "8.1 Halloween Event Planning."

**Motion Carried**

## **3. Minutes of June 3, 2020, Board Meeting**

**3.1.** The minutes from the June 3, 2020 Board of Directors meeting [can be downloaded](#) from the Association website.

**3.2.** It was moved by Mark and seconded by Paul to accept the minutes.

**Motion Carried**

## **4. Business Arising from the Minutes**

**4.1.** Joel asked members of the Ad Hoc Committee to review the association membership dues if a recommendation would be forthcoming before the October AGM.

**4.2.** Barbara said that she had produced and circulated a brief history of the association's membership dues.

**4.3.** Mark confirmed that the matter would be considered and a recommendation would be made.

## **5. Report: Riley Brockington, River Ward Councillor**

**5.1.** The Councillor gave a verbal presentation of his monthly PDF report, which [can be downloaded](#) from the Association website.

### **5.2. Riverside Mall Development Update**

**5.2.1.** Brigil Construction will not be filing site plans with the city until later this year, after community consultations have occurred.

**5.2.2.** The Councillor and the RPCA will work with Brigil to host public consultations in late-September or October, at which point an invitation and background flyer will be mailed to area households by the Councillor, and promoted through social media.

- 5.2.3. Brigil will be meeting with the Councillor, the RPCA, and neighbouring residents on September 3, 2020 to share preliminary site plans and receive feedback.
- 5.2.4. The proposal is for a mixed-use of residential and ground floor retail, including 3 buildings ranging in height between 7, 10 and 25 stories. In total, 667 units are tentatively planned, with roughly 400 underground parking spaces.

### **5.3. Back to School**

- 5.3.1. The city has launched a public service campaign to inform residents and drivers that schools are reopening and street safety is a priority.
- 5.3.2. Additional measures have been undertaken, including hiring 10 more crossing guards; repainting crosswalks and school zones; and enforcing bylaws in school zones.

### **5.4. Canoe Bay**

- 5.4.1. The project is two years behind schedule and unlikely to break ground this calendar year.
- 5.4.2. The developer has applied for several minor changes to the site plan, including: a decrease in the net number of units; larger residential units; more residential space rather than commercial; and an adjustment to the placement of the underground driveway.

### **5.5. Pedestrian Cross on Springland Dr.**

- 5.5.1. The crosswalk at the Holy Cross school will be upgraded.
- 5.5.2. A new crosswalk is being installed near Springland and Hobson.

### **5.6. O-Train Trillium Line Construction**

- 5.6.1. The Ellwood Diamond rail bridge reconstruction work will take place largely at night because of the volume of work to be completed.
- 5.6.2. The South Keys Station will also have a lot of overnight work.

### **5.7. Service Resumption at the Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre**

- 5.7.1. On September 8, the gym will be open and accessible by appointment.
- 5.7.2. On September 15, drop-in fitness classes will resume.
- 5.7.3. On October 13, registered programs will resume.
- 5.7.4. Extensive COVID-19 precautions have been put in place to ensure a safe reopening to the public.

## **5.8. 770 Brookfield Road**

- 5.8.1. Work is progressing rapidly at the new student residences at 770 Brookfield.
- 5.8.2. The site plan for Phase 2 has not yet been approved, so this work will not likely begin until 2021.

## **5.9. 655-755 Anand Private Construction**

- 5.9.1. Work will begin soon on two 17 story towers.
- 5.9.2. These have been adjusted from the original site plan approved for 16 stories. New plan also includes a 6-story podium between the buildings.

## **5.10. Hog's Back Bridges**

- 5.10.1. The Hog's Back Swing Bridge is scheduled to open on October 1, 2020, pending confirmation from the NCC.

## **5.11. Brookfield Multi-Use Pathway**

- 5.11.1. The final section of the Brookfield MUP is almost completed.

## **5.12. River Ward E-Waste Depot**

- 5.12.1. The River Ward electronic waste collection has been rescheduled to Saturday, September 26, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre. Residents are encouraged to bring in any item that can be plugged in.

## **5.13. Community Garden**

- 5.13.1. The Councillor commended the RPCA for the impressive opening of the Mooney's Bay Community Garden on July 13, 2020.

## **5.14. O-Train Bridge Rehabilitation**

- 5.14.1. The O-Train bridge over Riverside Drive (North of Heron, West of Bronson) will be rehabilitated. The project will include significant work and lane closures at night to avoid interrupted service on the LRT.

## **5.15. Ottawa Public Library Services**

- 5.15.1. Two thirds of OPL branches are now open.

## **5.16. Glad Cleaning the Capital Campaign**

- 5.16.1. The fall Cleaning the Capital campaign will take place from September 15 to October 15. The entire campaign takes place outdoors.

## **5.17. Ward Boundary Review**

- 5.17.1. Ward Boundary Review consultations continue through the month of September. A 6th option has been proposed that would see minimal changes to River Ward.

## **5.18. Black Lives Matter Leading Ladies Webinar**

- 5.18.1. Three city councillors are co-hosting a Black Lives Matter webinar dedicated to “Leading Ladies” on September 10 at 7:00 pm. Residents interested in participating should email Councillor Brockington’s office.

## **5.19. Q&A**

- 5.19.1. Terry asked the Councillor about the impact Canoe Bay construction delays may have on the Mooney’s Bay Child Care Centre.
- 5.19.2. The Councillor said the daycare board does not anticipate a negative impact on their schedule, but have noted that the original drawings for the centre may not have included sufficient space and are being reviewed for additional capacity.
- 5.19.3. Marvin Kaplansky asked whether the bridge over ViaRail tracks will be double-tracked.
- 5.19.4. The Councillor committed to follow up with that information.

## **6. Report: RPCA Board of Directors**

- 6.1. The RPCA’s September Board of Directors Report [can be downloaded](#) from the Association website.

### **6.2. President’s Report**

- 6.2.1. Joel gave a verbal presentation of the President’s Report.
- 6.2.2. He thanked Councillor Brockington and his staff for taking the initiative on hosting “Riverside Park Day” at the Brookfield Restaurant on August 29. He said the event was co-hosted by the RPCA and was a huge success, despite the rain. He also acknowledged the generous support of Brigil Construction and encouraged residents to support the Brookfield.
- 6.2.3. Joel acknowledged the dedication and hard work of Kate Cathrae and the RPCA’s new Gardening Committee in launching the Mooney’s Bay Community Garden. He said the grand opening on July 13 was a great event, filled with good will. Again, the Councillor and Brigil Construction were generous donors for the initiative.

- 6.2.4. Katie Raso suggested that the association look into a program called “Yes, In My Backyard” run by The Stop in Toronto that seeks to connect residents with backyard gardens with those who would like to share the garden space. Joel will relay the suggestion to Kate Cathrae.
- 6.2.5. Joel suggested that the next order of garden boxes could be extended to residents interested in taking advantage of bulk purchasing.
- 6.2.6. Riley committed to providing answers from staff about what gardening is permitted in front yards on private land and the city’s right of way land, as well as the possibility of building community gardens in community parks.
- 6.2.7. It was moved by Travis and seconded by Barbara to receive the report.

**Motion Carried**

**6.3. Treasurer’s Report**

- 6.3.1. Barbara gave a verbal presentation of the Treasurer’s Report.
- 6.3.2. She noted that a new line item had been added under “Other Current Assets” because the RPCA now qualifies for an HST rebate on account of receiving 40% of its funding from city.
- 6.3.3. She noted that there was a net surplus of \$2,561.77 for the year.
- 6.3.4. The following motion was moved by Barbara and seconded by Travis:  
*Be it resolved that the balance of funds allocated to the Community Garden – totalling \$692.20 – be moved from net surplus to a deferred account that is earmarked for gardening work in the 2021 season.*

**Motion Carried**

**Abstentions Noted: Terry, Paul**

- 6.3.5. Barbara reported that she reviewed the association’s history and determined that audits had been conducted in 2002 and 2013. She said five firms were approached this year for quotes, and the minimum cost would be \$5,000. She said this cost was prohibitive for a small association and likely unnecessary given the limited revenue and current assets. She recommended conducting a more modest financial review.

6.3.6. The following motion was moved by Joel and seconded by Mark:

*Be it resolved that a Financial Review Committee be struck – comprised of Barbara Haines, Terry Wood, and Michael Simms – with a mandate to review the RPCA finances as per the bylaws and make a recommendation based on findings about how to proceed in future years.*

**Motion Carried**

6.3.7. It was moved by Mark and seconded by Terry to receive the report.

**Motion Carried**

#### **6.4. Communications and Outreach Committee Report**

6.4.1. Joel gave a verbal presentation of the Communications and Outreach Committee Report.

6.4.2. It was moved by Barbara and seconded by Terry to receive the report.

**Motion Carried**

#### **6.5. Community Safety Committee Report**

6.5.1. Mark gave a verbal presentation of the Community Safety Committee Report.

6.5.2. It was moved by Travis and seconded by Barbara to receive the report.

**Motion Carried**

#### **6.6. LUDTC Report**

6.6.1. Terry gave a verbal presentation of the Land Use, Development, and Transportation Committee Report.

6.6.2. He noted that the first bullet on the first slide of his report was incorrect and should be removed. He also noted that new information was received this afternoon that the city will be postponing the Origin and Destination Study to inform the city's Transportation Master Plan because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

6.6.3. It was moved by Mark and seconded by Paul to receive the report.

**Motion Carried**

### **7. New Business**

#### **7.1. AGM Planning (October 7, 2020)**

7.1.1. Joel reported that the Annual General Meeting would take place on October 7 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. He said the Nominations Committee was looking into voting methods.

- 7.1.2. Joel canvased the directors about intention to seek re-election. All indicated their intention to stand for election.
- 7.1.3. Joel indicated his intention to submit a resolution to rename the neighbourhoods within Riverside Park.
- 7.1.4. Joel indicated his intention to submit a resolution, at the suggestion of Barbara, to change the name of the “Annual General Meeting” to “Annual Meeting of the Members.”
- 7.1.5. Joel reminded the board that immediately following the AGM there will be a directors meeting to elect the Officers for the 2021-2023 term.

## **7.2. Brigil Development at the Riverside Mall**

- 7.2.1. Given the Councillor’s announcement that Brigil is not imminently intending to file site plans with the city, there is more time to consider the development and engage in a public consultation process. Joel and Terry will be meeting with Brigil tomorrow to discuss their revised site plans.
- 7.2.2. Terry suggests discussing this further at the AGM when we have additional information.
- 7.2.3. Barbara expressed concern about the potential impact of the tower shadow on the adjacent St. Patrick’s long-term care facility.

## **7.3. Cannabis Dispensary Application at 3310 McCarthy**

- 7.3.1. Joel reported that the Councillor had notified the RPCA of an application for a cannabis dispensary in the shopping plaza at 3310 McCarthy Rd, across from the Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre, and that the window for public comment on the application was very tight. He noted that the Councillor had already submitted his opposition on behalf of all River Ward residents, and the Hunt Club Community Association had done the same. The basis of their objection focused on the proximity to community centre, and the OPL Book Mobile, both of which have programming directed at children. It was also noted that community need for cannabis could be alleviated by newly approved dispensaries at Hunt Club and Uplands, as well as Bank and Heron.

7.3.2. The following motion was moved by Terry and seconded by Paul:

*Taking note of the license application for a retail cannabis store at 3310 McCarthy Road, Unit 2006, and considering the concerns registered by the City of Ottawa, River Ward Councillor Riley Brockington, the Hunt Club Community Association (HCCA) and others about the application and the proposed location, together with the recent approval of another licence for a cannabis store in the same community in a more appropriate location, Riverside Park Community Association supports the concerns that have registered about the issuance of a licence for a cannabis store at 3310 McCarthy Road and encourages the withdrawal or disapproval of the licence application.*

7.3.3. Katie Raso spoke against the motion, arguing that legal dispensaries are safer for the community than the alternatives. She also expressed concern on behalf of the needs of residents with disabilities and others for whom access is important. She spoke about her experience with front line support in Vancouver, arguing that cannabis users are generally safe neighbours.

7.3.4. Paul spoke in favour of the motion, expressing concerns about the process for considering this issue, as well as the family-oriented location.

7.3.5. Terry spoke in favour of the motion. He noted that he does not object to legal dispensaries on principle, but argued that there were more appropriate locations and the immediate needs of the community could be adequately served by other dispensaries in the area.

**Motion Defeated**

**Support Noted: Paul, Terry**

#### **7.4. Food Security in Riverside Park**

7.4.1. This item was deferred to a future meeting.

### **8. Other Business**

#### **8.1. Halloween Event Planning**

8.1.1. Mark expressed concern that neighbourhood children will not be able to trick-or-treat for Halloween this year, and suggested that the association organize a costume parade.

8.1.2. Joel suggested exploring the possibility of separate parades in each of the association's neighbourhoods, so the events could be very local,

and that a pumpkin parade could be hosted as well, with pumpkins to be donated to a local pig farm after Halloween.

8.1.3. The following motion was moved by Mark and seconded by Paul:

*Be it resolved that an ad hoc committee be struck to develop plans for Halloween-themed events in the event that trick-or-treating is formally cancelled for 2020;*

*Be it further resolved that the committee be comprised of Joel, Mark, Travis, Barbara, Paul, and Katie Raso.*

**Motion Carried**

## **9. Upcoming Events and Announcements**

9.1. There are no upcoming events or announcements to report at this time.

## 10. Next Board Meeting

- 10.1. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 7, 2020, following the Annual General Meeting.

## 11. Adjournment

- 11.1. It was moved by Barbara and seconded by Travis to adjourn the meeting.

**Motion Carried**

- 11.2. The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Meeting minutes were prepared by:

Mark Staz, Director

Minutes confirmed by:



Joel Duff, President



Mark Staz, on behalf of Gillian Wintonic,  
Secretary

## Appendices

Appendix A – Minutes from the June 2, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting ([Download](#))

Appendix B – Councillor's Report ([Download](#))

Appendix C – RPCA September Board of Directors Report ([Download](#))