

MINUTES

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

Wednesday, April 7, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.
Meeting Location: Zoom

1. Call to Order

1.1 The meeting was called to order by Joel at 7:01 p.m.

The following directors were in attendance (6)

- Kate Cathrae, Director
- Joel Duff, President
- Ethila Palit Parna, Director
- Michael Simms, Director
- Mark Staz, Secretary/Treasurer
- Terry Wood, Director

1.2 The following directors were absent with regrets (4):

- Sarah Brickell, Director
- Travis Croken, Vice-President
- Katie Raso, Director
- Andrew Wintonic, Director

1.3 Joel opened the meeting by welcoming attendees and acknowledging that we are on the traditional unceded land of the Algonquin Anishinaabe. He expressed gratitude for the privilege of living on this land.

He explained the dual purpose of the meeting to address board business and provide open community discussion. He invited community members participate and explained the meeting procedures.

1.4 The following community members were in attendance (46):

- Kevin Adams
- Eleonore Benesch
- Sandra Boyko
- Melodie Broome
- George Brown
- Donna Bueckert
- Lewis Burpee
- Diane Burrows
- Maxime Champagne
- JoAnn Daniels

- Grant Andrew Dzuba
- Christopher James Edgar
- Omar Elrakhawy
- Alexandra Epp
- Donyah Farhat
- Linda M Finley
- Ruby Funnell
- Carolyn Gauthier
- Leigh Honeywell
- Roger Howard
- Christine Johnson (HCCA)
- Marvin Kaplansky
- Ron Koomas
- Liz Koopman
- Julia Laforge
- Bob Laird
- Marika Magro
- Peter McLean
- Sarah Mitchell
- Anne Morrison
- Sonia Movarrei
- Yu-Ning Ng
- Paul O’Grady
- Paul Penna
- Carolyn Percy-Searle
- Sarah Petteuzzo
- Natalie Riendeau
- Linda Rossman
- Craig Searle
- John Singlehurst
- Nancy Thibodeau
- Teresa van den Boogaard
- Ligia Velasquez
- Susan Wade
- Beth Webster
- Janet Wilkinson

1.5 The following guests were in attendance (5):

- Riley Brockington, River Ward Councillor
- Michael Brossoit, Stakeholder Relations, Stage 2 South Extension, City of Ottawa
- Erin McCracken, Councillor’s Office, South Extension, City of Ottawa
- Theo Tettey, Project Manager, Stage 2 Construction, City of Ottawa
- Amanda Thompson, Program Manager, Stakeholder Relations & Communications, City of Ottawa

2. Agenda

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

Motion Carried

2.2 Joel introduced a motion to add an item under Other Business regarding the Fielding-Southmore intersection. The motion was seconded by Terry.

Motion Carried

3. Minutes of the March 3, 2020 Board Meeting

- 3.1 It was moved by Mike and seconded by Kate to accept the [minutes of the March 3, 2020 Board Meeting](#).

Motion Carried

4. Public Presentation and Discussion: Stage 2 LRT Plans for Riverside Park

- 4.1 Representatives from the City of Ottawa provided updates about the city's Stage 2 LRT plans for Riverside Park. A recording of their presentation and the ensuing question and answer period are [available here](#).
- 4.2 Questions from community members and responses from city staff addressed the following issues:
- 4.2.1 Conditions in Multiple Use Pathways (MUPs), including lighting, available space, and placement along busy corridors.
 - 4.2.2 Bicycle parking spots at stations and whether there will be indoor and outdoor locations.
 - 4.2.3 Status update for the Airport and Walkley LRT stations, and confirmation that the latter will include a 'kiss & ride' facility on the south side of the street.
 - 4.2.3 Safety standards and crime prevention design features at stations.
 - 4.2.4 Anticipated consultation process on overall transit connectivity.
 - 4.2.5 Estimated in-service completion dates.

5. Report: Riley Brockington, River Ward Councillor

- 5.1 Councillor Riley Brockington gave an oral presentation of his [Councillor's Report](#).
- 5.2 The Councillor was asked about the types of retail that will become part of the 770 Brookfield development. Councillor Brockington responded that Colliers International has been hired to provide recommendations on which amenities would best fit building and community needs. The main focus will be on Carleton University students, but developers also hope that community members will utilize amenities as well.

The Councillor added that Canoe Bay is seeking professional services which would cater to the community expected to live at its development, including medical offices, but it does not appear that brand name retailers will be included.

- 5.3 The Councillor was asked about timelines for building a crosswalk near Paget Park on Springland Drive. The Councillor said that this could not be included in the schedule last year due to delays, but a commitment has been made to build it this year. The Councillor will follow up about timelines and update the RPCA. He also noted that while this will not be a raised crosswalk, it will be moved to Hobson to ensure safe crossing of Springland from the nearby bus stop.
- 5.4 The Councillor was informed that the hair salon at Ridgewood Avenue would be closing this summer, which will mean there will be hair salon in the community.

6. Report: RPCA Board of Directors

6.1 President's Report

6.1.1 Joel presented the [President's Report](#).

6.1.2 Joel was asked whether the RPCA received a response to the Association's submission about the City's New Official Plan (OP). He responded that an official response has not been received, but we have learned from the Councillor that the City is planning to have detailed responses by ward, meaning that 22 smaller reports will be drafted to respond to concerns in each different ward.

The Councillor added that further commentary will be provided to summarize consultation responses and attempts will be made to avoid boilerplate language. A final draft is scheduled to be released in August prior to the first meeting with Councillors taking place the entire week of September 13th. The Councillor polled his colleagues about postponing these meetings until October to allow the public more time to digest the next draft. However, there was little appetite to postpone, in part because of the impacts this would have on several other meetings at City Hall. He suggested that while a postponement of six to eight weeks may take place in finalizing the OP, it is unlikely that it will be delayed beyond that or until next year. He recommended that the RPCA may wish to consider whether a special meeting should be held at the end of August or

early-September to review changes and consider what the next response should involve. He also noted that there have been commitments made in light of previous response to the initial draft OP that Riverside Park will be a single transect, rather than two, Walkley Road's designation as a main street corridor will be considered, and creating a special designation for the corner of Brookfield and Riverside will be considered.

Terry noted that city staff seems to be going through a consolidation exercise on the main questions raised and will report out soon.

He pointed out Katie's diligent work with other community associations and the Federation of Citizens Associations of Ottawa (FCA) to ensure that our community's comments were closely tied with what the FCA was advocating. One of the FCA's key asks was to delay approval until next year. The mayor, however, responded very strongly against the requested delay.

- 6.1.3 It was moved by Michael and seconded by Mark to accept the President's Report.

Motion Carried

6.2 Financial Update

- 6.2.1 Michael presented the [Financial Update](#).

- 6.2.2 It was moved by Terry and seconded by Kate to accept the Financial Update.

Motion Carried

6.3 Community Safety Committee Report

- 6.3.1 Mark presented the [Community Safety Committee Report](#).

- 6.3.2 It was moved by Mike and seconded by Kate to accept the Community Safety Report.

Motion Carried

6.4 Planning and Development Committee Report

6.4.1 Joel presented the [Planning and Development Committee Report](#) on Katie's behalf.

6.4.2 It was moved by Mark and seconded by Kate to accept the Planning and Development Committee Report.

Motion Carried

7. New Business

7.1 Update on the Mooney's Bay Early Learning Centre

7.1.1 Donyah Farhat provided an update about the Early Learning Centre. Given the mild winter, Fuller-Mariani Building Solutions was able to erect walls and is hoping that the exterior of the building will be closed by the end of April. Opening date is set for September 2021.

Additional details and information about registration can be obtained on Andrew Fleck Children's Services (AFCS) website and registration is available. Updates are also available on Instagram about construction and a pollinators program that the Centre is responsible for.

- AFCS Website: <https://www.afchildrensservices.ca/licensed-child-care/mooneys-bay-child-care-centre/>
- AFCS Instagram Account: https://instagram.com/andrewfleck_cs?igshid=1wabud04eq8j6
- Buy-a-brick Campaign: <https://form.jotform.com/93015244043244>
- Those interested in quilting can contact Donyah Farhat at donyahm@hotmail.com

7.1.2 AFCS is also looking for quilters in the community for the infant beds (materials provided by AFCS). The buy a brick campaign is still underway to raise funds and the City of Ottawa was able to leverage provincial funding for new childcare centres. As a result, our community received an additional million dollars, bringing the total up to 2.5 million.

7.1.3 Joel thanked Ms. Farhat for her presentation and encouraged her to continue to share updates which the RPCA will disseminate on its website and via social media.

7.2 Update on RPCA Submission to Ottawa's New Official Plan

7.2.1 As updates about the [RPCA's submission](#) were provided during the President's Report (see item 6.1), there was nothing further under this item.

7.3 Rink Review, Planning, and Honouraria

7.3.1 Joel commented on the great year for rinks in Riverside Park and highlighted the help provided by new volunteer Suzanne Appleton. He noted that the newly revived rink at Paget Park was widely used by children and families and proved to be a great resource for the Norberry Residences.

7.3.2 It was moved by Joel and seconded by Mark that the board award the following honoraria for rink volunteers:

Bill Lister, Pauline Vanier Rink Maintenance - \$200
Suzanne Appleton, Pauline Vanier Rink Management - \$200
Vince and Jen MacInnis, Paget Park Rink Maintenance - \$200
Cameron Darling*, Arnott Park Rink Maintenance - \$300
Sarah Darling, Arnott Park Rink Maintenance - \$200
Andrew Wintonic, Rink Oversight and Coordination - \$200

Motion Carried

7.3.3 It was moved by Joel and seconded by Mark that the Paget Park Puddle Rink be adopted as a permanent rink maintained by the RPCA and that a formal application be filed with the City of Ottawa.

Motion Carried

7.3.4 Kate noted that because an application has been submitted for gardening at Paget Park, she would like to be included in conversation to ensure coordination.

7.4 West Walkley Road Beautification Project

7.4.1 Kate provided an update about an application submitted through "Adopt-a-Road" to plant on the slope next to the Via Rail bridge along Walkley Road. She consulted with a gardener at Fletcher

Wildlife Gardens who had suggestions for a pollinator rain garden that would also catch runoff and provide space for pollinator species to live. The plantings would go in over three years and would then be self-perpetuating.

Because the application was submitted through Adopt-a-Road, neighbourhood cleanups and beautification projects can also be organized. Kate has also applied for additional grant funding on behalf of the Association.

Terry expressed support for the project on the part of the Transportation Safety Subcommittee and thanked Kate for the good work. He noted that this type of initiative also supports traffic calming and expressed a hope that other foliage could be included here to contribute to the process and further help with traffic calming. This was also discussed with city transportation officials in February.

- 7.4.2 It was moved by Kate and seconded by Terry that the RPCA support an application to the city for a pollinator rain garden.

Motion Carried

8. Other Business

8.1 Fielding-Southmore Intersection

- 8.1.1 The intersection at Fielding Drive and Southmore Drive West has generated concern over the vehicle speeds on Fielding Drive and the dangers associated with the uncontrolled intersection at the mouth of the cow tunnel. Councillor Brockington has been instrumental in helping to navigate city bureaucracy, but there has been a great deal of frustration.

The majority of the residents on the street have written individual letters to the Councillor who was able to secure a flex stick as a remedial measure. However, it has resulted in additional problems because of erratic driving when people swerve to get around it.

The Councillor then requested a traffic study which failed to earn a three-way stop at the intersection. Instead, the city has proposed only a one-way stop at Southmore Dr and considerable community frustration has ensued.

8.1.2 It was moved by Joel and seconded by Michael to support the community-led appeal for a 3-way stop at the intersection of Fielding Dr and Southmore Drive W.

Motion Carried

8.2 Councillor Brockington provided an update about new rules governing use of homes for short-term rental periods of 30 days or less. On April 12th, a staff report will be released and will be circulated by the Councillor. On April 22nd, the city will receive final recommendations on the short-term rentals bylaw which will be considered that day by the city's bylaws committee.

9. Announcements

9.1 There were no announcements.

10. Next Board of Directors Meeting

10.1 The next meeting of the RPCA Board of Directors will take place on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

11. Adjournment

11.1 It was moved by Kate and seconded by Terry to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Carried

11.2 The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

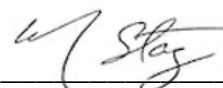
Meeting minutes were prepared by:

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Minutes confirmed by:



Joel Duff, President



Mark Staz