

Champlain Park Community Association

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, Nov 22, 2016

at the Champlain Park Fieldhouse

Minutes

33 people attended the AGM which was chaired by Jon Chaplan (see Annex 1 for attendees). Jon welcomed attendees and mentioned that it is gratifying to see so many people who are interested in maintaining the beautiful community in which we all live.

Guests

Naeem Malik: President of the Ottawa Muslim Association

Carol introduced Naeem Malik, President of the Ottawa Muslim Association. Mr. Malik said that the recent vandalism of the mosque was a shock to those arriving for prayers; people from the neighbourhood and from Ottawa came to help and show support; he said that the association will never forget the affection and help received from neighbours on this occasion. He said that the OMA wants to start cooperating with the CPCA in communication and joint projects; asked that neighbours keep an eye out around the mosque for suspicious activities. Carol Arnason will be the liaison from the CPCA; possibly the sleigh ride and other CPCA events will be posted in the mosque; residents could also help support the 20 Syrian families that the mosque has sponsored. Jon said on behalf of the community that everyone is shocked by the vandalism which is unacceptable in our community.

Councillor Jeff Lieper: Updates on Champlain Park Issues

Jeff Lieper said that he is beginning a ward-wide consultation process regarding park improvements; about \$600K has accumulated in the parks fund and more is expected; he encouraged people to subscribe to his blog and attend his ward forums; mentioned that the reform of the OMB is to be discussed soon including changing regulations regarding their decision-making authority. Regarding the proposal to close Pontiac between Cowley and Carleton and join Champlain Park to the NCC park property, the proposal received positive comments by 4:1 on Jeff's blog; Jeff has counted traffic and determined that there are no significant traffic impacts; school bus authorities have no concern; Jeff will talk to the City on Nov 30 to start arrangements; it will have to go to Planning Committee which will give residents another chance to object if applicable; the final plans and timelines will be communicated to the community afterwards.

Liz asked if there was any danger that part of Champlain Park could be sold or given to developers; Jeff replied that it is very unlikely but possible. Jon said that the CPCA executive has passed a motion to support the closure of Pontiac.

Jeff said he recognized the need to do something to deal with Tunney's Pasture parking; possibly need to look at modifying parking regulations in the neighbourhood; in response to a question regarding right-hand turns onto Island Park, he said that it is best to report these types of infractions to Ottawa police (at the general number, Ext 7300) and also to the RCMP. Police will respond to residents' calls if there is a volume of complaints. Planters, speed bumps and flexiposts are the most effective ways to curb speeders and speed boards also capture traffic speed data. Some of these will go on Premier and Clearview.

In response to a question as to whether there were exceptions to the parking regulations for religious functions or for contractors, Jeff replied that there are insufficient bylaw officers and they concentrate on paid parking areas, and he will take this opinion back to the city. Roland asked if parking control was self-funded, Jeff replied yes. Roland mentioned that the police prefer to receive calls regarding incidents online rather than by phone or residents can send a picture of the offending car licence. Jeff said that painting a box at the IP-Clearview intersection as was suggested was rejected by the city.

Asked about the poor condition of the boulevard on Northwestern, Jeff said that he would like to hear a request re this from the CPCA executive.

Business Items

1. Approval of minutes of 19 Nov 2015 AGM (Annex 2)

Motion to approve the minutes, moved by Dennis, seconded by Roland, approved.

2. Community Plan – Nick

Nick described the May 2016 Community Plan which outlines a mission and goals for the community and is intended to guide the investment of community funds, especially under goals 2 and 4, and to make available money for funding for small projects; Nick encouraged residents to think of ideas that would improve the community and submit them for funding; project applications and process description are available on the website.

3. Election of Executive for 2015/16 and Call for Volunteers - Nick

Daniel Buckles, Michael Cheng and Jennie Hornosty volunteered to be members-at-large; Jon mentioned that the total number of members-at-large has not been determined; our constitution needs revision and will be presented to the next AGM. Residents who want to get involved are also encouraged to become members of committees, e.g. on a committee to review the constitution.

The current slate of executives plus the 3 additional members-at-large was approved.

Daniel asked if executive meetings would continue to be open; Jon said yes, meeting dates are published but people may be asked to register their attendance as the locations of the meetings are not yet determined.

4. Reports

Treasurer - Joan

Joan explained that our finances are in good shape; we have approximately \$3,600 to spend this year on community projects; \$40,000 is goal for Planning and Zoning Committee “war chest”. See Treasurer’s Report, Annex 3.

Membership - Boris

Liz reported that the membership participation was good, we have had 4 new volunteer canvassers, participation remains at 65% approximately, participation of new households on Carleton has increased, everyone who joined and canvassed was thanked.

Federation of Citizens’ Associations - Roland

Roland explained the aims of the FCA. He mentioned the following updates from the Ottawa Police Services advisory committee; to meet growing demands on police services, police have launched more calls from public to be dealt with online only; e.g. thefts, mischief, minor damage, traffic and drug offenses; will only dispatch officers in cases such as violence or hate or gang-related offenses (further information is at this link
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[Online Reporting - Ottawa Police Service](#)).

About 1/3 of community police offices in the city will be closed but not the one in our ward. The above measures will free up more officers to be more visible in the community.

Planning and Zoning – Duncan

Duncan mentioned the following Planning and Zoning activities:

- the final adoption of the Infill II by-law which primarily set new limits on building heights and rear yard set-backs
- intervention at the Planning Committee to present concerns about the City's coach house by-law which was finally adopted with a provision for a review in 2 years
- participation in the provincial consultation on the review of the OMB
- intervention with the Committee of Adjustment on 2 minor variance applications
- continuing concerns about the loss of mature trees in the neighbourhood and weak enforcement by the City of by-law infractions

Heather described the CPCA's participation in developing the City's Urban Forest Management Plan.

Social – Carol

Carol encouraged people to submit ideas for community social events; the three traditional events are run by volunteers and paid for by the association; she called for volunteers for the Winter Carnival on Jan 28.

Jon Bartlett mentioned that the CPCA could apply to him for young musicians to play at an event.

Environment – Nick

Nick mentioned that Daniel Buckles would be taking over as Environment Coordinator. Environment Committee activities are: the Spring cleanup, garage sale, climate change action, Little Woods restoration, work in the NCC woods. Volunteers are welcome and there is further information on the CP website.

5. Other Business

Amy Kempster reminded people that there is a meeting on Nov 29 at 7:15 with a presentation on the activities of the Water Rangers; leaders from CPCA are needed to participate in Water Ranger activities on our shoreline.

Dennis said that Catherine McKenna would be prepared to come to a future meeting either with the executive or with residents and asked what topics she should address.

Lynne mentioned that the Sir John A. Macdonald ski trail crowdfunding campaign was successful and we can expect that the trail will be groomed for double tracks this winter and will include a walking trail.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.