

**Draft Minutes**  
**Champlain Park Community Association**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**Tuesday, October 23, 2018, 7:30 PM**  
**at the Champlain Park Fieldhouse**

39 people attended the AGM. A meet and greet with refreshments preceded the meeting. The Association would like to thank Bridgehead Coffee for providing coffee and tea.

**Guest Speaker:**

1. Mike Muir, Land Manager from the National Capital Commission (NCC) provided updates on the:
  - Ottawa River South Shore Riverfront Park Plan
  - Champlain Bridge Parking Lot Rehabilitation

Mike explained that the Ottawa River South Shore Riverfront Park Plan (ORSSLPP) has been approved and is online; people were encouraged to read it, it involves making the riverfront area more into a park with more animation, also preserving wetlands; the NCC will be searching for a new name for it. Other projects include redoing the parking lot beside the Champlain bridge, fixing the sinkhole, taking parking away from the waterfront; possibly adding washrooms and a rest area, hoping to finish by winter 2019. Also, will open up the Tunney's parking lots for people to use when skiing, and bringing more animation to the SJAM winter trail, e.g. chairs, firepit.

In answer to questions, Mike said that

- NCC does provide funding and equipment to the winter trail and provides one-quarter to one-third of funding presently to maintaining the winter trail. although will still expect community funding
- Will move parking lot of out the flood plain and the pathways also wherever possible
- The parking lot will be started early next year; all work has to be coordination with the LRT work, overall plan to complete in 2023;
- Plan allows for access to the water for paddlecraft e.g. docks and portage trails and possibly commercial operators e.g. for river rafting;
- Possible commercial structures at Westboro beach;
- As regards poison ivy, wild parsnip, etc. in the area: the mown spaces are designed to be safe but it is not possible to remove noxious weeds in the naturalized areas;

- NCC has “share the path’ etiquette signs at the entrance which include recommendations to cyclists to use their bells; Concerns were expressed that the bicycle etiquette signs are too small and easily overlooked.
- The pathway will be separated into bike / pedestrian trails in certain sections;
- There are no plans for a leashless dog park;
- Regarding the problem of geese harming the environment or other wildlife, he said that the NCC tries to change the shoreline to make it unwelcoming to geese e.g. with fencing, longer grass or grass and other plants that geese don’t like.

## **Business Items:**

2. Approval of minutes of previous AGM 24 Oct 2017 - Liz (*file 2 - Minutes CPCA AGM 24 Oct 2017 draft* )

No comments or modifications. Motion to approve Roland, seconded by Laurie, carried, no abstentions.

3. Reports from the Board

- a. Community Plan Overview – Nick (*file 3a - CPCA Workplan 2016 may15 – summary*)

Nick reviewed the community plan and the organization of committees that support it and called for volunteers to be involved; he asked for people to come forward to sponsor projects and mentioned that community financing is available by contacting the appropriate committee.

- b. Membership Report and call for volunteers to be involved – Jennie (*file 3b - CPCA Membership Report 2018*)

Jennie thanked the volunteer canvassers and asked for others to volunteer next May; membership revenue was \$4,420 this year; approximately the same participation as last year; new families are moving in and joining, ideas were received for events such as movie nights, bonfires, potluck dinners; the executive are considering whether memberships could be purchased online; rink: To a question about rink maintenance, Laurie said that the city has a contract with a resident who does flooding and shovelling and he occasionally asks for volunteers.

- c. Financial Update – Josh (*files 3c -CPCA - Finacial Statement - FINAL - Sheet1, 3c1 - CPCA BUDGET 2018-2019 - FINAL - Budget 2018-2019*)

Josh said that the CA is in a healthy situation and the philosophy is to keep in the black; asked for people to suggest projects as funds are available; anyone wishing to suggest a project can send an email to the general CP email address or contact a board or committee member.

- d. Civic Engagement - Roland (*file 3d - CPCA AGM Civic Engagement*)

Roland described his work with outside organizations such as the City and other community associations and encouraged people to look at Jeff Lieper’s newsletter to keep informed or go to his ward council.

e. Social – Patrick (file [3e - Social Coordinator Report](#))

Patrick reviewed the social events of the past year and the contributions by the Association, commercial sponsors and members; and encouraged people to become involved.

f. Planning and Zoning - Duncan (file [3f1 - CPCA AGM P&ZCtee 2018](#), [3f2 I-1I-2 Public Meeting 180403](#), [3F3 - BuilderCodeofConduct-CPCA](#))

Duncan reviewed the main issues in planning e.g. Infill, dealing with developers' proposals, Committee of Adjustment participation; discussed issues with contractors damaging property; ghost hotels. Roland added that the city has plans to replace the damaged trees on the Northwestern median; the CPCA has raised the issue of the 3 trees that were damaged with the city; city has started investigations; it is better to phone 311 immediately, the more people who complain the better; cc to Heather and Jeff Lieper; it is difficult to get answers re progress on remediation of these issues from the city.

g. Environment – Adrian (file [3G - AGM-EnvironmentCommitteereport-2018](#))

Adrian thanked the coordinators and volunteers of the spring cleanup; invited people to get involved in fall cleanup etc.; invited volunteers to do planting and trimming in the woods and spreading woodchips in the paths or moving snow under the Carleton tunnels to improve skiing there; there is a proposed further trail connection to Tunney's Pasture with a snow bridge to TP; concerns were expressed re wildlife habitat and flooding.

h. Parks Update – Roland (file [3h - CPCA AGM Parks](#))

Roland solicited input re fieldhouse improvements and use of \$3M that Jeff Lieper has allocated; Pontiac depaving will happen next spring, this is the first time the city has ever depaved to create a park. There was a question whether the planters could be moved inwards to allow for parking.

i. Fieldhouse Report – Laurie

Laurie described the dynamic and diverse use of the fieldhouse; encouraged people to rent the fieldhouse for events; AV equipment is available; rentals are very reasonable and bring in substantial revenue; current fieldhouse schedule is online.

**4. Election of Executive for 2018/19 and Call for Volunteers – Nick**

Nick presented the slate of Board members (file [4 - CPCA organizational chart 23 Oct 2018 AGM](#)) and called for nominations from the floor; there were none.

Moved to acclaim the proposed board, Dennis van Staalduinen; seconded by Connie Barrowclough, carried, no abstentions.

Nick encouraged people to come to Board meetings, which are open to the public, to see if they may want to join the Board.

**5. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.