

**DRAFT Minutes**  
**Champlain Park Community Association**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**Wednesday Jan 27, 2021, 7:30 pm**  
**Virtual Meeting by Zoom**

29 people attended the 2021 AGM.

**Chair** Nick Xenos

Nick welcomed attendees to the first virtual AGM meeting.

**Ottawa Field Naturalists' Club Award**

Heather Pearl announced an award for Champlain Park Community Members. Debra Huron and Daniel Buckles share the Ottawa Field Naturalists' Club (OFNC) 2020 Conservation Award for their long-time dedication to preserving the historic bur oaks in the Champlain Park neighbourhood of Ottawa.

Debra and Daniel have tirelessly promoted the Champlain Oaks and environmental sustainability, at meetings with City Planning and Forestry Staff, on National Tree Day events, often with the kids from St. George's school, through our Councillor, in the media, and more.

They have been the driving force behind so many of Champlain Park's environmental initiatives, including the Fieldhouse installations, the Neighbourwoods project and the NCC and Little Woods forest reclamation projects. Bravo and well-earned, Daniel and Debra!

**Report from City Councillor** Jeff Lieper

- Update on the Cash-in-lieu for parkland funds: Jeff said that there is presently \$1.7M in this fund. CP is scheduled for a complete renovation of the fieldhouse and improvements to the park. However, this is several years away.
- Update on IPD/Clearview Crossing and Carleton/Scott intersection plans: Jeff thanked Roland for his work on this. The plans have been approved and contracts let. Expect completion this spring.
- Scott St: will be completely reconfigured. The Carleton/Scott intersection is not slated to be configured as a "protected intersection". The city is trying to find funding for this and Jeff is hopeful.
- Update from City staff on the status of the Pontiac storm sewers, and effectiveness for flood prevention: investigation by the city showed that there was an old sewer pipe at the SJAM which was still in operation, unknown to the City, but was the cause of flooding in that area. It has now been closed. Pontiac may continue to flood that sewer won't be the cause.
- Tunney's Pasture updates: TP will become a new dense mixed-used residential area. There is a TP master plan which contains no surprises. Further consultation will be held.

There is a need for a new recreation facility at TP and there should be money available from developers for this, and also for a large new park.

- Safety issues related to SJAM motor vehicle accidents, considering recent accidents: This is an NCC responsibility. The NCC plan to slow traffic west of Westboro Beach with a chicane.
- The new City Official Plan is in draft now and involves a significant new thrust to intensification. A bylaw review will be considering completed in a few years and will review zoning. The transportation master plan focuses on public transport and the goal is that most trips would not be by car. The next master plan, in 5 years, will look at how COVID and the trend to working at home will affect the plan.
- Parkland: to a question about whether there was a planned ratio of parkland to population, Jeff said that population growth will drive new park and recreation requirements.
- Affordable housing: TP and LeBreton Flats are appropriate for affordable housing. Increasing the supply is the way to reduce rents and thus make more affordable rentals available.
- Jeff encouraged residents to look at the Westboro infill study, and to keep up to date by subscribing to his weekly newsletter and attending his virtual popup office hours.

### **Financial Report from CPCA Finance Committee** Lynne Bankier

Lynne presented the financial reports ( *1 CPCA 2018 2019 Fiscal Normal Year, 2 CPCA 2019 2020 Fiscal Pandemic Year, 3 CPCA Projections 2021 and Current Finances*) and said that, as there were fewer revenues than last year, our margin of debit to credit is around \$300. We anticipate no events before September and therefore there will be no membership drive. We have a buffer of \$2600 approximately without breaking the GICs. Many events have been held that cost very little, e.g. the Xmas and Halloween house decorating contests.

### **Election of Board for 2021** Nick Xenos

The chair called for nominations from the floor; there were none. The following slate of officers was proposed. Motion to elect was moved by Dan Wilcock, seconded by Ian Kluge, carried.

**Executive Officers (5)**

Co-Chair Lynne Bankier

Co-Chair Heather Pearl

Vice-chair Dan Wilcock

Secretary Liz Gyalokay

Treasurer Dave Harding

**BOARD MEMBERS**

Civic Engagement Roland Dorsay

Communications Adrian Bradley

Co-Environment Daniel Buckles

Co-Environment Adrian Bradley

Fieldhouse Laurie Fagan

Membership Services Jennie Hornosty

Planning and Zoning Heather Pearl

Social Convenor Nick Xenos

Member at Large Michael Cheng

Member at Large Carol Arnason

Member at Large Ian Kluge

Member at Large Kris Phillips

Approval of Previous Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the 2019 AGM ([5 - CPCA AGM Minutes 20191029 DRAFT](#)) was moved by Roland, seconded by Jennie, carried.

## Guest Speaker

Érinn Cunningham, President, and William van Geest, Advocacy Working Group, from Bike Ottawa discussed their group's initiatives and recent achievements, listed below. Their main emphasis is on safety for cyclists. Their presentation is [4 Bike Ottawa Scott St Reconfig - presentation to Champlain Park CA](#).

- Scott St overhaul is major project here
- Temporary bike lanes on Holland were made permanent; may eventually lead to connecting the Farm with Tunney's
- Multi-use pathways (MUP) on both sides of the Bank St bridge over the canal
- Civic hospital area; improvements on Sherwood Drive for safe cycling
- Vision O: for everyone to be able to ride bike safely; e.g. 30 km speed limits, traffic calming,

Residents were encouraged to check the website [BikeOttawa.ca](#); lots of work on mapping has been done so there are route plans for biking around the city, and the group is also mapping winter cycling facilities that are plowed.

Regarding the Scott St reconfiguration: Phase 1 Churchill to Holland should finish Fall 2021, Phase 2 to Bayview fall 2022, Phase 3 – widen Scott and plant trees – date unknown. Bike Ottawa is on board with city's plans generally but has the following concerns:

- depressed curbs: should be eliminated
- winter maintenance: need path shovelled wider
- vehicle speed to be reduced
- safe crossings of Scott at Ross and Merton
- keep MUP on north of Scott; Jeff: it will be unidirectional

There may be other strategies for creating bike infrastructure e.g. one way or narrower streets; closing sections of streets; community groups are encouraged to identify these opportunities.

Jeff: Byron bike lanes are to be extended, new intersection design at Kirkwood and Richmond.

## Civic Engagement

Roland Dorsay presented the Civic Engagement report ([civicengagement.pptx](#)).

## Social

Nick Xenos said that COVID has altered our usual social plans. There were successful events such as the Halloween and Christmas house decorating contests. The charity auction raised \$1800 for the Parkdale Food Bank. There is a neighbourhood hockey pool and chess ladder on now. Nick is happy to receive other ideas e.g., movie night. There is funding available.

Don Monet proposed sponsoring an astronomy event on the N side of Pontiac, where it's very dark, with telescope; would need some funds for advertising, to pay for a speaker, and access to fieldhouse if possible, in July. Eventually it would be great to have a dark sky place in the neighbourhood for anyone with a telescope to use. Nick will help Don propose this as a CPCA project.

### Planning and Zoning

Heather presented the Planning and Zoning report (*6c - P&Z Report.pptx*) and discussed the Official Plan and its probable effects on CP. She asked for volunteers interested in working with her.

### Environment Report

Daniel Buckles presented the achievements of the Environment Committee (*6d - 2020 report environment longspeech.pdf, 06d - 2020-CPCA environment report-Final.pptx*).

### Rink Update

Dan Wilcock explained that the rink opened later than hoped because of the weather; but is now up and running; there are two components in agreements with the City to build a rink: build and maintenance. CPCA did not take on supervision; have an active list of 30 people involved; excellent turnout, city maximum capacity is 25 for the loop, 25 for the rink, 12 for the puddle; have received \$3000 from city and will keep it open as long as possible, many people appreciate the use of the rink.

### Other Business

Mature Tree preservation – Michael Cheng is contact for anyone who wishes to discuss methods of preserving mature trees.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50.