

Copeland Park Community Alliance

Annual General Meeting, Wednesday, October 11, 2017 (revised draft)

St Basil's Roman Catholic Church, 940 Rex Avenue

Call To Order: 7:05 PM

President welcomed attendees. Proposed some flexibility with agenda due to Councillor Rick Chiarelli's uncertain arrival time.

Agenda approved by Nora Lee and seconded by Brian Pepper. All in favour and passed.

Approval of 2016 Minutes

Suggestion from floor (Denise Trottier) to invite questions pertaining to 2016 AGM minutes prior to approval. President invited questions but none were posed.

Request for approval of 2016 minutes as posted on CPCA web site.

Moved By: Bob Liberty

Seconded By: Terry Innes

Approved

The President's Report Marjorie Shaver-Jones

I want to start my comments by introducing and thanking the Board members, who have helped me to accomplish everything we've been able to do this year:

Steve Wilson – VP

Bert Rupert – Treasurer

Mike Sims – Membership Director (and frequently Communications)

Jamie Mason – Rink Coordinator

Dave Madden – Director-at-large

Andrew Hind – Director-at-large

Alan McNaughtan – Director-at-large

Dave Hunter – Web-Master

And, two Directors-at-large, who are leaving us this year.

Catherine Fortune

Jennifer Bougie

The make-up of our Board, this year, determined that we would need to do some of our business by e-mail, and so we planned to meet, in person, only every second month. This didn't work terribly well, for we have a number of board members who travel regularly and although we thought teleconferencing would solve this problem, it didn't. The result was a couple of meetings at which we didn't have quorum, according to our bylaws, so that no formal business could be enacted.

So, we will need to make some changes to our methodology for the upcoming year, to ensure that the executive can make decisions, even when directors are unavailable. And, we will need to amend our by-laws to allow for more modern methods of meeting and conducting business.

The Greenlawn Rink was again a tremendous success, and we are very grateful to the many volunteers who flooded and cleared the ice. We re-oriented the ice surface, to try to minimize the number of pucks landing in Gerry Clark's yard. I hope we succeeded.

Our Transportation Committee made some progress this year, and you'll be hearing more about this later.

Our community Yard Sale was a total failure this year. We had great signs and good advertising but it rained all weekend and so no one sold anything and we made no money from the initiative. We know that one problem is that people from outside our boundaries don't know where Copeland Park is, so this year we're going to try to get some permanent community signage that will address this matter in the future.

We were very involved in trying to save Putman School this year, but the school board made the decision to close the school. With the upcoming expansion of Agincourt School, we were pleased to contribute to a project to install new playground equipment there. The play structure is in place and being used every day.

Our membership numbers were disappointingly lower this year, and although we have a significant number of e-mail addresses for residents of Copeland Park; we need more to ensure thorough and complete communications with our residents, when we need to reach you.

Our web-site got hacked this year, so that we lost about two month's use of this community communication hub.

Bicycles were on our minds in a couple of ways. More about this later...

Community Mailboxes continue to be a concern. You'll recall that when Canada Post introduced us to this idea, we were assured that they would clean and maintain the community boxes regularly. As you well know, they don't, and this continues to create eye sores within our community. It's a problem we share with many other city neighbourhoods.

I think this is enough from me. The remainder of what we want to report on will be presented by your various Directors. So, let's get on with the rest of the meeting...

Marjorie Shaver-Jones

President,

Request for approval of President's report.

Moved By: Brian Pepper, seconded By: Nora Lee, Approved.

Treasurer's Report

Opening Balance 2016: \$6,249.31

2017 Income

Membership fees: \$485.00

Rink Grant: \$1,200.00

Total Income: \$1,685.00

2017 Expenses

Printing:	\$67.80
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AGM:	\$120.00
Rink expenses:	<u>\$856.20</u>
Total Expenses:	<u>\$1,100.48</u>
Closing balance:	\$6,833.83

End of report.

* Signing authority remains with Bert Rupert / Steve Wilson / Mike Sims.

* Separate line item – Greenlawn rink budget: \$344.00 balance from last season.

* \$1,200 from city expected to continue.

Request for approval of Treasurer's report. Moved by Bert and seconded by Elizabeth Liberty.

Greenlawn Park Update (Rink & Tennis Courts)

Jamie Mason & Dave Madden

Board approved purchase of snow blower to assist with rink maintenance. Budgeted \$2,500.00 .

There is a chance of receiving a hut from the city. This will be a heated hut suitable for storing hoses and snow blower, etc.. Rink team could benefit from more volunteers.

Tennis court proving to be very popular for tennis, tennis lessons as well as youngsters on tricycles, etc.

The park was also used for yoga classes and boot camps.

Side note: Community Mail Box in park, as well as others in neighbourhood, would be of added value if a bulletin board feature was a part of the box.

Traffic Update

Andrew Hind

Andrew reported continued speeding on Erindale along with stop sign violations. Contacted City Councillor's office but poor support resulted. 70% of street residents supported the 40 kph speed reduction. Signage may go up by end October. Andrew offered various suggested actions to the office but to no avail. In the past we were told to report violations to the police but Andrew's persistence resulted in being asked to stop calling!

Other Traffic Issues:

Inquiry from floor regarding left turn off Baseline onto Erindale.

Question from floor (Elizabeth Liberty) regarding the unsafe U-turn on Clyde at Baseline. City says it is safe.

Statement from floor (Castlehill resident) regarding drivers ignoring stop signs and speeding on Castlehill. Need for traffic calming. Calls to city get no results. Logging in complaints online equally useless.

Marjorie referred to the 66% petition support number the city needs from local residents to institute reduced speed. Marjorie and Andrew achieved 70% with the Erindale project. Need local resident to act on requirement for petition.

Request from floor for an update on the Baseline Road rapid transit corridor. Marjorie said that little has changed from last year. Such items as a left turn lane for condominium off Baseline, additional benches along Baseline and more stops are all still part of the plan and all part of the pedestrian friendly strategy.

Report from Rick Chiarelli (College Ward Councillor)

Apology from Rick regarding personnel issue. This has been corrected.

Rick supported the survey (petition) needing 66% of residents in favour of speed reduction.

Traffic calming budget for our ward is \$40,000.00 . Device options include Flexi-sticks for speed reduction but these are not usable in the winter months as they impact snow ploughing. Parking spots could be sacrificed by narrowing roads but most residents unwilling. Constrictions on Navaho – number of people hit curb first few weeks. Now painted yellow and starbursts signs have been added. Some concern about snowbanks and reduced snow removal.

Speed bumps – Rick went on First Responders ride along. Speed bumps obvious hindrance to First Responders particularly ambulances.

Digital speed signs on order for Erindale and will be installed after consultation with CPCA.

Speed pillows (low bumps) like those on Kirkwood Avenue are thought to be a good idea. Rick to consult with First Responders for their input.

Rick suggests calling police and report vehicle description and plate number. Police will send warning letter. Police should not be telling public not to call them.

City/police now charging for traffic data reports. Rick will try to get it released and will pass on (no charge from Rick's office).

Local resident reported that from his perspective there seems to be fewer collisions at the Maitland/Glenmount/Erindale intersection now operating with the delayed light vs the previous advanced green method. Also commented on the Clyde Avenue at Baseline U-Turn as unsafe. Rick will ask the Traffic office to re-examine.

Question from floor regarding status of photo-radar. Presently only in use in front of schools. Not yet officially on the books(?).

Local resident, Nora lee, asked about the possibility of the Maitland to Clyde turn being converted into a lighted T intersection. Presently not under consideration.

Community Mail Box (CMB) lack of pad maintenance (cleaning). Also a lack of winter snow clearing. City has no authority or influence with Canada Post. Rick suggested calling our Federal MP (Anita Vandenbeld). Also noted that a lack of proper snowbank removal at CMBs caused extra flooding and thus extra cost.

Ottawa Area Development

Marjorie brought up the question of the Dymon Storage blanket zoning change proposal that would allow them to build their storage units anywhere they choose. Arterial Main Street zoning does not allow for warehouse facilities. Also violates the retail commercial application of the site. What if Dymon leaves the site and new tenant needs more parking? Some concern also voiced regarding new chicken restaurant with drive through on Baseline Road. Expect this will add to already congested traffic at intersection. Local resident, Bob Liberty, asked about extending a right turn lane off Clyde onto Baseline to prevent congestion. Mike asked if anything can be done to prevent the rezoning? Rick said to contact the Planning Office via email and make arguments as discussed here. Rick seems to be opposed to the Dymon proposal.

Minto apartment at 1000 Castlehill – removal of tennis courts underway and parking area being installed. City has not yet received any official request for this change. Apparently the purpose varies from site to site and landlord to landlord. One question at the moment is whether the Castlehill site must have a recreational facility. Plus site zoning does not permit paid parking. Minto will be charging for the parking spots. Cease & Desist is apparently not an option but City waiting for their lawyers to issue a 'Stop Order'. Building residents don't want this either but Minto claims otherwise. City of Toronto also faced with this challenge and we're waiting for their outcome.

Thank you to Rick for his efforts in trying to stop the closing of J.H. Putman. Public Board loosing students to RC Board where there is a better French Language program. Public Board chooses to close schools rather than improve french programs.

Question from floor regarding conversion of 3 bedroom bungalows into 6 bedroom bungalows for student rental. City tries to enforce the 3BR restriction in an effort to prevent student ghettos. Risk of this happening around Algonquin College in City View, Ryan Farm and Centre Point. Area in question is within a 3km zone. New bylaw rental process to go before council in February next year – apply for a license for particular number of bedrooms, provide maintenance and parking plan, apply for fire inspection. Once performed & passed, license issued. License equals cost of fire inspection (\$60.00). Enforcement difficult without proof of violation of license. City can apply a charge based on Fire Department decision.

Marjorie thanked Rick for his presentation and Rick took the opportunity to thank Nancy O'Brien for her years of service and introduced his new assistant, Stephanie Dodds.

Ottawa Mountain Bike Association (OMBA) update. Alan McNaughton

Winter planning effort was more of a job than anticipated resulting in the opening being postponed till 2018. OMBA will be applying for a City Capital Partnership Program grant for funding. Expect to hear from City re plans and funding status by end October. Public meeting pending and once scheduled will be posted on CPCA web site.

Unrelated to OMBA – Marjorie brought up subject of discourteous cyclists on pathways. Situation reported to NCC and City but to no avail. Leslie Carter to pursue. Mike took the opportunity prior to adjournment to ask for more email addresses from attendees and their neighbours.

Election of Officers for 2018 Board of Directors

Motion proposed to accept existing board members for another year. Moved by Terry Innes and seconded by Ryan Kennering.

Adjourned by consensus at 9:10PM

