## Annual General Meeting Wednesday May 25, 2022 7:00 – 9:00 pm



## Lady of Fatima School 2135 Knightsbridge Rd and by Zoom

- 1 Welcoming Remarks Ian McCallum, President of the Woodpark Community Association welcomed participants to the meeting, both in person and virtually. He thanked Bay Ward Councillor Theresa Kavanagh for attending, particularly given her heavy workload resulting from the May 21 storm and the extensive damage in Bay Ward. Ian also introduced Brittanny Belanger, our guest speaker.
- 2. **Guest Speaker** Brittanny Belanger, Founder of Earthub described what motivated her to establish Earthhub and outlined a number of projects underway in Ottawa to keep items out of the landfill (pill bottles, egg cartons, chip bags, crayons, squeezy pouches, mascara wands, coffee bags, and other items). West End Drop-off Locations can be found by sending an email to <a href="mailto:ecowestenders.ottawa@earthub.ca">ecowestenders.ottawa@earthub.ca</a>. Brittanny also left the Association with some flyers and bins that can be used to collect the items.
- 3. **Thank you to Guest Speaker** Jennifer Plank thanked Brittanny for her insightful presentation and presented her with some gifts from the Association, including a monetary donation to Earthub.
- 4. Woodpark Community Association A Year in Review Ian McCallum provided an overview of the activities of the Board over the last year. Many of the points he raised were summarized in the annual newsletter that was distributed in the community earlier in the month. He noted that a lot of development in the area is anticipated in the next few years. The current preferred development is a semidetached house. More dense development is anticipated with the approval of the new Official Plan. The LRT construction will continue to impact the community. There will be an update on the LRT hosted by Councillor Kavanagh on

June 7<sup>th</sup>. Ian also talked about the work that the Association is doing to look at the possible uses of the brownfield at the north end of Edgeworth Avenue. Ideas include a small dog run, a small park for people, community housing etc. Ian also mentioned some of the fun events that have taken place recently and those planned for the next few months: June 4 – Garage Sale, June 11 – Mural Painting, Aug 27 - Music on the Porch and possibly Movie Night in the Park also in August.

- 5. Woodpark Common Ground Community Garden Mar Preston and Aggie Adamczyk described the operations and activities of the Community Garden. The garden was started in 2017 as a pilot project on NCC lands. It is an independent organization with its own coordinating committee that operates under the umbrella of Just Foods. The garden supports organic farming. There are 30 plots and 2 raised beds. Three large plots are used to grow vegetables and herbs for the Ottawa Food Bank. A medicinal garden was added in 2021 with indigenous and non-indigenous plants. A Harvest Festival is planned for the fall and interest was expressed by members of the Woodpark Community Association to help out with the planning of that event.
- 6. **Election of Board of Directors for 2022/23** The following individuals were reelected to serve on the Board of Directors: Tanya Krupilnicki, Larry Ladell, David Levesque, Tom Marcantonio, Ian McCallum, Sue Milburn-Hopwood, Jennifer Plank, Donald Wood. The following new members were elected: Scott Gordon, Joan Harrison and Stephanie Kajenski. One position remained vacant.
- 7. **Concluding Remarks** Ian McCallum indicated that the Association depends on donations to pay for administrative costs and to contribute to the costs of hosting events. Participants were encouraged to contribute by sending an e transfer to <a href="woodpark.ottawa@gmail.com">woodpark.ottawa@gmail.com</a> or by contacting the Association at the same address to make other arrangements. Ian thanked participants for attending the meeting.