

Woodpark Community Association Inc. – Meeting April 8, 2020 (meeting held by Zoom)

Present:

Board Members: Larry Ladell, Don Wood, Steve Kassner, Celeste Mackenzie, Robert Hunter, Ian McCallum, Greg Lavigne, Tanya Krupilnicki, David Levesque, Erica Dath, Tom Marcantonio

Community Members: Ann Hardiman, Stephanie Kajenski, Kate Punnett, Mary Wilkinson

Absent: N/A

Minutes: Erica Dath

Item #1 - Commencement of Meeting (Larry)

- Call to Order.
- Communication of absences - NA
- Additions/deletions to the agenda: Item #6 - Closure of Ice Rinks/Recreational Facilities added to agenda.

Item #2 - AGM May 20, 2020 (Larry)

- AGM will need to be held by virtual format because of self-isolation measures in place. Zoom can accommodate a max of 100 participants, may need to facilitate via webinar. Options will be investigated.
- Larry asked that Board members indicate to him by May 1, 2020 if they do not wish to continue for another term.
- There is a call for annual newsletter contributions. To be sent to Larry directly.
- Previous newsletters are available on the website. (action item - Annual newsletter from 2019 to be posted to website)

Item #3 - Glad Clean Up the Capital Campaign (Larry)

- The City of Ottawa has cancelled the clean-up initiative

Item #4 - Street Mural Painting (Tanya)

- the street mural refresh painting usually takes place in June, given self-isolation measures this activity will need to be postponed to at least fall.
- it was proposed that the refresh is cancelled for this year.
- activity has been postponed

Item #5 - 2175 Carling Avenue Parkette (Celeste/Various)

- the new residential development slated for site will include some type of parkette (south end of Ancaster)
- meeting held on March 17th to discuss options for space.
- WCA did not provide a position, a resident on Ancaster very concerned and spoke to what might occupy space directly across from his home.
- Councillor Kavanagh posted possible options/renderings on Facebook (community association was not given direct/prior notice)
- Larry will contact Councillor's office to raise concern about lack of contact with community association on item and to determine timelines for providing community input
- Celeste will take the lead on gathering wishlist for parkette
- It is essential that whatever option is chosen the area allows for cycle, pedestrian, wheelchair/stroller accessibility and does not allow for vehicle thruway traffic; needs more than chainlink closure.
- question raised as to whether the community association would be able to inherit the cost of snow removal.

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Item #6 - Closure of Ice Rinks/Recreational Facilities (Rob)

- Rob drafted a letter to send related to the closure of ice rinks nearest to Woodpark
- the board discussed when to send the letter and to whom it should be addressed.
- The City of Ottawa has published the Recreation Facility Infrastructure Standards and Strategy ([link](#))
- as budgets will be impacted by current economic issues letter will be sent in near future, to be addressed to the Manager of the Parks and Rec Dept, appropriate committee Chair and Councillor Kavanagh.

Item #7 - Community Garden Update (Celeste)

- there is an issue with placement of the permanent pathway intended to run north/south to Lincoln Fields station
- the community garden asked that the pathway be moved further to the west (received approval from NCC)
- gardeners will be able to continue to garden throughout LRT construction period

- currently the community garden has been listed as a prohibited gathering space during pandemic measures, there has been a move to have community gardens classified as food production space allowing for continued use.

Item #8 - **Stage 2 LRT Updates (Don/Celeste)**

- Don and Celeste attended a two hour meeting (virtual) where little new information was discussed, LRT2 group has been mainly focused on east end stops (fewer stops compared to west end)
- the LRT2 group will be taking some input from community association; however, no promises were made that community would have input into many facets of the build. Much of the decision making will be determined by consortium.
- stakeholder groups (communities/community associations) might be used to negotiate ongoing build issues such as traffic and noise issues.
- the LRT2 group could not give any timelines
- Celeste suggested that more information should be made available to the public on the LRT2 website.
- the LRT2 group is undertaking an accessibility study and the bridge from LF site to Riocan should be considered. There is much concern over how/when there will be access to the LF transit stop(s).

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Item #9 - **Carling Woodroffe Rescue Coalition (Ian)**

- CWRC held meeting before March break, just before lockdown Ian sent a message to Councillor Kavanagh requesting that a few of the CWRC recommendations were approved before funding clawback.
- Ian met with staff on April 6th, several items got a quiet endorsement ie continued use of transit way; however, the city does not take this decision. Additionally, the city supported revisiting the Stantec report
- there is a need to start the conversation with both Federal MP and Provincial MPP offices
- the coalition needs to broaden it's support and will reach out the QTN community association president to discuss
- next steps TBD
- Onsite observation of traffic congestion and safety issues to take place post self-isolation measures.

Item #10 - **COVID-19 Community Support Initiatives (Larry/various)**

- a community member spoke about the presence/lack of presence of association messaging during the social distancing times
- the Woodparkers Facebook page has been quite active, with excellent moderation by community member Sara Rubinfeld
- a message of support and encouragement from WCA will be drafted and sent to community by e-blast and posted to FB.

Item #11 - Treasurer's Report (Tanya)

- current balance 776.48\$
- deductions will be made for annual fee for website and domain (71.83\$ & 21.46\$)

Item #12 - Approval of previous meeting minutes

- March meetings approved.

Adjournment

Next Meeting - May 13, 2020

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