

Convent Glen - Orleans Woods Community Association

Annual General Meeting

Minutes

Monday, September 19, 2016 7:00pm

1. Call to order. There were 12 people in attendance plus the board members

2. Review of meeting ground rules

3. Adoption of agenda

Moved by Ian Gadbois, seconded by Jean LePage to adopt the agenda. Carried

4. Greetings from our elected representatives

- Federal MP: Leslie Andrew (greetings from his representative Rochelle Crossan)
Among other things, she highlighted the \$900 000 given to Orleans to create summer employment for secondary and post secondary students

- Provincial MPP - Marie-France Lalonde (greetings from her representative Miriam)
Busy summer getting to know constituents as well as learning new roles. Talked about the measures the provincial government is taking to reduce electricity costs. Copies of Marie France's communication were distributed to us. It included information about the shingles vaccine, family health hub, LRT and upcoming events.

- City Councillor, Ward 1 - Bob Monette (greetings from his representative Henry Gravelle)
Highlighted the Rib Fest and noted that Bob and the Ribfest Committee heard the feedback that they need more room next year.

5. Special guest speaker - Constable JP Vincelette (Ottawa Police)

Offered to further discuss Ottawa Police **SI (Service Initiative)** that will re-work how policing is done in Ottawa starting in January, after the meeting. Some community policing offices will close, 15 will be reduced to 10 officers total as part of the SI. So far, police have been able to attend every BBQ and other invitation they have received to represent police presence. That may not be the case next year. Constable Vincelette pointed out that the number of police officers has not kept up with the population growth. That is why the community policing officers and others are going back out on patrol. The aim is to have 42 cars on patrol at all times in Ottawa.

As a result, certain incidents are now going to need to be exclusively reported online: Thefts, loss of property, mischief/damage to property, traffic complaints, theft from cars, drug complaints, and frauds. Every activity of the police will be "intelligence driven" so these online reports are going to be very important to make. Those reports ARE looked at by the police analysts.

Question from Ian Gadbois: How will this information be shared with the broader community?

Answer: Police are still trying to figure this out, especially when so much change is occurring.

Right now, they are just telling people as they call, that those incidents now need to be reported on

line. There are some communication projects in the works but there have been, and continue to be delays.

Question from Lindsay Bradshaw re people taking matters in their own hands. Answer: it's always dangerous and never recommended that we approach people in suspicious situations. Crime prevention is recommended e.g. Locking car doors, free home safety inspection offered to anyone part of a neighbourhood watch, lighting, basement windows, etc.

Neighbourhood watch will not be affected by the downsizing changes. The volunteer program will continue to be in existence and be supported by Ottawa Police Service (instead of by community policing). Jean LePage made a comment about a recent incident that showed the positive presence of Police at a very large teen age party in Convent Glen North.

6. Special guest speaker - Gary Bradshaw (Cycling Without Age)

A bike program for seniors' residences. Gary started with one Bruyere home in Orleans. He is hoping to expand to several care homes in the downtown area as well as Orleans. The purpose is to create community between the seniors in homes, and bike pilots. The first bike in the Bruyere home has been a huge success, the one bike has been driven 900 km since July. Guiding principals: generosity, slow rides, story telling (every single senior has a story to tell), relationships, no age limits for residents. Bruyere is seeing huge health and mental health benefits.

7. Adoption of AGM minutes - Moved by David Jean-Laniel, seconded by Gary Bradshaw to adopt the minutes of last year's AGM. Carried.

8. President's report See attached. A suggestion was made from Jean LePage to make a comment on the website that we are using mostly Facebook right now for communication.

9. Treasurer's report See attached. Motion to accept report as corrected. Moved by Louis Caron, seconded by Jean LePage. Carried.

10. Communications committee report -

The only thing we plan to add to the President's report is that the new logo has been selected and we have begun to use it. The Facebook group has increased membership from 300 to 800 members. A survey in May 2015 indicated that most people use Facebook.

9. Election of Board Members

Miranda Gray, Karen Chow, Lindsay Bradshaw and Lisa Whittleton will finish out the second year of their two-year term.

Lisa nominated Christine Williams (represents the demographic of parents of young children) as a candidate for a position on the board.

There are no other nominees so Christine is acclaimed to the board.

That makes 5 members on the board. 9 would be ideal. The board will be responsible for appointing up to 4 more members during the next year, should suitable volunteers come forward.

10. Announcements of upcoming community events

Canada Day next year will have an event at Petrie Island that will be looking for volunteers.

11. Open mic

At this point, we will take suggestions for possible activities the association might undertake in the next year. Just remember that all activities will need a champion to lead the team doing the work. If you have a suggestion, you also need to be willing to be part of the team that makes it happen.

11.1 Gary Bradshaw approached the BIA about possibly bike education event. We have already talked about the possibility of a bike rodeo run by Safe Roads Ottawa in the spring. Also should look into doing some kind of bike education in conjunction with other associations. Ecole des Voyageurs does a bike rodeo and requires some volunteers to watch the bikes all day.

11.2 Jean LePage suggested we exploit The Point more, and have picnic tables and we could take the initiative to look after it, or promote it as half way to Petrie Island. Promote it as a historical spot where possibly des courier des bois may have stopped to rest. Although The Point is close to Convent Glen, it is part of NCC land so anything we do there would require permission from them.

11.3 Snow blower: the assumption is that we would sell the old snow blower once we purchase the new one.

12. Adjournment

Motion by Gary Bradshaw, seconded by Jean LePage to adjourn.

Note: The newly elected Board is required to meet immediately after this AGM to elect the officers and set the times for its monthly meetings.