

Convent Glen Orleans Wood Community Association
Minutes of February 13, 2017 meeting

1. Introduction of Board and guests (as required)

- o **Present:** Miranda Gray, Lisa Whittleton, Lindsay Bradshaw, Nick Gadbois, Christine Williams
- o **Regrets:** Karen Chow
- o Attendees were asked to state their name, the street they live on and what they believe the CGOWCA's purpose is. Some of the comments were: community awareness, tuning fork, receiver of grants, fostering sense of community, take concerns to city officials, not sure about lobbying, community building, disseminate information, consensus building, creator of inclusive community events, offering community resources for all ages, being involved, promoting community.

2. Approve agenda

- o Approved by consensus

3. Approve minutes

- o Moved by Nick, seconded by Lisa, to approve minutes as amended.
Carried.

4. Rink Update

- o George Jamieson agreed to be our rink coordinator next winter.
- o Snowblower has broken. The same problem with the chute swivel has reoccurred.
- o The shed doors will be very difficult to close due to a hinge issue. We have asked the city to repair this (but may not be possible until spring).
- o Reimbursements for Snowmobile gas money and minor supplies will be done shortly (after we receive the receipts).

5. Winter Carnival

- o Some mothers at one of the playgroups mentioned they were disappointed that the event did not run. Ideally we would plan for event activities so that if the rink was closed, the general event could continue. So we will need more volunteers to run activities.
- o We will try again with a winter carnival. Our dates are: January 20th and 27th, 2018. Lisa is to book the supplies from the city or pass on the contact information to Miranda.

6. Financial update

- o The bank has misplaced the signature update information (again). We discussed moving to another local bank. Gary Bradshaw suggested RBC Bank at Convent Glen mall. Miranda mention this is beside our post office box.

7. Business arising from minutes

- o Comments on police service initiative plans submitted verbally to Deputy Chief Jill Skinner (the program lead for community policing).
- o Miranda's is trying to arrange for a meeting to discuss M EORC and OCRC boundaries is trying to schedule. Christine has agreed to use her contacts to push for a meeting date.

8. President's Update

- o **Federation of Citizen Assembly** is later this week. The special topic is transportation master plan. Miranda will be presenting on the transit portion of the plan.
- o **Basic Income consultation** - Miranda circulated the information on the consultation to the FaceBook Group.
- o **Ward 1 CA president's meeting** in early March: Miranda asked if there was any topic she needed to raise. No suggestions were raised.
- o **Garage Sale May 27th**: Other Orleans community associations have their garage sales on the same day. We will join them in promoting this date to the CG-OW area. Christine mentioned her coop has garage sale the same weekend. Ian Gadbois is interested in communicating the event in his neighborhood.
- o **Summer Movie Nights 2017**: Last year, CGOWCA did not have access to electricity at our proposed location. Lisa suggested the board uses the power box at the ice rink, located near Convent – Glen School. Lisa and Dave Harris expressed interest in organizing the project. Lisa will investigate.
- o **Bike Rodeo**: It seems several of the schools already participate in these events. So perhaps not a focus at this time.
- o **Swimming lessons**: A question was asked about providing swimming lessons at one of the condo pools in the area. The consensus from the room that insurance would be the issue main hurdle and that the city already offers affordable lessons.

9. Website redevelopment

- o Board of directors photos were taken this evening. As Karen was absent, her photo still needs to be taken. Nick will send out board of director biographies by Friday February 17th, 2017. Page load time issues have been addressed and logo has been updated. Nick will meet with Mario (St. Matthew's tech teacher) next week to coordinate a website design plan.

10. A) Green's Creek Point : Interpretation area

- o This is a community project led by Jean Lepage, Ian Gadbois and Louis Caron who all live in the CGOWCA area. They are working outside the CA but are providing an update so we are aware and can support their work.

- o The City of Ottawa and National Capital Commission (NCC) are in favor of constructing an interpretation area. They have met with Bob Monette and other City Counselors and with NCC representatives.
- o They are going to meet with a designer to create a plan. Picnic tables and benches are ideal. The overall vision is a more like a gazebo than a concrete pavilion. This discussion will be post July 1st with the hope to build later this year.
- o As the project moves on, they would like help with the communication strategy including advertising on social Medias, CGOWCA website and local newspapers.
- o Right now, the support required from CGOWCA is still uncertain. Ian suggested a contribution around \$200 will be needed.

11. B) Grooming path from Petrie Island to Green's Creek Path during winter.

- o This is *another* community project led by Jean Lepage, Ian Gadbois and Louis Caron who all live in the CGOWCA area. They are working outside the CA but are providing an update so we are aware and can support their work.
- o They expect to begin grooming next week (depending on the weather cooperating). More updates next meeting.
- o Louis, Ian and Christine Walton will work on the communication strategy. Once they have a confirmed opening date, the CGOWCA will send their message down the mailing list to all subscribers.

12. New Business

- o **Facebook advertising policy:** Recently the FB page has seen some commercial use. We reviewed our policy to clarify. The majority agree that small businesses, charitable organizations, home owners should not be allowed to advertise on CGOWCA websites. Nick proposed they should pay the association to advertise on our website. We will return to this idea once the website will be updated. Nick will sent out a standard message all FB admins will use when removing inappropriate Facebook messages.
- o **Shall all meeting to open to public?** Nick suggested that meetings should not always be open to the public. This would allow private issues within the board to be discussed. Miranda replied that meeting should always be open to the public to promote transparency. Christine Walton commented that meetings open to the public allow for more discussion and community involvement. Ian proposed hybrid solution is to have private issues left for the end of meetings. Miranda mentioned that unless we have a personnel issue it is unlikely we would have anything requiring an en camera session.

13. Questions from the floor?

- o What are the plans for Canada Day? Miranda replied that there will be an event at Petrie Island this year. She expects to hear more about it at the upcoming Ward 1 meeting.
- o Can we help promote other events in our community? We can encourage people to hold them. We can promote them when appropriate (i.e. likely no block parties where you need to live in the area to attend). We will send out a mailing and FB post in late spring to see what events the community is already planning or wants to help the CA to hold. Lindsay will translate the message.

14. Next Meetings

- o March 13, April 10, May 8, June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11
- o AGM Monday September 25
 - Nick has asked if we can move the AGM as he will be unable to attend the planned date. Miranda will confirm a room is available and move it and the September regular meeting.