

**Convent Glen – Orléans Wood Community Association
Annual General Meeting
Monday, September 24, 2018 7:00pm**

255 Centrum Blvd, Rm 340, Orleans

1. Introduction of Board and guests

Present: Gary Bradshaw, Louise McLaren, Fran Childs, 23 community members

Regrets: Karen Chow

2. The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm

3. The agenda was adopted by consensus of those present.

4. Greetings from our elected representatives

- a. **Federal MP: Andrew Leslie** – Greetings from his representative who shared some federal initiatives that positively impacted our community: New Horizons project for Seniors and Canada summer jobs for students. A reminder that Andrew Leslie's office is at 255 Centrum, on the second floor.
- b. **Provincial MPP: Marie-France Lalonde** – Greetings from our MPP which focused on provincial assistance that is available following the tornados in the National Capital Region.
- c. **City Councillor Ward 1: Bob Monette** – Our local councillor was unable to attend due to a prior commitment.

5. Special guest speaker from the Eastern Ottawa Resource Centre

Michelle Lemieux shared information regarding the EORC which is located in the Gloucester Centre at Blair, with a satellite office on Tenth Line where programs for seniors are offered.

She gave an overview of the programs offered at the EORC including: programs to help seniors and adults living with physical disabilities; counselling for youth in schools; programs to assist people living with abuse; connections with community resources and partners that work with the Centre including Action Housing, speech pathology, and community health supports. She highlighted that people can connect with the EORC not just if they are struggling, the EORC services are also for people when things are going well. She shared that many of the services are free. She stressed that partnerships and working with the resources in the community are key and that Orleans has a lot of social capital.

In terms of accessing services, anyone in the K1C is part of the EORC, anyone not in the K1C goes to Orléans-Cumberland Community Resource Centre on Centrum Blvd. She explained that if one of the Community Resource Centres has a program that the other does not, you can potentially access services across the boundaries.

All of the Community Health and Resource Centres across the City of Ottawa are part of a coalition of Community Health and Resource Centres and work together on certain initiatives.

6. **Update on Ski Heritage East** Ian Gadbois presented an update about the winter trail which has been offered for two seasons now. It involves grooming the bike path from Green's Creek to Trim Road. Since weather conditions weren't that great last year; they have some money in the bank because they weren't able to groom as often as they had hoped. The National Capital Commission (NCC) is working with them this year. They generated almost \$5000 via the GoFundMe campaign last year. They are hoping to have support of Community Associations in the Orléans area. This year, they plan to secure their own grooming equipment to do the grooming themselves with volunteers. Long term, they are working to try to get a line item in the City of Ottawa budget to fund winter trail maintenance here and across the city.
7. **Adoption of 2017 AGM minutes:** Moved by Ian Gadbois; seconded by Alexa Brewer. Carried.
8. **President's report:** Gary highlighted the events that the CGOWCA hosted this past year – the Dog Walkathon in the spring; Winter Carnival on Family Day; Bike Rodeo in the spring; and the Yoga in the Park series with four free courses over the summer. He also shared that the Community Rink (located in Jeanne d'arc Park) was extremely successful this year and was very well managed by our volunteer, George.
9. **Treasurer's report:** See attached written report.
 - a. Motion to amend the previous year's income statement 2016-2017 moved by Jean Lepage, seconded by Christine Taylor. Carried.
 - b. Motion to accept the current year's income statement 2017-2018 moved by Jean Lepage, seconded by Garth Williams. Carried.

10. Election of Board Members

The following board members have 1 year remaining in their two-year term and are not up for election: Karen Chow, Louise McLaren, Fran Childs, Gary Bradshaw, Miranda Gray (leave of absence), Mireille Brownhill (leave of absence). We have up to 3 vacant director positions.

Garth Williams was nominated by Mireille Brownhill; Toby Bossert volunteered to stand for election. Camille Guérin moved to accept and close the nominations, Louis Caron seconded. Carried. Garth Williams and Toby Bossert are acclaimed to a position on the board.

Board members for 2018-2019 will be:

Karen Chow (term ends September 2019)

Louise McLaren (term ends September 2019)

Fran Childs (term ends September 2019)

Gary Bradshaw (term ends September 2019)

Garth Williams (term ends September 2020)

Three directors are currently running in the municipal election, and will be on leave until the election is concluded:

Miranda Gray (on leave, term ends September 2019)

Mireille Brownhill (on leave, term ends September 2019)

Toby Bossert (on leave, term ends September 2020)

11. Announcements of upcoming community events

- Thursday October 11th – Ski Heritage East AGM is being held at 255 Centrum, room 340 at 7pm
- Thursday September 27th – Progressive Perspectives – an election event is being held at Shenkman at 7pm
- October 22nd – get out to vote; advanced voting takes place October 4th to 7th

12. Open mic: suggestions for possible activities the association might undertake in the next year.

- Miranda Gray shared that Westboro has a community campfire closing of the beach at the end of the season– could we do something similar at Petrie?
- Ian Gadbois brought forward that we should have a summer BBQ at Metro parking lot, it was done and was successful a few years ago; RBC would be willing to partner with us;
- Miranda said we should try to connect with the Mass Cycle Group and have them come to something in Orleans
- Geoffrey Griplas said he would like to see us partner with other Orleans Community Associations (like Queenswood Heights) in order to have larger events or to increase the number of events. It would increase capacity by working together
- Miranda suggested we partner with organizers of the Canada Day event at Petrie again this year – we were doing this in 2018, but the event was cancelled due to the extreme heat
- Mireille Brownhill suggested we connect with Les Amis des parcs. They will help groups organize activities in parcs for francophones.
- It was not a suggestion of an event, but the parking set up at Petrie was brought up as an issue. That there are not enough meters for parking and that it discourages short term visits.

13. Motion to adjourn was moved by Ian Gadbois, seconded by Louis Caron. Carried.