

Convent Glen Orleans Wood Community Association

Meeting Minutes - April 8 2019

1. **Introduction**

Present: Gary, Miranda, Mireille, Fran, Karen, Toby, Garth
Regrets: Louise

2. **Approval of** Agenda approved by consensus

3. **Regular Business Items**

3.1 Approve March 11th minutes. Moved by Mireille, seconded by Garth, approved.

3.2 Update on action items from minutes: will be separated out moving forward.

4. **President Update** – Gary

4.1 FCA update Gary finally got a message from our councillor that there will be a meeting in the first week of May. There was also some discussion about Transit Commission Mireille attended the FCA meeting. There was some discussion about the Official Plan and next meeting will focus on that. They also discussed the Ottawa neighbourhood study. Some neighbourhood reviews will take place. Further info will be sent to the community associations. Their AGM is in June. Miranda has sent the top items to be discussed at the next meeting by email. Friday, Miranda is helping with the valuation of the mural contest.

5. **Financials** – Mireille and Garth discussed funding with the president of Cardinal Creek community association. It was suggested that we could get sponsors to put up banners on our rink, e.g. \$500/season. Elected officials can buy ad space in our newsletters. We can also consider taking over another rink in our catchment area.

Discuss option to request funds from councillor for community BBQ

Follow up -Insurance info- CGL update: no luck so far, what ever Mireille has investigated has been more expensive than what we currently have. Our current broker has been difficult to connect with, but Mireille has a call lined up for tomorrow that he has committed to.

6. **Communications**

6.1 Fran-Newsletter update: Fran read the current stats for newsletter and FB page. Slow but steady growth so far. Fran is looking for newsletter ideas for May. May is bike month, crime prevention, garage sale dates that we know, Transit report? Gary noted that the Community Garden tried to advertise their yard sale on our website but couldn't get through to us. We missed getting it in our newsletter, but we can promote it through our Facebook page. Miranda is going to try to do a scheduled post on FB to remind people that advertising only happens on the 1st of the month.

6.2 Miranda- Web hosting update: Google analytics can be used to look for stats. Fran has been looking at it. We need to add a code to each page that we want

Google analytics to look at. Would it help us to have that data when we are trying to sell our ad space? Generally, the consensus is yes, but wait until we move our website to a new host. Miranda says the move should happen smoothly and quietly and she'll let us know when it has happened. Matthew Darwin is our new host and is volunteering his time and hosting space free of charge.

7. Events Planning

7.1 Gary - Dog walk - RBC, April 27th , Gary has sent posters to printer now that RBC has given their approval of the poster. 4km walk from Metro and back to RBC for photos. Posters will be printed tomorrow. Talk it up at the dog parks and among friends.

7.2 Mireille- Rodeo Vélo - May 4th can not work that date at Carine Wilson because parking lot not available, and city cycling group that did bike tune ups last year are already booked. They are available on May 18 but that's the long weekend. So the decision is to cancel now and plan well ahead for next year.

7.3 Karen - Community BBQ update: July 6 Karen will follow up on

7.4 Summer events - yoga in the park, Mireille has had a short conversation with Julie to see if they will send instructors so there is one session each week for July and August some where. Mireille is still working on it. Money that was originally allocated to the bike rodeo can be used for this. Moved by Miranda, seconded by Garth. If it gets sponsored, even better. There will be a donation jar at each event. Carried.

8. New Business

8.1 Mireille- Walkability study update, several people on FB expressed interest. Mireille would like to see both groups come and do a train the trainer session and then send people out with a checklist to do at their own convenience. The only concern is the time frame for the training, early May might not work because all interested parties have not gotten back to Mireille. Mid to late May would be better. We will play it by ear. Most of the work for us will be collecting and reporting the data we get from individuals.

8.2 Garth- Seniors Services - Web Pages – update: Content is up on our webpage now but there are a few formatting issues to deal with. It should be done soon so will be in next newsletter.

Rink: There is a subcommittee working on the rink coordinator volunteer description. (Garth, Fran, Miranda). Garth is looking for what the city policy is on outdoor rinks in the city. Mireille will send the contract from the city to Garth to look through.

8.3 Gary - Interprovincial Bridge has come up again. It is a budget issue, and some money has been set aside for interprovincial bridge. Gary spoke to Andrew Leslie to ask what the Federal budget announcement meant that the money is there; are there plans?, do they know where it will be?. Concerned members of the community have already approached Gary wanting to make sure they are heard. They are concerned that Kettle Island and Petrie Islands are environmentally sensitive areas. At this point it is a watch and wait issue.

8.4 Topic of discussion for new councillor

9. Forward agenda items

FCA

Propose a \$25 gift card for each of the volunteers other than George. There are 5 volunteers that George has given names to Mireille. The consensus is that the Board will present the thank you gifts. Moved by Miranda, seconded by Toby to give \$25 card to each volunteer. Carried.

Miranda moved, seconded by Toby that George be given \$125 cheque this year, based on the unexpected, unapproved expense with the locksmith this year. Carried.

Mireille is suggesting that we all start talking to people we know to find a rink volunteer coordinator. We could have one person doing the physical work and someone else call people as needed.

St. Joseph re-surfacing will be from both ends, going back and forth from one end to the other. There is some concern that the plan is to work through the night, there are some houses and senior homes along that stretch. Mireille reported on the plans for the paving. The BIA will communicate traffic disruption info. and we will pass it on as we hear it. Suggested that we invite both city councillors (Matt and Laura) to our next meeting, or ask them to invite city staff to attend to answer question. We can make that the beginning of next meeting.

10. Next Meeting

May 13th