

**Convent Glen Orleans Wood Community Association
Minutes Jan 14, 2019**

Present: Gary Bradshaw, Garth Williams, Mireille Brownhill, Fran Childs, Karen Chow, Louise McLaren, Miranda Gray

Regrets: Toby Bossert

1. **Introduction** There were no guests present to introduce.
2. **Approve agenda** The agenda was approved by consensus

Regular business Items

3. **Approve Dec minutes-** Moved by Miranda, seconded by Mireille to accept the minutes as printed. **Carried**
4. **President's Update – Gary**
 - 4.1 **Rink** – going well. Things were up in the air at Christmas, weather did not help, but the first flooding was done at the right time. There have been more floodings and ice is in pretty good shape now. The nets have arrived from the city. Gary has the name of another possible volunteer, and George has two guys to help. There is always room for more volunteers, especially if it snows. Gary plans to update the city webpage to post current ice conditions on a regular basis.
 - 4.2 SHE trail, Ian has not been too active on our Facebook page about the trail but their own website seems to be updated regularly.
5. **Communications team – Fran**
 - 5.1 **Newsletter suggestions for next month**
Budget, counsellor mailing list, April dog walk, ski/walk etiquette, carnival pics, MPP Family Day event?
 - 5.2 **Facebook group privacy settings-** Louise is concerned that the group being public is a privacy and safety issue. In general, the board feels there is an advantage to have the setting as public so that people can find us and see the discussions on the page. It would encourage people to join if they have something to contribute. It would be a good idea to add in the description of the group that the group is public.
 - 5.3 **Web hosting** – The website seems to be down fairly frequently and there are other places to host it. It may be in our interest to look into alternatives. Miranda has some contacts and will look into it.
 - 5.4 **Facebook – policies and description** Miranda gave us a document that suggests some changes to our description and our rules. Miranda also suggested a file with links to other groups that would be of interest to members. It was also suggested that the questions asked of people who apply to join our group should be available in both French and English. Motion to adopt the documented changes as put forward and adjusted as a group: moved by Miranda, seconded by Louise, carried. Miranda will put up the notice for advertising on Feb 1 and Mar 1.
6. **Event Planning –**

- 6.1. **Christmas Caroling** – went well, lots of participation by our association but not as many seniors there. We could plan it earlier and promote it better. Suggestion that in April (volunteer month) we thank all of our volunteers from the past year.
- 6.2. **Winter Carnival** Feb 2 Fran has it all planned out with tasks to do leading up to it. SHE is having a meeting this week and will discuss serving hot chocolate again. Matt needs to be contacted soon to be invited to the event. Mireille, Miranda, Louise, Garth and Gary will be there with Fran this year. Mireille will look into the cost of renting a room in the school for warming, and access to washrooms. Fran will meet with volunteers at 10:30am to assign tasks.
- 6.3. **Spring events:** April will be the **dog walk**. Gary is going to take the lead on this since Emma will be away at that time. Mireille is going to look into a **budgeting seminar** for seniors put on by RBC for March. RBC can also do a dog photo shoot at the dog walk. Mireille will coordinate.
- 6.4. **Bike Rodeo** in May, Mireille is working on it. Mireille will contact Ottawa Bicycle Club and Dave Garand to see if they have some ideas.
- 6.5. **FCA “speed dating” event** (talking to city services people) is Wednesday, 7-8:30 at the Nepean Sportsplex. Motion by Miranda, seconded by Fran, to pay our \$35 membership fee to the FCA. Carried.
- 6.6. **Banner for events:** Miranda will work on our logo and get it to Gary. Gary will get the banner.

New Business:

7. **Emails received:**
 - 7.1. Somebody wrote an email wanting to be part of the board of directors. Miranda will contact her and invite her to one of our meetings.
 - 7.2. A request has come in from the Parks department to fill out a survey. Miranda will send it to Gary to fill out.
8. **Walkability study** There is a program called Snow Moles that asks people to report walking conditions after it snows. Also the Ottawa Council on Aging does a walkability study as well. WISE does assessments in communities too. Mireille is trying to connect with both groups but so far has not had a response. Mireille suggested that we promote the snow moles reports. She also suggested that we reach out on our Facebook page for people to report on areas that are a problem or areas we should look at.
9. There is also a group that connects community policing to parks. Mireille will look at her notes at home to find the name and reach out to them.
10. **Outreach for seniors** – Garth’s idea was to identify what are the services to seniors. He found a lot but they are mostly outside of our community. Should we promote Orleans wide? There are also several sub groups of seniors that should be considered, such as newly retired people, or older adults who have stopped driving. They will need different types of services. It was also suggested that we list links to the service providers we know about to raise awareness of other groups that serve seniors. Primary Care outreach is a city wide group that seniors in need can be referred to. Council on Aging and Carefor also do services for seniors.

11. **Topic of discussion for new councilor** – We should invite him again in April after the budget. Matt is trying to organize the President's Council. The website needs to be updated. A topic to ask him about is what parks are coming up for life cycle replacements. St. Joseph Blvd paving. The number of UTurns on Jeanne d'Arc is an issue for a lot of people. It has been addressed by Bob Monet before and city police said it was legal and not too overly done. We would like to address it with Matt Luloff again and also ask more information about LRT Phase 2. There is still a lot of ambiguity about Phase 2. We could ask our counsellor to bring someone from the transportation planning board to talk to our community about LRT. Other communities can be invited as well, Orleans wide?

12. **Agenda Building - 5 min**

- 12.1. Add Standing item for the FCA report going forward.
- 12.2. Debrief of carnival

13. **Next Meetings**

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