

Minutes of Convent Glen Orleans Wood Community Association Meeting of Nov 11th

Attendees: Toby Bossert, Mireille Brownhill, Miranda Gray, Louise McLaren, Garth Williams

Regrets: Gary Bradshaw, Ben Gorley

Agenda:

1. Welcome

2. Approval of / modifications to the agenda

- Agenda approved by the board.

3. Approval of the minutes

- October meeting minutes approved by the board.

4. Follow-up on action items from previous meetings.

- Miranda has written a letter in regard to the splash pad she just needs to send it to the appropriate people.
- Miranda to draft a letter to all councillors re: Vision Zero
 - On December 4th Miranda will speak on behalf of the community association on vision zero
- Gary to call Matt Luloff asking him to remind construction traffic to use caution near the school.
- Signing authorizes have been changed to Mireille, Louse and Ben (in the process) as moved in our last meeting.
- Mireille has transfer treasure "files" to the new treasurer, Ben Gorley.
- Miranda has reached out to Karen in regards to carolling at Symphony Retirement residence. This event will take place on December 4th. Karen has reserved a pianist and we still have the songbooks from last year.
- Mireille to pose questions to the councillor.
- Gary and Ben to explore sponsorship opportunities for the rink. This item has been deferred to the next meeting since Gary and Ben are not present.

5. Meeting with the Councillor

- Mireille had a meeting with the Councillor. She asked about the assessment of current damage to houses adjacent to the 174 prior to drilling for the LRT drilling. The councillor said that DST consulting engineers will be taking care of inspecting houses adjacent to the 174 and they are attempting to communicate

with all homeowners backing on the 174. Our community association will attempt to reach out to community members who may have been missed.

Miranda has a follow-up question. Has a decision been made about a concrete fence on both sides of the 174?

- There is no new site plan proposal from Rivera regarding the sewer work.
- The Habitat for Humanity construction is proceeding faster than expected
- Update on Skateboard Park. No build date or start date as of yet but money has been set aside in the city's budget for it.
- Update on bus route changes. Councillor Luloff is very upset about the bus routes in Orleans. Mireille spoke with him before the changes were announced. What he said at the time OC Transpo would have overflow buses on standby to handle additional traffic as needed. The Councillor is building a file of complaints from residents regarding transit issues.

Transit aside:

- Miranda attended a meeting on public transit based on what she heard there, she does not expect many of the 40 new buses will be allocated to the east end.
- Mireille has an ongoing concern about the 138 driving down St. Louis eight times an hour. She is concerned about potential damage to properties on the street.
- Regarding rumours circulating about Convent Glen Shopping Center closing, the councillor does not seem concerned that it will close completely.
- Update on terry fox ravine. Mireille posted it on Facebook the bridge has to be replaced completely; the girdler is broken and needs to be replaced.
- Budget consultation
- The councillor has mentioned that he would like to see an increase in the transit budget, modernization of Bob MacQuarrie, making city service desks lower and more accessible, removing the asbestos tiles in some city buildings in our area, and resurfacing of some of the roads in our area.
- The councillor is also looking for input from the community. The board of the community association had a discussion about what we might suggest adding to the budget.
 - Some suggestions are increased funding for traffic calming, adding a crosswalk at Carine Wilson high school, the rink volunteers have requested a change room at our rink and lights for the path across Fortune.
 - If we could get whatever we want in the budget, the community association would like to have the rink pad repaved and a small community center build in our catchment area (possibly located near the rink). If we can't get the city to pay for a shelter at the rink perhaps a developer would be interested in sponsoring it. Miranda's huge long term

ask is that a Good Companions Centre east be included in the new development next to the park and ride.

- Snow removal
- The city is examining the snow removal routes and seeing where they can flip them.
- They are clearing sidewalks 24 hours a day and they are now providing 7 million dollars more for the snow removal budget (the average final cost of snow removal for the last 3 years).
- Last winter Ward 1 councillor hired extra staff to handle the extra service requests. They plan do the same this winter as well. If residents have problems they should call 311.

- Official plan consultation for Ward 1
 - Our official plan consultation should be done soon, before the end of the month but they haven't set a date yet.

- The Councillor asked if we have areas where we would like to add trees. He also asked about doing a volunteer appreciation event for all the community associations in the ward. He said that we could provide some money (all community associations) and Luloff will provide the rest. He will provide all the money if community associations do not have the funds to spare.
- Mireille provided more feedback on his newsletter, that they were infrequent and the information was insufficient.
- More questions
- Open house on phase two details for Orleans, he did not commit but he said it would be coming soon. Mireille will raise that question with the councillor.

6. **FCA update** – Miranda

- FCA meeting on Wednesday, November 20th to be hosted by Covent Glen Orleans Wood Community Association in Orleans From 7 pm to 9 - 9:30 pm
- Miranda has sent board members the FCA newsletter.

7. **Financials**

- Transfer of documents and responsibilities to the new treasurer.
- Mireille has transferred all the files to Ben. Miranda has submitted for a receipt.
- Change signatories for cheques (contact RBC)

- Rink budget will be deferred since Garth, our rink co-ordinator has not had an opportunity to talk to the rink volunteers.
- Budget for the year – draft budget shared, to be discussed further at next meeting
- Reserve for the eventual replacement of snowblower – conversation deferred to next meeting

8. Rink Update

- Work being done on the rink by the city
- Garth met with Emma Heimbecker and spoke with her about the rink. The city needs to install an electric heater on the water source so it doesn't freeze. The bent pipe has been fixed Garth asked about the city installing a protective barrier for the water source so it doesn't get hit.
- The volunteers have asked for a movable barrier to prevent cars from parking where rink uses get changed. They also want to make sure that the garbage can at the rink is being changed all winter long by city staff. Another issue is the automatic shutoff of the rink lights at 11 pm, Emma will look into this. Rink volunteers have also mentioned that if the lights were on during the summer it may reduce broken bottles and damage in the summer.
- The rink boards have been repaired by the city as well, however, the cement pad is cracked and is in need of repair. Emma said she will submit a work order for the pad to be repaired in the spring.
- Mireille will ask the councillor about lifecycle repairs in our ward.
- Another infrastructure concern is that there is only one bench for changing your skates. Emma agreed that this is a problem and she said the city could probably get something done about this.
- A question was raised about Jamieson Park which has a hookup for a rink. When was the last time it was a rink?
- Emma mentioned to Garth that the city has a sponsorship team for indoor rinks and that perhaps they can help us with finding sponsors for our outdoor rink.
- No additional work has been done on the rink since October 17th.
- Rink budget
 - Garth our rink coordinator thinks the draft budget for the rink is fairly reasonable. He mentioned that money should be set aside for a new snowblower and for shovels. He also would like to see some money set aside for volunteer recognition.
 - Garth will take the draft budget to the rink volunteers for input. Next meeting the board will vote on a rink budget for the season.
- Training for Rink volunteers
- The training date for rink volunteers has not been announced yet, however in previous years it took place in mid-December in previous years.

9. **Communications**

- Newsletter December edition.
 - We will talk about how we have done one walkability audit and talk about the snow mole program.
 - There is a winter carnival in early February.
 - Highlight need for more rink volunteers

10. **Events**

- Calendar of events – plan until summer 2020
- Caroling December 4: Mireille will create a Facebook event and ask people to join us.
- Toby will be the lead on the winter carnival this year. (Ben may be co-lead if interested.)
 - Toby will reach out to Fran to get our supplies.
- No budget required for that.
- Mireille has proposed 100\$ for the winter carnival.

11. **New Business**

- Update on walkability audit
 - Miranda has completed the Walkability audit report.

12. **Forward agenda items**

13. **Next Meetings**

December 9, 2019

January 13, 2020