



## **Meeting Agenda | Ordre du jour - March 9, 2020**

Attendees: Mireille Brownhill, Louise McLaren, Gary Bradshaw, Toby Bossert

Regrets: Miranda Gray and Garth Williams

### **1. Welcome**

### **2. Approval of/modifications to Agenda**

Agenda approved by consensus

### **3. Approval of minutes**

Approval of minutes from [January 13, 2020](#)

- Deferred to the next meeting for approval.

Approval of minutes from [February 10, 2020](#)

- Motion by Toby to approve minutes, seconded by Gary
- Approved

### **4. Follow up on action items**

- Gary will investigate the process to place the sign on city property.
  - Action item deferred
- Mireille will discuss with the BIA advertising with their material.
  - The initial option is no longer available, will look into a different one with the BIA.
- Garth will investigate the cost of purchasing a roller
  - Garth was unable to attend tonight's meeting, but did send an email update, which contains information on this action item. See Item 7 below.
- Mireille to reach out to councillor regarding volunteer appreciation event
  - Volunteer appreciation week is April 19th to April 25th.

- Councillor's office said more information would be coming soon.
- We should thank our rink volunteers; Garth would have an idea for the best way to thank them.

## **5. President's update - Mireille**

- Stage 2 presentation
  - Approximately 40 residents were present
  - The presenter was knowledgeable, however, there were complaints that the presentation was insufficiently bilingual.
  - We will encourage residents provide feedback
  - Toby shared speculation regarding Place d'Orleans park and ride being turned into offices
  - The removal of cloverleaf on-ramps to the 174 was discussed, since Councillor Luloff mentioned it during the presentation. It was specified that this is a long-term "idea" in the Official Plan.
- Orléans Corridor Study presentation
  - The presentation was very well attended but seemed poorly organized.
  - It was obvious that many attendees had understood that this presentation was about Stage 2 of the LRT.
  - So many residents attended that they had to spontaneously create a second group.
  - Mireille received complaints from residents that the upstairs presentation was insufficiently bilingual.
  - The presenters repeatedly said they really want feedback from residents but did not specify how to provide it.
  - There is a page on Engage Ottawa regarding the corridor study:  
<https://engage.ottawa.ca/future-of-the-Orleans-corridor>
- "Hold the line" campaign
  - There will be a council vote on May 4, 2020 on densification and targets to reduce urban sprawl
  - Big movement by a number of organizations to "hold the line": notably Ecology Ottawa, FCA
- The next President's Council meeting is supposed to be on March 19th

## 6. Financials - Gary

- Toby provided Gary with more receipts for the winter carnival
- He spent about \$409.34 on the winter carnival.
  - This includes a new table and a percolator for making hot beverages, which are now part of our inventory.

## 7. Rink update – Garth

Garth is unavailable to attend the meeting but sent his notes via email:

1. Carnival – awesome event! Toby did an amazing job with the hot chocolate, taffy, tug-of-war, celebrity guests, cadets, and more. It was a real community event.
2. City of Ottawa Volunteer Recognition Breakfast. Me, Jeff, Jayson and Bob were served breakfast by Jim and Matt (and a few other councillors). It was a good event. Chris Neal spoke, gave away Sens tickets. Lots of people there from Myers, too.
3. “Worry-Free” – I think everyone knows about the dump last weekend. Dave Cuddemi got Worry Free to plow the rink for us. Otherwise, it probably wouldn’t have been done. Fran added a great photo to the newsletter to thank them. Hopefully that becomes an ongoing relationship.
4. Damage to the gate – unfortunately, Worry Free damaged the gate when leaving the rink. I sent a note and photos about this last weekend. It will feature in a year-end note to the City.
5. Close up – Jeff posted a nice note on the Facebook page today, thanking people for helping out, and saying the rink is now closed. I’m not on Facebook, but if there is someone from the Association who could write to reiterate our thanks to all the volunteers – especially the core group: Jeff Fennessy, Dave Cuddemi, Jayson Mongrain and Bob Walsh – that would be great!
6. Keys – given my eye, I’ll wait a couple of weeks before collecting the keys. I believe Gary signed a “long term key arrangement” with the city. So we don’t have to return them each year. I’ll bring them over to you, Gary. Is that OK?
7. Labeling our stuff – I’ll make sure there is CGOWCA on all our stuff and leave it in the bunker
8. Snowblower – I’ll get the gas out and see if Jeff or someone wants the extra gas in can. So it’s empty over the summer.

9. Final Report – we don't have to submit anything formal to the city. But, I'm going to ask the guys if there is work to be done before next season by the City and if there are things they'd like us (the association) to consider for next year too. I'll pass that along at a future meeting.

10. Volunteer recognition – I'm hoping we can use funds to invite all the rink volunteers for a meal. But I'm going to ask the core group what they think is best.

11. Lawn Roller – I'd like to buy a lawn roller this year. We have extra money from not paying for Worry Free. The cost would likely be \$100-150. I know that we've discussed it before. But if it's officially approved at the meeting, I'll go buy something next month (hopefully they'll be on sale or I'll look for a used one). Please let me know.

12. Myers signs: Gary, would you be able to take these down? With nobody regularly around the rink, they're likely to be damaged unless we take them down. But I'm not sure what the arrangement is with them, Mireille? Do we return them? Keep them up? Keep them for other events? Please let me know.

## **8. FCA update – Miranda**

- Miranda is not in attendance; item deferred

## **9. Communications**

- Newsletter (April edition)
  - Dog walk (May 2)
  - National volunteer week
  - Public consultation and survey roundup.
  - GLAD Cleaning the Capital
- Facebook page
  - Mireille will post daily during National Volunteer Week, April 19-25

## **10. Development – Miranda**

- Deferred

## **11. Events**

- Debrief on winter carnival – Toby
  - Approximately 50 people attended

- The delayed date was good; however, we will try for the first weekend of the month next year.
- Toby suggested a smaller event where we have a skate and give out free hot chocolate next season. This could be done on a minimal budget now that we own the percolator and the table.
- Gary suggested an outreach event by the ski trail next season
- Dog walk - Gary
  - May 2nd Saturday 9:00am
  - Gary will reach out to RBC and prepare budget
- Yoga - Mireille
  - Will start planning in April
  - \$50 to yoga instructor for each session
  - Every Wednesday evening at 7 during July and August (8 sessions)
- BBQ
  - July 18th
    - Louise has volunteered to be the lead for the Summer BBQ and will bring ideas to the next meeting
    - Mireille will look into renting a large tent
    - Gary will look into a sign.
    - Mireille to inform partners of the date (Golden Fries, RBC, Bytown Fire Brigade, etc)

## **12. New Business**

## **13. Forward agenda items**

Outreach

Modifying the bylaws of the association

- Read the bylaws.
- It will be a big piece of work.

## **14. Next Meetings**

Tuesday April 14, 2020 (Room 340)

May 11, 2020 (Room 340)

June 8, 2020 (Room 340)