



Vanier Community Association / Association communautaire de Vanier
April 13th 2021 / 13 avril 2021
7:00-8:30 / 19h00 – 20h30
Via Zoom

MINUTES / COMPTE RENDU

Attendees: Lauren Touchant, president; Chris Greenshields, vice-president; Suzanne Lépine, treasurer; Johanne Leroux, secretary; Rose Ann Leonard.

Regrets: Jenni Campbell, Nicole McRae, Kseniya Tsoy

Disclosure Conflict of interest –

Approval of Minutes of last meeting -

Approval of agenda (1 min) – Rose Anne proposes, Suzanne seconds.

Items	Notes	Action items
Conversation with guest Lucille Collard, MPP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - asked for more vaccination sites - her motion to permanently deploy the Franco-Ontarian flag at the Provincial Legislature was unanimously adopted - she denounces the French program cuts at bilingual Laurentian University in Sudbury, and the fact that it is on the brink of bankruptcy. Q- Why is there no community health clinic in Vanier? A-Talks are currently held with interested medical doctors. A forum is in preparation with medical doctors to address 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -L.C. asks pharmacists to reach her if they are interested in offering vaccination.

	<p>the lack of personnel and in consideration of the doctors who retired from the profession.</p> <p>Q- What about the lack of public access to school i.e.. Baribeau yard, loss of Horizon-Jeunesse pool. No indoor gyms in Vanier, no youth facilities. We expect 4000 new residents in the next few years. A- L.C. takes note.</p> <p>Q- Essential workers : We need to protect and prioritize front-line workers. A- Agreed.</p> <p>Q- What is being done to save Laurentian U? A- The province must support this French post-secondary institution. A question will be asked in Chamber this week regarding this. Does the Law for services provided in French apply? Talks with other universities to support Laurentian U.</p> <p>Q-What of mental health challenges amongst youth during this COVID-19? A- Lower the expectations for kids in school, provide opportunities for success. School Boards can catch up next year academically, but not sure about mental health.</p> <p>Q- What are your priorities for the next few months? A- vaccination; affordable housing, homelessness, poverty;</p>	
<p>City Councillor Mathieu Fleury's update To be received by VCA</p>	<p>Q&A</p> <p>Vaccination</p> <p>There is only one subscription list, managed by the province. There is miscommunication between the province and the available doses in pharmacies.</p> <p><u>PROVINCE</u> If you subscribe to the provincial list, the 2nd vaccine should be given within 4 months. The 2nd vaccine must be given by the province too. The list expires within 4 months.</p> <p><u>CITY</u> The City will give the 2nd vaccine within 4 months. There is a lack of</p>	<p>Ongoing :</p> <p>Vaccination</p> <p>St-Laurent complex services Aboriginal residents only.</p> <p>Pharmacies must apply to provincial government in order to offer vaccination.</p>

	<p>vaccines, the City has not received its share.</p> <p>Local registration : 1 date; secondary priority for 2nd date, because of shortage.</p> <p>The City will phone persons who have made reservations.</p> <p>No renewed funding for health services in Ottawa.</p> <p>The Ottawa Health team serves 15 communities West of Rideau River. Mental health and addictions mostly.</p> <p>Ottawa Montfort for francophones, elderly mostly.</p> <p>Pharmacies : Rideau St Shoppers, Walmart on Ogilvy; Rexall on Montreal Rd, 1200 St-Laurent Shopping Centre, Loblaws McArthur;</p> <p>Transportation and traffic</p> <p>Densification Vanier Parkway? Following the Official plan, the City will examine transportation modes and will produce an official transportation plan. The City appreciates its collaboration with VCA.</p> <p>Shakespeare St.- a request for reducing speed limit was submitted to the City.</p> <p>A limit of 30 km/h for all of Vanier will be submitted by the Councillor.</p> <p>85%+ vehicles over 55 km/h+ = criteria for City intervention.</p> <p>Properties</p> <p>Absentee owners or unkept property – residents are asked to submit a complaint at 311 along with photos.</p>	<p>Transportation and traffic</p> <p>VCA support needed: Road modification assessment was good for Beechwood; can we apply that to Montreal Rd?</p> <p>Vanier Parkway : call Vianney to report speeding.</p> <p>Properties</p> <p>VCA will follow-up with M. Fleury regarding 191 Heritage Maple demolition.</p>
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	<p>11 Heritage Maple Way - M. Fleury would endorse its demolition if the owner submitted a request.</p> <p>Carillon Tyvek covered building- the Ontario building Code does not provide a timeline for construction permits, as long as there is progress on the property.</p>	<p>BBRN : Letters of invitation will be sent to residents to offer them a free tree.</p> <p>Each residential complaint = 500\$ fine to vacant or unkept property owners. CALL 311!</p> <p>Thanks to Chris for presentation on Gardner Street property.</p>
a) VCA's businesses		
i) Cultural Strategy	In 2 weeks VCA will send invitation for 3 citizens forum.	
ii) Letter Free Transit	VCA will support Downtown Community Centre's demand for free transit for people on Ontario disability support program or with Ontario Works.	VCA will send letter of support. Carried.
b) Committees' Reports and Updates		
Sustainable development and transportation	<p>Secondary Plan envisioned to protect parks etc. by VCA and M. Fleury and neighbouring Beechwood community.</p> <p>Eastview Plaza redevelopment – 1000 residential units. Will add park to Selkirk and Montgomery facing Mauril-Bélanger school, more opened to the community . 32 stories amendment is asked.</p> <p>Pedestrian and cyclist underpass for Cummings Bridge : City and NCC will study.</p> <p>199 Heritage Maple – less than 12 units thus no parking required. This units will truly be family accommodations or student bunkers? Major concerns.</p> <p>Beechwood project on North side: 117 apartments and no parking provided in Rockcliffe – in front of Joliette and Marquette who will face parking of these tenants? Can the City establish parking permit zones for the residents of these streets?</p>	

	78 Beechwood 200+ units – will likely go to planning community in May, too high but great design for residential nature of Barrette.	
Francophonie	<p>Franco-Ontarian Day on Sept. 25th: a sub-committee is preparing a virtual celebration.</p> <p>International Day of Francophonie March 20: 299 online participants for Mehdi Cayenne Show.</p> <p>The creation of a social enterprise is underway to offer programs for Vanier Francophones and Francophiles.</p>	
Beautification, Parks and Recreation	<p>Pollinator Garden at Riverain Park. Save the monarch. Keep Vanier litter free Campaign.</p>	Ongoing: Residents are invited to plant native plants.
Safety	<p>MDPat – VCA has relisted a problem address that had disappeared from the City list!</p> <p>Vanier Ready – Community Emergency Management. A kit and a portfolio will be distributed to residents.</p>	
Communication Working Group	<p>Pat Vandesomepele – a meeting was held to determine the web site plan; working on design sketches in early stages. Rose Anne Leonard : noticeable changes. We are studying procedures to keep web site vibrant and up to date. Tasks will be defined and recruitment of people undertaken.</p>	
c) Treasurer's Report		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 23 753\$ in account. - there will be less following the 3 forums in June. - undertakings to transfer VCA account from closing Scotia Bank on Montreal Rd to Caisse Desjardins corner of Montreal Rd and St-Laurent. 		
d) Upcoming events		
Muséoparc : Madeleine Meilleur : tomorrow 7.p.m. Heritage Ottawa will present a conference in French : <i>Paysage architectural changeant de Vanier</i> by Jean-François Parent.		

Meeting ends at 8:50 p.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday May 11th 2021 at 7 p.m.