



Vanier Community Association / Association communautaire de Vanier
February 9th 2021 / 9 février 2021
7:00-8:30 / 19h00 – 20h30
Via Zoom

Attendees: Lauren Touchant, president; Chris Greenshields, vice-president; Suzanne Lépine, treasurer; Johanne Leroux, secretary; Jenni Campbell, Rose Anne Leonard, Nicole McRae,

Regrets: Kseniya Tsoy

Disclosure Conflict of interest – not discussed

Approval of Minutes of last meeting - not discussed

Approval of agenda (1 min) -

Chris Greenshields proposes, Nicole McRae seconds. Adopted.

Items	Notes	Action items
Round Table	1- Rose-Ann appreciates City of Ottawa Community Safety and Well being consultation. See Engage Ottawa.	https://engage.ottawa.ca/Community-Safety-Well-Being-Plan https://participons.ottawa.ca/plan-de-securite-et-des-bien-etre-dans-les-collectivites
Presentation (guest) Nathalie Carrier, BIA dir.	2020 Review: 1- mural at Tours Vanier 2- floral boxes at St-Patrick Bridge 3- artistic boxes at 5 traffic lights with additional 6 VCA boxes 4- Montreal Rd revitalization 5- BIA online shop	Ongoing: VCA wishes support from the BIA regarding the Official Plan and the recognition of the unicity and heritage of Vanier.

	<p>http://www.vanier-bia.myshopify.com to help businesses without internet access (gift cards) + t-shirts = 5 000\$ raised for Snowflake breakfast.</p> <p>6- cultural conservation apt613.ca (preservation of Vanier typography with photos)</p> <p>7- cultural conservation, especially with an economic point of view Hidden Gems Ottawa x 3 videos</p> <p>8-social medias – Full time employee Instagram account has doubled.</p> <p>9- Jean Charles from Royal Prince and Cathy Orfali from Money Matters, hundreds of meals donated</p> <p>10- Online cooking activity, attracts people even outside of Vanier.</p> <p>2021 : Survival mode. COVID plan – Assistance and recuperation. Rebate of 25% to entrepreneurs.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Promote, develop et renforcer. 2. Development – Physical and economic. i.e. Montreal Rd 3. Engagement of entrepreneurs. 4. Marketing and Promotions 5. Advocacy and partnerships <p>Chris Greenshields congratulates the BIA.</p>	
<p>City Councillor Mathieu Fleury’s in-person update (notes taken by VCA secretary)</p>	<p>1- Tabor Appartements (St-Denis, St-Jacques and Pères Blancs) :</p> <p>A motion will be presented on Feb. 18th at City Committee. The property was not identified as a hotel.</p> <p>2- Official Plan update</p> <p>3- Winter maintenance review.</p>	<p>Ongoing:</p> <p>1-VCA participation would be appreciated.</p> <p>2-M. Fleury wishes VCA retroaction.</p> <p>3- VCA will present a written submission</p> <p>4- VCA will present a written submission. M.</p>

	<p>4- Health and Security Plan- required by the province. Ongoing review.</p> <p>5- Green and recreation spaces, for all age groups. Recreation spaces for youth. Ongoing review.</p> <p>6- Sidewalks survey. Lavergne, St-Denis, Marquette...</p> <p>VCA questions/comments to Councillor</p> <p>7. BBR elements</p> <p>Where are the consultations? See Vision Vanier.</p> <p>8. Post-COVID</p> <p>9. Rezoning of Vanier :</p> <p>https://ottawa.ca/en/city-hall/public-engagement/projects/ottawa-ward-boundary-review-2020#interactive-map-council-approved-ward-boundaries</p> <p>10. Tunnel :</p> <p>The City tried in vain to engage the province for a tunnel. Feds are aiming for an interprovincial bridge.</p> <p>11. Dismantling of Alexandra Bridge</p> <p>VCA did send a letter to M. Fortier last year to recuperate bridge elements that would be integrated into a commemorative sculpture in Vanier.</p>	<p>Fleury also wishes individual participation from residents.</p> <p>5. https://engage.ottawa.ca/parks-and-facilities-recreation-master-plan</p> <p>6-MF souhaite de la rétroaction de l'ACV.</p> <p>7. VCA wishes feedback re. BBR and new elements withstanding 5 elements i.e. 200+ trees plantation, McArthur Street design.</p> <p>8. VCA encourages the City to adopt a longer post-pandemic vision instead of just anticipating the post-pandemic.</p> <p>9. Rezoning of Vanier :</p> <p>Mathieu Fleury will vote against the motion.</p> <p>11. VCA will contact Lower-Town association which is also interested in the City consultation</p> <p>12. VCA aims to keep the multi-usage passage.</p>
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<p>Sugar Shack/Museopark Presentation by Madeleine Meilleur.</p>	<p>The contract was signed last week. Reconstruction should start soon.</p>	<p>Ongoing :</p> <p>Museopark is looking for new members for its Board of Directors, its Governance Committee, and its Nomination Committee.</p> <p>Survey to be completed by community members please.</p>
a) VCA Affairs		
<p>Public Arts</p>	<p>Vanier Gateway.</p> <p>Partnership with City of Ottawa.</p> <p>Delays due to COVID. Riverain Park won't be ready for July 2021 as planned.</p>	
<p>Cultural Strategy</p>	<p>François Lachapelle, City project leader.</p> <p>1- a unique bilingual forum instead of one forum in each official language, because of COVID restraints.</p> <p>VCA is responsible for organizing the community Forum.</p> <p>A contract was signed in March 2020, but funds were received by VCA in Dec. 2020.</p> <p>100 participants needed. Vanier diversity must be represented.</p>	<p>Ongoing :</p> <p>VCA looking for a bilingual consultant, who knows Vanier well and who has expertise and experience in arts and event animation.</p>

<p>Community Benefits – Vanier Community Funds</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ongoing procedure to establish funds - might be linked to the housing lab - a distinct entity from VCA, with its own Board of administration. VCA will have a seat on their board. 	
<p>Federal Budget / Budget fédéral</p>	<p>Mona Fortier will organize a public consultation on the federal budget.</p> <p>Will the Salvation Army be eligible for housing funding?</p> <p>The Federal has to respect the maximum of 60 beds.</p> <p>How can we keep track of federal money transferred to the province? Are there no rules as to spending? VCA wishes a Housing first approach, and spending conditions.</p> <p>Q- Did SA receive financial aid necessary to begin construction?</p> <p>SA has yet to get City approval for parking and site plan.</p> <p>SA never approached the VCA with new ideas.</p> <p>VCA has no clue of what is going on with this project.</p> <p>Furthermore, there are no housing facilities for COVID in Vanier.</p>	<p>Ongoing :</p> <p>VCA will send an email to Mona Fortier.</p> <p>VCA will provide members some suggestions for email content to Mona Fortier.</p>
<p>b) Committees reports and updates</p>		
<p>Sustainable development and transportation</p>	<p>-Official plan Excellent meeting last night with the City. Worries about the high density in Vanier and the fact that it will increase. The City aims for 80 units per hectare (not a set maximum), Vanier has an average of 100 units, the West sector of Montreal Rd has 1000 units. Lack of green space, parks, trees.</p>	<p>Ongoing :</p> <p>VCA wishes for a more precise and developed plan for all of Vanier.</p> <p>The Official Plan will impact Vanier for the next 25 years.</p>

	<p>City recognizes the uniqueness of Vanier but doesn't give it any special designation contrary to Byward Market and Kanata North.</p> <p>No recognition of the Sugar Shack, of Vanier Parkway, a scenic route.</p> <p>The loss of green spaces due to school sales i.e. why did the City eliminate the municipal park in the sale of 200 Baribeau catholic school?</p> <p>VCA wishes a better distribution of shelters in the City, there are no precision to define them, the maximum number allowed.</p> <p>Vanier needs a medical centre.</p> <p>Stephen appreciates Chris Greenshields' work. Suzanne Lépine thanks the leader, Chris G., and Diane Irwin and Lauren Touchant.</p> <p>A land use plan only, despite the fact that the City aims for 15-minute neighbourhoods.</p>	<p>VCA wishes to collaborate with Muséopark.</p> <p>VCA collaborates with other Associations and Committees i.e. Beechwood.</p>
Francophonie	<p>3rd Forum Feb. 11th at 6:30.</p> <p>4 themes : culture, arts, housing, francophonie vitality.</p> <p>An initial Forum was held in 2016.</p>	<p>Ongoing :</p> <p>Futur Vanier Future – will close the Forum. A survey will follow.</p> <p>Foresee an integration to the Official Plan.</p>
Beautification, Parks and Recreation	<p>TD Grant 3000\$ – Butterfly garden</p> <p>To be installed hopefully in Riverain Park if not, in Kingsview Park with NCC collaboration.</p> <p>Lauren thanks Lisa and Céline from the Committee.</p> <p>The aim is to protect the monarch. At Manitoulin Island, apple mint was planted to attract them.</p>	<p>Ongoing :</p> <p>VCA is seeking financial support from Toronto Dominion Bank.</p> <p>Erin Woods will check if Clean the Capital event will be held in Spring.</p>
Safety Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Official Plan Crime Prevision Thru Environmental Design : 2nd generation to be integrated. o Arson : VCA has received an indirect response to its letter. No Vanier fires map was presented. <p>-Design, development</p> <p>-Project problematic addresses : more transparency from City Ottawa requested.</p>	<p>Ongoing :</p> <p>The Committee is preparing a response, since receiving unsatisfactory answers from the City.</p> <p>Follow-up to do with Safety Audit, for Official Plan.</p>

Communication Committee	<p>o VCA Website</p> <p>Lauren thanks Rose Ann for retrieving the host of the VCA web site.</p> <p>A working group will update the site, ongoing research, design, plan, implement, integrate social medias, membership recrutement, volunteer help, etc.</p>	<p>Ongoing : VCA is looking for technical support and translators. Possibility of Spring financial support.</p> <p>Gerald Joannette volunteers for technical support.</p> <p>See M. Fleury for volunteer list, but most are working for COVID.</p> <p>Place announcement in VCA Newsletter.</p>
c) Treasurer's Report		
	<p>\$24,113 in account. \$19,500 reserved for events/activities \$4,600 funds available</p> <p>Expenses expected for internet site etc. \$1,200\$</p> <p>No fundraising activities expected this year.</p>	
d) Upcoming events		
	<p>Suzanne Lépine thanks Johanne Leroux for the monthly newsletter.</p> <p>Johanne congratulates Suzanne Lépine for her nomination for the Laurier Claudette-Boyer at upcoming ACFO's Gala des Prix Grandmaître.</p>	<p>Ongoing:</p>

Meeting ends at 8:49 p.m. (32 participants)

Next meeting: Tuesday March 9th, 2021 at 7 p.m.