



Vanier Community Association / Association communautaire de Vanier
Feb. 8th 2022 / 8 fév. 2022
7:00-8:30 p.m./ 19h – 20h30
Via Zoom

MINUTES / COMPTE RENDU

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

Regrets: Samantha Cameron-Ellis;

Disclosure Conflict of interest – not discussed

Items	Notes	Action items
Welcome		
Approval of agenda	Proposed by Johanne, seconded by Suzanne. Adopted.	Ongoing
Adoption of minutes of January 11th 2022 meeting.	Johanne asks for correction of time : 7 p.m. instead of 7:30 p.m. Proposed by Chris, seconded by Jenni. Adopted.	
City Councillor Mathieu Fleury's update report To be received by VCA	<p>For more information, please contact Mathieu Fleury's office.</p> <p>Illegal occupation : see updates on M. Fleury site. 1800 new helpers coming to Ottawa.</p> <p>Mario will come to a VCA meeting to explain Montreal Road project status.</p> <p>Pole location and sidewalks : a review is ongoing.</p> <p>Traffic calming initiative on North River Rd revised. Modification for vehicules between Montreal Rd and McArthur Rd : deviation on Vanier Parkway instead of on North River Rd.</p> <p>Salvation Army : mandated working group on site plan and on programming. The work</p>	<p>Ongoing :</p> <p>https://mathieufleury.ca/en/councils-emergency-meeting-residents-need-a-solution/</p> <p>https://engage.ottawa.ca/transportation-master-plan/news_feed/transportation-master-plan-open-house-february-15th-2022</p> <p>https://www.ottawapolice.ca/en/news-and-community/weekend-demonstration-</p>

	<p>has to be completed before presenting updated site plan to public. Latest article in Ottawa Citizen states that SA will consult community and take all the time needed to do so.</p> <p>112 Montreal Rd – presentation to Urban committee in March. Please convey VCA position.</p> <p>Métro on Beechwood has been bought by Metro Inc.</p> <p>Main and Main Property on 2 Selkirk, has been sold with new investors added.</p> <p>Multiuse pathway will be maintained from Montreal Rd to Odawa Bridge next Winter.</p> <p>City is reviewing Transportation Plan. Early March expect Rideau-Rockcliffe community session. On North River VCA is finalizing its comments/changes for the road design following discussion in the SDT committee.</p> <p>Vacancy tax is approved. https://mathieufleury.ca/en/councils-emergency-meeting-residents-need-a-solution/</p> <p>Q- Will transfer of trucks to Coventry increase circulation in Vanier? How can we prevent that the crisis will be moved within our community? Vanier Parkway : trucks not allowed but that is not implemented. What is Biker's Church's implication?</p> <p>A- Coventry was provided and negotiated by City for trucks and the Confederation Park shed. There is a fundamental disagreement between councillors and police about the use of vehicles. No policing.</p> <p>Bikers' Church – please report to the City and Ottawa Police if you are witnessing such activity.</p>	<p>information-and-updates.aspx</p>
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	<p>Backlash : lack of confidence in police services.</p> <p>Q- Opening of Palace Street as main entrance and 37 stories planned (City has permitted to double the height stated by regulations) : that does not reflect public's wish and City regulations.</p> <p>A- please reengage with Mathieu. The height will be discussed at next meeting. It should have a proper entrance such as Meilleur Private.</p> <p>Q- Was a permit issued to protestors? Why is the army not called to end the protest?</p> <p>A- i.e. Panda Game need permit for party on Russell; crisis management examples in France, Argentina. Consequences are expected if permit not issued. This is more than a municipal matter now. The Canadian Army does not have the same training and stature as American National Guard.</p> <p>Q- Are we to expect another convoy this week-end?</p> <p>A- A convoy from Western Canada is on the hill. Other groups have joined. Weekend warriors are more from the region, and can be expected as long as there is an occupation on Wellington. Other folks driving to Quebec City, Windsor Bridge and Toronto.</p> <p>Q- Who can protect us and assure us that the problem won't be displaced to Vanier?</p> <p>If OPS doesn't want to do the job, which other level can step up?</p> <p>A- The current chief reports the involvement of provincial solicitor.</p> <p>The province is the only institution which can ask for military intervention. Ottawa</p>	
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	<p>can be put in guardianship. Confusion because Ottawa is a capital.</p> <p>A- I am trying to develop an emergency plan but the City is not collaborating with this project.</p>	
VCA's businesses		
	Not discussed.	
b) Committees' Reports and Updates		
Sustainable Development and transportation	<p>Working group established for the Salvation Army dossier.</p> <p>City of Ottawa Official Secondary Plan. City Art representative sought.</p> <p>Montfort Renaissance update by Lauren: site plan revised. Garbage area moved to shed. Shed will be moved away from front lawn. Initial confusion : front lawn is not on Coupal but on River Rd. Size of fence is not up to building code. Parking front lawn size to be discussed. Light shining on neighbour's house to be followed upon. Garbage pick-up would ask the City to supply. MR very collaborative.</p> <p>Q- Can VCA represent private interests? A- No, VCA has intervened following a request by many Kingsview Park residents. These are community stakes.</p> <p>Q- Regarding SA, are you discussing City funding towards shelter? A- No funding for supportive housing to be discussed. Will have to take this to planning committee. We develop our own views regarding the site plan. There is an advisory committee that only talks about site plan control. Next meeting February 22nd to talk about programming, and continue on site plan.</p> <p>Q- How does one discuss activity and security on the street? What will the site plan impact be on this? R- a firm was hired by AS for gender based analysis, third generation CPTED - Crime Prevention through environmental design</p>	<p>If you would like to join a working group of this Committee for the Salvation Army dossier, contact vca.acv@gmail.com</p> <p>Heritage coordinator sought i.e. El Meson needs to be raised to Heritage status. City Art</p>

	<p>The one included did not address separate facility for supportive housing.</p> <p>Q- Why ask the City to supply garbage pick-up to this business? A precedent? A privilege? A- Chris, not a business but a group home. Not for profit.</p>	
Francophonie	<p>Welcome to new member Hervé Mupote. Congratulations to member Denise Beauchamp who was inducted into the Compagnie des Cent Associés.</p> <p>March is Francophonie Month: we plan a Happy Hour from 5 to 7 on the 16th, location to be announced.</p> <p>We also support Centre Pauline-Charron's Festival Célébrons notre francophonie plurielle, sa richesse et sa belle diversité – March 21st to 23rd.</p> <p>March is also Black History Month – see Mosaique Interculturelle activities.</p>	
Parks, Recreation and Beautification	<p>Terms of reference and work plan are being revised. Beautification to be added. New Park at Marché St-Charles is planned. https://ottawa.ca/en/city-hall/public-engagement/projects/st-charles-market-park</p> <p>Q- Grants awarded for Riverain Park pollinator garden. A- No news from Public arts groups so far. Q- Survey for entrance to Vanier art contest. Who won? A- To be announced.</p>	Ongoing :
Safety	<p>BIA has taken care of some incidents. Vianney is aware of potential and ongoing incidents. Concerns raised regarding help supplied in Vanier to Wellington Street occupiers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Myka updates neighbourhood watch initiative St-Denis, Geoffroy Bélanger, Tabor, Ste-Anne et Pères Blancs. Letter will be dropped to neighbours. - Vacant buildings : a list of 51 empty addresses 301 Savard was demolished. VCA will increase walks. - A new bylaw process related to vacant homes and taxation process is anticipated. 	Ongoing: Please report incidents and bylaw infractions.
Communications and Outreach	<p>-A shout-out to community to report and help out neighbours was sent.</p>	Ongoing:

	<p>-Website is at end stage of translation. New members.</p> <p>-Physical bulletin boards – a volunteer has stepped up to take care of them within a day of posting.</p> <p>-Vaccination posts.</p> <p>-Thank you Pat for all the work on the website.</p> <p>-Thank you to Pierrette for all the work she has done. She had to step down for family reasons.</p> <p><u>Bulletin Boards</u></p> <p>Q- Where is the North River Bulletin Board to be remounted, and the other one.</p> <p>A- Electronic board at Dupuis and at Parkway and Montreal.</p> <p>Request to relocate to McArthur East side.</p> <p>Q- Could we add at Nault and Optimiste Parks.</p> <p>Community Centres need boards.</p> <p>The VCA owns 2 curios in lobby of Richelieu Centre which has the keys – Lucie Marleau states.</p>	<p>Please send ideas for physical bulletin boards contents.</p> <p>Ramping up recruitment of volunteers, and for tabling at events.</p> <p>Committee recommendations for bulletin boards location requested by VCA.</p>
b) Treasurer's Report		
Monthly financial report	<p>Scotia account was closed on Jan. 6th 2022. As of 31st of Jan.</p> <p>Caisse Desjardins VCA account</p> <p>2022-01-31 16,038.65\$ (in account)</p> <p>2022-01-31 -4446.69\$ (Francophonie Committee reserve)</p> <p>2022-01-31 -5955.00\$ (Beautification Committee reserve)</p> <p>2022-01-31 5,636.96\$ (VCA's share)</p> <p>Insurance fees to be confirmed and paid soon.</p>	
Gift raising	Not discussed	
Upcoming events		
Muséoparc March 8th at 1 p.m.	<p>International Women's Day. Special guest Mother Superior of Institut Jeanne d'Arc.</p> <p>Sign up online.</p>	Ongoing:

Meeting ends at 8:45 p.m.