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Annual General Meeting

Vanier Community Association Tuesday, June 8th 2021 7:00-8:00 Via ZOOM (COVID-19)

Minutes

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

Regrets:

Quorum is established.

Welcoming Remarks

Lauren Touchant welcomes the members.

Disclosure Conflict of interest – not discussed

Approval of Minutes of last AGM September 8th 2021. The Minutes were not sent to members prior to the meeting.

Resolution to present the Minutes to the members of the VCA at the next Board meeting in September. Lauren Touchant proposes. Rose Ann Leonard supports. Adopted.

1. Presentation from the City Councillor Mathieu Fleury

See Powerpoint VCA AGAM pdf.

Questions from members

Q- What are your priorities for the next year?

- A -Follow-up with infrastructures, Riverain Park, Montreal Rd, new recreation facilities, Leisure services, COVID, Health and addiction, Maple Sugar Shack,
- Q- Will Vanier receive a cooling centre?
- A- Bernard-Grandmaître was supposed to extend hours, not done, and ongoing follow-up.
- Q- Vanier Cité had former agreements with school boards i.e. use of pool for public swimming at Horizon-jeunesse School; loss of Baribeau site public facilities;
- A- M. Fleury says it will extend St-Ambroise Park.

Provincial rules require insurance provided by community groups or clubs for them to rent school space.

- Q- Increase taxes for vacant sites. Why wait until 2023?
- A- M. Fleury says we need provincial permission, owners have a full tax period to fulfill requirements and register to avoid taxes. Revenues collected will fund affordable housing.
- Q- Can you elaborate on the speed limit to 30km/h?
- A- Less probable tragic accidents. To avoid shortcuts. Use of seasonal traffic calming measures.
- Q- Is the secondary plan for Vanier a priority for next year.
- A- A lot of residential development to be followed, i.e. high rental fees...
- Q- A plan to centralize future response to pandemic situation?

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- Q- Safer traffic on Vanier parkway and McArthur and excessive and unsafe (no mask) panhandling with animals.
- A- Residents have to report to official authorities first, before the councillor.

2. Approval of the agenda

See Vanier Community Association pptx.

Chris Greenshields proposes. Johanne Leroux seconds. Adopted.

3. Report from President and Committees

See Vanier Community Association pptx.

Lauren Touchant has presided over the VCA for the last four years (2 mandates).

The President presents her annual report.

Sustainable Development and Transportation

Report presented by Chair Chris Greenshields

Safety

Report presented by Lauren Touchant for Chair Lucie Marleau

Beautification, Parks and Recreation:

New Chair Nicole McRae presents the report.

Francophonie

Chair Lauren Touchant presents the report.

Communications Working Group

Chair Jenni Campbell presents a report.

Pat Vandesompele presents a preview of the revamped VCA website (work in progress).

The president thanks the Working group.

Motion for permanent Communication and Outreach Committee :

That the VCA's Board officially constitute a new permanent Committee, pursuant to s. 40 of the *Vanier Community Association's Bylaws - 2020*, responsible for Communications and Outreach. This committee will take on the task of keeping Vanier residents informed and engaged by managing the VCA's outward communications and public relations. This will include the VCA's web and social media presence. As laid out in s. 40 of the Bylaws, the Committee will recruit members from the active VCA membership and establish its own rules of procedure.

Presented by Jenni Campbell, Megan Sprague seconds. Adopted.

Regarding the future electronic board on Montreal Rd and Vanier Parkway: The Communication Committee will lead in partnership with VCSC.

4. Treasurer's Reports

See Vanier Community Association pptx.

The Financial report Income Statement for the period of June 1, 2019 - May 31, 2020 was adopted at the last AGM in June 2020. However, Karaoke revenues did not figure and were added in a revised version presented at the June 2021 AGM.

Motion – Modification of the 2019-2020 Income Statement

The VCA officially approves again the 2020 Income Statement for the period of June 1, 2019 - May 31, 2020 as amended to correct a missing entry under the Income section.

Presented by Suzanne Lépine, Lauren Touchant seconds. **Motion is withdrawn:**

Contrary to the mention of the adoption of the motion in the ppt, the revised financial 2019-2020 report will be presented at an exceptional AGM in September 2021 for adoption so that they may be sent to members previously along with the invitation.

2020-2021 Financial Report is presented.

The 2020-2021 report will be presented again at an exceptional AGM in September 2021 for adoption so that they may be sent to members previously along with the invitation.

The VCA account with Nova Scotia Bank on Montreal Rd will be closed (the bank has closed) and a new account has been opened at Caisse Desjardins corner of St-Laurent and Montreal Rd.

5. The president thanks the Board members and volunteers for all their work during this challenging year.

6. Elections

see Vanier Community Association pptx.

Motion by Johanne Leroux to name Diane Irwin as Director of elections. Suzanne Lépine seconds. Adopted.

Lauren Touchant is the actual president. She is finishing her second 2-year mandate.

Vice-chair mandate would be a 1-year mandate exceptionally to allow stability. Next v-p mandate will be of 2 years. Chris Greenshields is present v-p.

The by-laws have been modified to extend the mandate to more than 2 mandates.

If the actual president is reelected, her next mandate would be to prepare the takeover for the next 2 years.

Minimum Board member positions: 5, no maximum quota.

- 1- Madeleine Meilleur proposes Lauren Touchant as president and Philippe Deneault seconds.
- 2- Samantha Cameron-Nellis would like to join the Board. Pierrette Côté proposes, Johanne Leroux seconds.
- 3- Rose Anne Leonard nominates Chris Greenshields, Lyn Zeitouni seconds.
- 4- Chris Greenshields nominates Lucie Marleau, Nicole McRae seconds.

Motion: Philippe Denault proposes a maximum of 10 board members.

Rose Anne Leonard seconds. Adopted.

Term duration to be confirmed next year.

All four candidates are elected by acclamation.

Thank you Diane Irwin for presiding over the elections!

7. Conclusion

Vice-chair Chris Greenshields thanks the members and congratulates new members. (The president has temporarily lost the internet!) He expresses his admiration for Lauren Touchant's work this year.

The president thanks Chris Greenshields especially, and Suzanne Lépine and Johanne Leroux for restarting the VCA.

Thanks to Nicole McRae, Jenni Campbell, Rose Anne Leonard and Kseniya Tsoy who have joined more recently.

We wish to leave a sustainable Association.

If members want to join committees or just help here and there, write to us vca.acv@gmail.com.

Jenni Campbell proposes the closure, Monique Delisle seconds. Adopted.

The Assembly ends at 9:20 p.m.

Next meeting is the 2nd Tuesday of September.