



**Vanier Community Association / Association communautaire de Vanier**  
**Nov. 9th 2021 / 9 nov. 2021**  
**7:30-8:30 / 19h30 – 20h30**  
**Via Zoom**

**MINUTES / COMPTE RENDU**

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

**Regrets:** Samantha Cameron-Ellis, Rose Anne Leonard

**Disclosure Conflict of interest** – not discussed

**Approval of Minutes of last meeting** - not discussed

Items	Notes	Action items
<b>Welcome</b>		
<b>Guest / Invité : Ottawa Social Services (Update on Respite Centre)</b>	<p>Chris Tuck, Amanda and Raynor Boutet present their transition plan.            See Power Point.            Temporary Bernard Grandmaître Respite Center extended to March 22<sup>nd</sup> : harm reduction, safe place to rest, food (partnerships), mobile, showers, WC, employment and housing support, 35-40 persons/day.            It is a respite centre to provide shelter, shower and respite for those experiencing homelessness.            Day programs are services supporting those who reside in the shelters or are homeless and need shelter during the day. Day program are community agencies who provide basic need access, such as washroom and bathrooms to those in need as well as wrap around supports.</p> <p>According to Ottawa Social Services, needed in the Community, are more</p>	

	<p>- access to Wi-Fi - day services</p> <p>vs</p> <p>question: Permanent affordable housing needs.</p> <p>Answer: City's 10 year affordable housing and homelessness plan. Data will be shared with City housing services.</p> <p>Q- Would a community health Centre like Sandy Hill's cover the needs of Vanier? A- 13 City Community or Health Centres 17 other organisms ex. Wabano</p>	
<b>Approval of agenda</b>	Proposed by Johanne and Nicole. Adopted.	
<b>215 North River Rd Project, members' questions</b>	We wish for Montfort Renaissance to attend a VCA meeting.	<b>Ongoing :</b>
<b>333 Montreal Rd</b>	<p>Salvation Army A meeting was held with Site plan review and Programming Advisory Committee. <b>See SA powerpoint presentation</b> which was never completed. 2018 Site Plan Comments by residents : still relevant after COVID-19? No new Site Plan was submitted to City this November yet. The Consultation process was moved to BBR team, which will collaborate with VCA. The Court rebuked SA for not adequately consulting the residents, nor the Francophone and Indigenous residents. Emergency shelter reduced by 25%. Day programming for families. No mention of services for veterans. Not discussed, because not permitted : programming, and active offer of services in French.</p>	<p><b>Ongoing :</b> The VCA is asking -to separate Programming and Site Plan talks; -to review Site Plan considering COVID-19 challenges; the VCA Board asked to be included in next meeting this week.</p> <p>Legal services will offer presentation for LPAT interpretation.</p>
<b>City Councillor Mathieu Fleury's update report To be received by VCA</b>	<p>For more information, please contact Mathieu Fleury's office.</p> <p>SA : presentation was interrupted short of time, and no questions allowed.</p> <p>Regular 15 Bus back this Winter on Montreal Rd, each way.</p>	<p><b>Ongoing :</b></p> <p>After Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, could VCA invite Transit to a meeting?</p>

	<p>Last Thursday, City budget presented:</p> <p>11,000,000 cuts in transit services. Fare increases expected, Dec. is free. Routes 17, 15, 55, 19, 56 were cut in Vanier last June. Plus impact of R1 taking from local routes, more than 50% cuts in Vanier. R1 was supposed to be temporary due to the pandemic but it was it will become permanent in the new budget.</p> <p>Housing: 38 millions spent last year. Only 15 millions approved this year.</p> <p><a href="mailto:https://ottawacitizen.com/opinion/fleury-we-need-to-change-how-the-city-of-ottawa-budgets?subject=https://ottawacitizen.com/opinion/fleury-we-need-to-change-how-the-city-of-ottawa-budgets">mailto:https://ottawacitizen.com/opinion/fleury-we-need-to-change-how-the-city-of-ottawa-budgets?subject=https://ottawacitizen.com/opinion/fleury-we-need-to-change-how-the-city-of-ottawa-budgets</a></p> <p>Committee budget dates:  <a href="mailto:https://ottawa.ca/en/city-hall/budget-finance-and-corporate-planning/budget-information-2022#2022-budget-meeting-schedule-virtual">mailto:https://ottawa.ca/en/city-hall/budget-finance-and-corporate-planning/budget-information-2022#2022-budget-meeting-schedule-virtual</a></p> <p>Recreation : some improvement, none in Vanier. Gym space needed.</p> <p>Public Library : increase in hours in 11 branches. Richelieu not included.</p> <hr/> <p>Official Plan councillor's motions passed re.</p> <p>Secondary Plan</p> <p>Flood Plain Review</p> <hr/> <p>Landry sidewalk connecting 40 Landry and Riverpath/Meilleur Priv. to be completed in Spring. Waiting for Renaissance Condo Board's avail.</p> <hr/> <p>Revitalisation : hydro poles are out of western section on Montreal Rd.</p>	
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	<p>Bravo to Suzanne, Chris and Diane.</p> <p>215 North River Rd, complaint filed at 311: asphalt, fence, landscaping and tree removal. No follow-up, no reference number. What is the City doing to make sure they comply? The Montfort Renaissance letter was not well received by some VCA members. Calls were made to Montfort Renaissance staff and Board members, to no avail. Thanks to M. Fleury and staff for support.</p>	
<b>VCA's businesses</b>		
<b>Forum sur la culture</b>	<p>Demande de subvention refusée par la province.</p> <p>F. Lachapelle a embauché une sous-coordonnatrice pour gérer des consultations et des groupes de travail afin de déterminer les prochaines étapes.</p>	
<b>b) Committees' Reports and Updates</b>		
<b>Sustainable Development</b>	<p>Eastview Plaza Project site plan was largely rejected.</p> <p>112 Montreal Rd – the City would negotiate to increase the height of the towers double the permitted height under zoning and secondary plan for the Montreal Rd District. Many demolitions underway in western section of Vanier to bring 4000 new residents.</p> <p>Follow-up to new Official Plan. Thanks to our Councillor.</p> <p>Vanier tree canopy is under average compared to rest of City's.</p> <p>Public invited to choose art work for Vanier gateway on Montreal Rd : 4 finalists and one week deadline for consultation.  <a href="mailto:survey_on_gateway_public_art:https://s-ca.chkmt.com/?e=246524&amp;h=FF4932DAA CBA973">mailto:survey on gateway public art: https://s-ca.chkmt.com/?e=246524&amp;h=FF4932DAA CBA973</a></p> <p><b>What artwork should be Vanier's Gateway!? Have your say!</b></p> <p>Public Art is coming to Vanier. As part of the Vanier + Montreal Rd Public Art Plan, the City of Ottawa is commissioning a gateway artwork for the corner of Montreal Rd and North River Rd. See location <a href="#">here</a>.</p>	<p><b>Ongoing :</b></p> <p>Development of Secondary Plan for Vanier : Montreal, St-Laurent and Beechwood corridor. More trees, green space and parks.</p> <p>A special resolution to City to review Vanier Parkway for cycling and walking corridor.</p> <hr/> <p>The VCA asked for a prolongation for the Gateway survey.</p>

	<p>Four (4) artists have been shortlisted to submit proposals to design, fabricate and install a permanent artwork that will be the gateway into the Vanier neighbourhood, but only one will be selected.</p> <p>What artwork should be Vanier's Gateway!? We are offering a preview of the four (4) proposals and asking for input.</p> <p><b>View the proposals and vote through the online survey <a href="#">HERE</a></b>  <b>Survey is open from November 9th to 16th.</b></p>	
<b>Francophonie</b>	<p>Each year on September 25<sup>th</sup> at the Carré de la Francophonie de Vanier, an organizing committee issued from the Vanier Francophonie Committee presents an activity to celebrate Franco-Ontarian Day. For 2022, this same committee is planning festivities which will end with the official reopening of the Carré on Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup>, Franco-Ontarian Day, following Montreal Rd revitalization. The organizing Committee will endeavour to establish community partnerships to guarantee the success of these activities.</p>	<b>Ongoing :</b> A letter will be sent to potential partners and collaborators before the Holidays.
<b>Parks, Recreation and Beautification</b>	<p>Oct. 20th meeting. Clean-up the Capital event follow-up. Plan for Remembrance Day clean-up this Thursday at the Legion at 9 a.m. Small ceremony at 2 p.m. and few reefs lead at Legion.</p> <p>Funding received from the City for pollination at Riverain Park.</p> <p>Art selection for Riverain Park with VCA participation. Location to be determined.</p>	<b>Ongoing:</b> Join the clean-up this Thursday at the Legion.
<b>Safety</b>	No update.	<b>Ongoing:</b> .
<b>Communications and Outreach</b>	<p>Next meeting Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Survey coming up for members.</p>	<b>Ongoing :</b> We need more writers and contributors.
<b>c) Treasurer's Report</b>		
<b>Monthly financial report</b>	<p>17 321\$ in account.</p> <p>7 356\$ pending withdrawal.</p>	<b>Ongoing:</b>
<b>Upcoming events</b>		
	Nothing to report.	

**Meeting ends at 8:53 p.m.**

**Next meeting:** Tuesday December 14th, 2021 at 7 p.m. with Montfort Renaissance.