

Hintonburg Community Association
Annual General Meeting
September 26, 2019
Call to Order @ 7:00p.m.

1. Call to order

President Larry Hudon called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

2. Comments from Councillor Jeff Leiper

Councillor Leiper provided an update on a wide range of topics including:

- An overview of the new City of Ottawa Official Plan process.
- Street parking on Wellington will likely become paid parking by the end of 2020.
- Work is being completed on Magee House to make it structurally sound. Current estimate is that work will be done in 5-6 days. Councillor Leiper responded to a question as to whether the city is respecting the heritage rules regarding Magee House. The state of the building is such that it doesn't need to follow heritage rules. There are potential solutions to restore/develop the existing property, but it is not likely that it will be restored.
- Councillor Leiper responded to a question about the Prince of Wales Bridge. Council has not taken a position and is still looking at the potential of using the bridge for light rail. This is likely a 14 million dollar job. There isn't capacity for the Gatineau tram to come in at Bayview station.
- Councillor Leiper responded to a question about the LRT noise. The rails have been grounded and it seems less noticeable but is still far too loud. The city has proposed a solution and it is estimated to be done in about 12 weeks.
- MPP Joel Harden also spoke briefly – he was willing to take any questions or for residents to reach out directly to his office.

3. Approval of the 2019 Agenda

MOTION to approve the agenda: Cheryl Parrott/Wayne Rodney, PASSED.

4. Approval of the 2018 AGM Minutes

Given that the minutes were not made available ahead of the meeting and no copies were available at the meeting, approval was deferred until next year.

Motion to postpone approval of the 2018 AGM minutes until next year. M/S: Matt Whitehead/Paulette Dozois, carried.

5. President's report

Larry noted that it had been an honour and privilege to serve and represent the Hintonburg Community Association. 2018-2019 was an excellent year. Here are some highlights:

- Magee House: We began and finished with the same issue – Magee House. We feel that our sidewalk rally in July and related media coverage helped encourage the city to move further with the tools that they have at their disposal. Stabilization is happening and we have been told that the sidewalk should open very soon.
- Our usual calendar of events went very well due to all of the volunteer support (e.g., Yoga in the Park had over 175 on Saturday mornings; 5K continues to be the funkiest run in Ottawa; and Craft Fair and Kringle remain highlights).
- In the summer of 2018, we completed a strategic planning exercise and we have been implementing that work this past year.
- Thank you to the volunteers involved in all of our committees and thank you to the businesses who are partners and sponsors.
- Looking into the future, a few areas will require focused attention. For instance, the new Official Plan, how much development is too much, we want developers to follow the rules, and we want to ensure adequate hard and soft infrastructures to serve our growing population. K9, FCA and other partnerships will serve us well on these types of topics.

- Environment: Our canopy is disappearing. We need to ensure that there is greenspace and trees. We also need to address climate change and be better prepared for disasters.
- Transportation: The LRT is not a panacea and we need to be aware of gridlock.
- There is also the ongoing court case regarding the death of Abdirahman Abdi.

6. Treasurer's report

Unfortunately, our Treasurer was out-of-town and we didn't make other arrangements for the financial report to be presented. It was acknowledged that this was less than ideal and that we would post the financial report on our website shortly after the AGM.

Jay Baltz was able to report on the financial situation as of the end of August 2019. We are in a very positive financial situation with approximately 70K in assets. We are up approximately 10K from last year. Sponsors have been very generous, and we have done some fundraising through our events. However, one LPAT hearing could drain those funds.

MOTION to conditionally approve the treasurer's report upon publication on the HCA website: Matt Whitehead/Jay Baltz, **PASSED**

7. Committee reports

a. Zoning: Linda Hoad and Jay Baltz presented on behalf of the committee

The main report was provided in the HCA newsletter mailed to all households this past month. Items to highlight include:

- R4 review: The city is currently reviewing the bylaw so that more units will be able to be built as a right. The FCA and other community associations are also engaged in this topic. Public consultations will likely occur in January. So far it is fairly theoretical. We need you to come and look at what the city is proposing as it will have significant impact on what our neighbourhood looks like.
- 2B Developers: Their office is illegal and they are parking on the sidewalk. They own quite a bit of property now. The way they are operating is to apply for a building permit and then go for a rezoning after the fact. Please watch for these - Blue Panda with Dream Living are also connected.
- Trinity Development at Loretta/Gladstone: Changes have been made to the proposal so there will be another community consultation. It will likely be developed over a long period of time.
- The City has revived the Gladstone Station CDP.
- We are working on a Builders Code of Conduct to address builder behaviour as they are being constructed.

Larry comment: The workload of the committee is massive – this committee works very hard on our behalf.

b. Security: Cheryl Parrot and Wayne Rodney presented on behalf of the committee

- Please report crimes, even small ones. Police services are allocated based upon reports so if there are few reports for Hintonburg, there are few resources allocated. Also - please report graffiti to 311.
- Car break ins: Some are smash and grab but some thieves are using special tools to open the doors.
- Police have caught the person responsible for commercial break-ins along Wellington.
- We are fortunate that our community officer is located right here at the HCC. Sadly our Community Officer (Dawn Neilly) will be moving on – she has been fabulous. Our new constable will be Darren Joseph.
- There is a current phone scams where it looks as though the call is coming from the Ottawa police.
- Cheryl and Wayne have advocated strongly for the return of community policing. OPS has admitted that the changes to policing a few years ago weren't good and they are bringing some of the community policing back.
- There was a fair bit of drinking going on at Somerset Square this year. The beat officers spent a lot of time on that issue.
- Councillor Leiper is working with the Kitchissippi Community Associations to look at emergency preparedness and how they can support communications and those individuals who are vulnerable.

- Tom Brown Arena: We are hearing that the city is wanting to decrease the number of arenas, in particular those with single pads. Meanwhile, Hintonburg is experiencing extreme intensification and we'll need more recreation space. Consultations will be coming up soon – we'll need you to engage.

c. Arts: Paulette Dozois presented on behalf of the committee

- The Arts committee has focused heavily on events this past year.
 - Craft Fair happens the last Saturday of November.
 - This was the 16th year for Artspark. This was our second year partnering with the Happening.
 - December Kringle event with Santa Claus.
- These are events that we do every year. In the past we had many volunteers but those have been dropping off, especially for Artspark. Also, there are no longer any artists on the Arts committee.
- The events have left very little time for other arts initiatives that we want to focus on (e.g., murals; bell boxes; literature; poetry).
- We will be inviting the community to come together to discuss whether we want to continue to do the same activities or whether it's time to take a break from Artspark. We hope to some of you will join us for those discussions.

d. Traffic: Al Norris & Ellen Lougheed presented on behalf of the committee

- There are now flexisticks on Bayswater.
- Snow removal was a big issue in our community last winter.
- The intersections at Holland and Scott as well as Holland and Wellington are very dangerous.
- Armstrong is supposed to be a cycling route but there is no signage.
- Parkdale is extremely busy.
- Coming up:
 - Currently trying to get a four-way stop at Armstrong and Merton.
 - Ellen plans on launching a Facebook page about traffic and mobility.
 - Scott street redesign – it will be interesting to see what happens.
 - How the city will plan for transportation given all the developments happening in our neighbourhood.

f. Environment: Gillian Koh presented on behalf of the committee

- Clean up the Capital: 30 volunteers collected over 75 pages of leaves and garbage despite the HCA having to use the rain date. Next year we will move our date back a bit.
- Cloth diaper incentive program: Disposable diapers are the third largest contributor to landfills. Sudbury and different boroughs of Montreal have incentive programs. We presented to the city last year; the 2020 Waste Master plan is coming up.
- Trees:
 - We are losing heritage trees due to infill. People need a permit to cut down heritage trees but By-law seems to hand them out very easily.
 - One developer offered to plant trees. The environment committee looked for tree deserts and prepared a report for the developer. The report will also be available on our website.
 - We provided feedback to the tree bylaw review and look forward to working with City on saving the canopy.
- Nov 15-16: Look at the Official Plan through a Climate Emergency lens. If you're interested, talk to Gillian.

g. Heritage:

No report beyond what was said about Magee house.

h. Communications: Larry Hudon presented on behalf of the committee

- Three volunteers worked on communicates this year. We hope to make our work quicker and more consistent next year. It's a challenge to capture the work that the HCA does and write it up in order to get it out to you.
- If you would like to be involved, email info@hintonburg.com

i. Volunteers & Membership: Linda Brown

- Thank you to new and returning members.
- We are all volunteers and are kept quite busy by our work.
- Linda B will reach out to members on ways of engaging.
- If you aren't already subscribed to the HCA newsletter, google it and you can subscribe.

8. Board Election

Larry turned over the chair to Lorrie Marlow of the Mechanicsville Community Association to proceed with the elections. Lorrie laid out the rules that to stand for board member, one must be a member in good standing. If not yet a member, one can do it tonight before leaving the AGM, at least 18 years old. Member must live in boundaries of Hintonburg and commit to attending board meetings and volunteering for the association. Meetings are held the first Monday of every month and should expect to help on committees – possibly up to 8 hours per month.

Lorrie reported the names as recommended by the nominating committee and then asked for nominations from the floor. 3 were nominated from the floor. Nominations closed. FULL LIST:

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| Cheryl Parrot | Emily Addison | Scott Milne |
| Wayne Rodney | Al Norris | Juliana Schneider |
| Jay Baltz | Paulette Dozois | Matt Whitehead |
| Larry Hudon | Nicholas Olmsted | Jessica Stark |
| Gillian Koh | Linda Brown | Ellen Lockheed |
| Eddie Fu | Radha Subramani | Mimi Gallipeau |
| Josh Nutt | Breanna Durnin | Kevin Hamilton |

21 Board Members on nomination list.

MOTION to increase the number of directors for this year from 11 to 21 and to acclaim the candidates named on the list presented to the AGM. Wanda Goneau/Dave Cotter. **PASSED.**

9. Open Forum

Thank you and ways to get involved:

- Brenna thanked the Board members who stepped up tonight. It's amazing that had 21 people came forward. She suggested that our community is a place for everyone and one shouldn't be limited by what they see – if something delights or frustrates you, engage. There are many ways to be part of the community.
- Development is particularly challenging – being involved is empowering.

Pathways around the Light Rail Station:

- Brenda noted that people are cutting through the back of the Tom Brown arena – created 'desire lines' that are different than the city paths. We should take note.
- It was noted that some cities wait to lay down new paths until they can see where people walk (use snow in the winter).

2B development at Bayswater:

- There is concern about the status of a heritage tree. A neighbour is working with a City of Ottawa forester to ensure that it is getting barrier protection.

Speeding cars:

- Lisa noted that there are Domino pizza vehicles speeding along Pinhey street. With more delivery of food, this issue is increasing.

Hintonburg Park:

- Lisa said that she finds the playground structures in Hintonburg park lacking compared to many other parks. Perhaps they could be refreshed with a partnership with the school?

Bayview Friendship Park:

- A few of the tables in the Bayview Friendship park have been chained to trees in a way that puts them on a slant.

Rosemount Library:

- Josh (READ group) noted that the Rosemount renovation is behind.
- There were differing views on whether the temporary site is meeting needs. It's very full and the staff are running programming in other areas. However, there is no room for children's collections.

Garbage on the streets:

- One resident expressed concerns regarding the amount of trash on the street.
- Others noted that it's a city budget issue – they used to clean the streets much more regularly than they do now.
- If there is trash, call 311 for both public and private land.
- Larry said that he would raise the issue with Dennis of WWBIA.
- It was also noted that while the city has receptacles to separate garbage and recycling, they put it all into garbage. Larry noted that the HCA will work with the Councillor to raise this issue.

Road cuts:

- One resident was concerned about how road cuts cause by developers are both difficult for cyclists and they wear out cars. It was noted that Councillor Leiper has tried to address this a number of times.
- This should be addressed through city standards.
- If you have an issue, put in a complaint through 311.

10. Motion to Adjourn

MOTION to adjourn: Paulette Dozois/Jay Baltz, Passed.