

**Heron Park Community Association
Monthly Meeting: December 3, 2019 @ 7:00 pm**

Present: Léo Derome, Margaret Wood, Shawn Menard (City Councillor), Mélanie Boyer (Councillor's Assistant), Cynthia Modjeski, Judy Mordy, Linda Gama-Pinto, Rosella MacNeil, Randy Paladeau, Olita Schultz, Mike Little, Jim Kargakos, Susan Carbone.

1 Welcome:

Mike, our new Community Association President, introduced himself and explained the new format of our meetings. Part one of the agenda will deal with news and the councillor's update. If participants have questions or issues that require more deliberate discussion, they will be asked to write them on a post-it note (provided) and these will be discussed during part two of the meeting. This format will allow people to hear the community's and councillor's news, if participants cannot stay for the entire meeting. This format will be used, on a trial basis, for the next several meetings.

PART ONE:

2 Approval of October minutes: Moved by Linda. Seconded by Léo. Approved.

3 Annual General Meeting (AGM) minutes (November 5, 2019) have been reviewed by the former Community Association Executive and are ready to be presented at next year's AGM for approval. Thank you, Rosella, for drafting them so quickly.

4 Councillor's Update (Shawn Menard)

- Shawn thanked Linda for her term as president and is looking forward to working with Mike as our new president.
- Field house replacement: The city has applied to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program for a new Heron Park Community Centre, a cost sharing funding program between the federal, provincial and municipal governments. Shawn has set aside \$1M (cash in lieu) from his budget. We should know by Spring if the application is accepted. If it's not accepted we'll need to look at alternatives, such as doing a renovation of the existing building. City staff would need to evaluate if a renovation is worth doing.
- Bank St. Redesign: The vision for the Bank Street project is to construct a functioning and safe complete arterial main street with a well-balanced multi-modal transportation network which will cater to vehicles, transit, cyclists and pedestrians. A public consultation was conducted in Fall 2019 and the goal is to have a finalized detailed design by Winter 2021.
- Clementine/Heron Bus Stop: The asphalt pad has been completed on the west side of Clementine at Heron. The bus stop sign will be relocated by end of December.
- Heron bike track: Cycle lanes and sidewalks are in place along Heron Rd. from Clover St. to Heron Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Station (South of Heron) and from Data Centre Road to Clover St. (North of Heron). Eventually these will connect into cycle tracks being planned for Bank St.

- Tree planting: Forestry Services can partner with our community to identify what kind and where to plant trees. They are planning now for planting in the Fall. The Association was asked to contact Laura.woods@ottawa.ca with suggested locations.
- Speeding on Heron Rd overpass: In 2019, approximately 1758 tickets were issued. In 2018, 1643 tickets were issued. This situation continues to be monitored, and the Councillor's office is working with the city staff to find suitable traffic calming measures. A speed board has been ordered for drivers travelling Westbound on Heron Rd.
- 1097 Richard construction: The building permit has been revoked. The developer has applied for another permit, but it has yet to be issued, so no building should be taking place at the site. The neighbour's damaged fence was handled by bylaw with an order to comply. It's been repaired. Encroachments onto the neighbour's driveway have been removed. A forestry inspector has confirmed that there are no new issues related to tree bylaws.
- Parking over three-hour limit: The city has suggested we go through a petition process to obtain majority approval for one-sided parking within Heron Park. See below for more information.
- Planting clover and other pollinators: The city is seeking pilot sites for this type of planting, rather than grass. Shawn asked for suggested sites within Heron Park.
- One-way Clover St. sign: As per Heron bike track, the design includes a contraflow bike lane on Clover St. north of Heron Road. The Councillor's office is awaiting an update
- Cross-Walk Sign at Aldea and Apolydor: This is not a school crossing. To have a sign installed at an uncontrolled location would require a crossing guard or warrants for a PXO (Pedestrian Cross-Over). These locations have been added to the 2020 Count program to be studied in May or June 2020.
- Stop-sign at Apolydor: The request was to align the stop signs along Clementine with the bus stops, every second street. A new stop sign requires a certain number of vehicles entering from each direction, which this intersection did not meet. To assist with student safety, a request has been made for a crossing guard and this location has been added to the review list. A gap analysis will be done in spring 2020 to determine if it is warranted.
- Shawn is hosting a discussion on transit improvements on Bank St. on December 18th, from 7:00-8:30 pm at the Old Ottawa South Firehall, 260 Sunnyside Ave.
- Shawn is hosting a holiday party on Thursday, December 19th at 5:00 pm at Banditos at 683 Bank Street. All are welcome to eat, drink and be merry with Shawn and the Capital Ward crew. RSVP at: <https://www.shawnmenard.ca/events>

5 **Redesigned Heron Park Community Association Website:** Located at: www.heronpark.ca
Thank you to Jennifer and Sarah for making this happen. Please bookmark the site.

6 **Heron Park Rink:** The Rink usually opens by end of December or early January. You can book the rink (free) for a special event by contacting the city:
<https://ottawa.ca/en/recreation-and-parks/skating/outdoor-rinks#book-outdoor-rink> If you want to use the Field House (free), contact the HPCA at heronparkca@gmail.com

7 **Dwellings that Back onto the O-Train:** The city is trying to reach people who live in dwellings that back onto the O-Train rail-line so that information can be shared with them

about the upcoming construction. Mike will share the email he received on this topic with Linda, who will create a flyer to be delivered to the appropriate dwellings.

Play Groups: There are two new play groups taking place at the Fieldhouse. 1) Every Tuesday from 3:00-4:30 pm and 2) Dec. 9th and 16th (Mondays) from 9:30 to 11:30 am. These are informal playgroups that give a chance for parents and young children (0-6 years) to meet, play and socialize. Parent supervision is required. Please be sure to have paid your Heron Park Association membership fee of \$5.00 (per family) to be covered by the City's insurance.

PART TWO – Discussion, Issues, Questions

8 One side parking petition:

This issue stems from many multi-unit dwellings not providing sufficient parking for tenants. As a result, tenants park their cars on the street for longer than is permitted by the city's parking bylaw. This creates serious challenges, especially in the winter, for emergency vehicles, buses, snow plows, and pedestrians, as most streets do not have sidewalks. A suggestion to have one-sided parking throughout our neighbourhood was received positively over the past several community meetings. It is felt that restricting the supply of parking will positively change the patterns of those who live in the neighbourhood, as well as improve overall safety of residents. It was agreed that the Community Association pursue this for our community.

Mike has been trying to find out how the city decides on parking designations for neighbourhood streets. A suggestion was made to ask a city representative to come to our meeting to explain the process and answer our questions. Another suggestion was made to host a special community meeting to explain the need for one-sided parking. If anyone has ideas on how to frame this meeting, please share them with the CA Executive.

9 Bee Friendly Ground Cover locations: Suggestions included all city owned boulevards and parks, especially along Heron Road between the new bike path and road.

10 Bylaw statistics: Year to date statistics for Heron Park were shared. To date, 596 Service Requests have been made. Of these, the most frequent calls were made related to over-the-limit parking (202), property standards (141), noise (42), zoning enforcement (36), designated parking (31), and animals (25).

11 City Tree Planting: To take advantage of the city's tree planting program, we discussed where we could ask to have trees planted in Heron Park. Sites that were recommendation included Heron Park, Kaladar Park, and Aldea Street. It was agreed to ask residents to share their thoughts through our Facebook Page.

Meeting Adjourned at 8pm

Moved by Linda, Seconded by Mike. Approved.

Next Meeting January 7, 2019