

Heron Park Community Association
Monthly Meeting: January 7, 2020 @ 7:00 pm

Present: Linda Gama-Pinto, Léo Derome, Mike Little, Diane Burgess, Sara Dunbrook, Addison Dunbrook, MLaden Oroz (City of Ottawa), Mélanie Boyer (Councillor's Assistant), Reid Shepherd, Nick Wilson, Raffi Markarian, Rosella MacNeil, Randy Paladeau, Jim Kargakos, Susan Carbone.

PART ONE:

1 Welcome:

Mike welcomed everyone and reviewed the new meeting format.

2 Approval of December 2019 minutes: Moved by Linda. Seconded by Mike. Approved.

3 Winter carnival is scheduled for Feb 8th from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. Activities are typically built around the rink, along with indoor activities, food and a raffle. Nick agreed to coordinate the event, and asked that volunteers who want to help cook/serve the food, sell raffle tickets/community memberships, and organize activities contact him. He'll arrange promotion of the event on our Heron Park (HP) website and Facebook page

4 One-sided parking: Over the limit street parking is the number one bylaw complaint within Heron Park. Intensification means more people, which means more cars parked on the street as many dwellings do not have sufficient parking for tenants. Safety becomes an issue, especially in the winter, as cars parked on both sides, narrow the streets and make it difficult for pedestrians and vehicles to pass. One-sided parking, during the winter months, from Dec. 1 to March 31, may help improve safety frustration being expressed by residents.

Currently, Brule Ave. has one-sided parking and residents who live on that street speak positively about it. MLaden Oroz (City of Ottawa-Traffic Services) spoke about the petition process for city approval to change parking designation in the neighbourhood. A discussion on parking options occurred, which resulted in agreement that the community would undertake the petition process to obtain approval for one-sided parking during the winter months (Dec. 1- March 31). Mélanie will work with MLaden to clarify whose signature (tenant or property owner) is required on the petition.

To conduct the petition, champions for streets or segment of streets are being requested. The petition will be scheduled in the spring as the weather will be nicer for going door to door. It will be important to share this initiative with Heron Park residents prior to going door to door with the petition. Please talk to your neighbours about it. The Association will post information on HP's website and Facebook pages, and share information via our community email list.

5 **1045/1043 Secord Ave.** – Owner, Raffi Markarian presented his plans to replace the existing bungalow with two semi-detached houses. He indicated: original plan was to renovate the current house but later found out it was not in a condition to be renovated; that each semi will have 3-bedrooms and a garage (leading into the basement); the basement will remain unfinished for now but may be finished as an in-law suite in the future; he plans to live in one of the semis; he hopes his son will live in the other; the front yard tree will be protected; and he hopes to start construction in April/May and move in in October. Mr. Markarian was made aware of the community’s opposition to bunkhouse-type semis such as those built at 1053 Secord Ave. Mr. Markarian indicated that he became aware of 1053 Secord Ave. after he had bought his property, and was disappointed that they would be living so close to a bunkhouse.

6 **Councillor’s report – by Mel:**

- **Power failures** were due to tree damage, animal contact, and overhead and underground switch failures.
- **Tree planting:** Heron Park has been added to the list to be assessed for future planting because it is within the LRT zones and further investigation is needed. Kaladar Park will be impacted by LRT construction therefore, planting is on hold until construction is complete. Dartmouth Ave. & Aldea residents are encouraged to call 3-1-1 about the Trees in Trust program. The Trees in Trust program finds suitable planting locations for street trees.
- **Heron Road Speedboard** was installed December 10th, 2019.

PART TWO – Discussion, Issues, Questions

1 **R4 zoning review:** The City of Ottawa has produced a Discussion Paper proposing changes to the R4 family of zones, to enable and encourage the development of small, affordable and context-sensitive infill apartment dwellings in and around downtown. The Discussion Paper and other materials can be found at Ottawa.ca/R4Zoning. **The deadline to comment on this Discussion Paper is February 21, 2020.**

The section of Heron Park north of Rockingham (to Billings Bridge) is zoned R4 and will be affected by these proposed changes. If you would like to comment on what has been proposed, please email your comments to heronparkca@gmail.com Linda will send the information about this consultation to Jessie and Sara so they can post it on our Facebook page and Website. She’ll also send this information to residents on our community email list.

2 Mike will be away for the next meeting. Nick agreed to chair the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 pm
Next Meeting: February 4, 2020