

## **Heron Park Community Association**

### **Community Zoom Meeting 7:00 pm, May 4, 2021**

#### **Present:**

Shawn Menard (Councillor), Mélanie Boyer (Councillor's Office), Mike Little, Linda Gama-Pinto, Nick Wilson, Susan Carbone, Rosella MacNeil, Clément Berthiaume, Irene Shumada, Fraser Smith, Debbie (last name not shown), Marta Khan, and Peter Heyck.

#### **SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION/DECISIONS:**

##### **1. Councillor's Update:**

- a. The petition for one-sided parking (Gregg St. – from Junction to Carlsen, Aldéa - from Clémentine to Clover, and Clémentine - from Brookfield to Heron) is being finalized. Next step will be to set a date with the HPCA to distribute it.
- b. The Councillor's office is still awaiting additional information regarding the City Staff's proposal to restrict parking on both sides of Brookfield Road. East (from Clover to Junction).
- c. Follow-up continues with City Staff regarding making corrections to city street signs (adding accents to Aldéa and Clémentine, adding the final e on Apolydore).
- d. A new city employee was hired to assist with the development of the new HP Community Building. This will relieve the workload from another senior staff member who will be assigned to our project. The Councillor's office has a meeting May 5 at 2pm to meet this new staff member and discuss the project.
- e. The Councillor's office is following up with City Staff regarding the flooding of properties on Gilles Street. Susan indicated that following last month's meeting she walked the area of concern and noted that the ditch does become level with the back yards of properties on Gilles Street, was littered with all types of garbage and overgrown vegetation, and the metal culvert grate located behind Ten Sushi was completely blocked. She initiated a 311 Service Request. Mélanie requested she be sent the SR # so she could follow-up.
- f. Discussions are ongoing with respect to the new developments at the corner of Bank St. and Riverside (Lofty Riverside). A public consultation was held April 28<sup>th</sup> and the Councillor's office will be meeting with senior City Staff to discuss options for improvement and community feedback, including finding safe solutions for pedestrians crossing multiple lanes of traffic (eg. underpass/overpass), improving the bridge (eg. adding cantilevers on each side for cyclists and pedestrians), removing the split roadway on Riverside as it creates a dangerous island, etc.
- g. The community consultation on the proposed Splash pad in Kaladar Park was well attended. Certain water features are being adjusted given feedback received.
- h. A bylaw on AirB&B rentals was passed by City Council. In summary, AirB&B's can only be located within a principal residence or in a rural area in Ottawa and have a limit of 10 people.

### **Comments/Questions:**

- a. Could the section of land running from Heron to Brookfield behind the industrial buildings along Kaladar Ave. be designated as a linear park? Mélanie to follow-up with her colleague Kevin to determine who owns the property.
  - b. Could the small plot of land at the end corner of Brookfield and Traverse be designated a park/playground? Mélanie to follow-up.
  - c. Who owns the plot of land at Rockingham and Gloria as it appears to be a dumping ground for garbage? Response: Public Service & Procurement Canada. Mélanie invited an email from the inquirer containing further details.
  - d. Reminder: Residents are asked to make note of their 311 Service Request Numbers when contacting Bylaw Services and send these to the Heron Park Community Association email address: [heronparkca@gmail.com](mailto:heronparkca@gmail.com) as the HPCA is keeping track of these statistics. Mélanie also obtains quarterly bylaw statistics from City Staff which she forwards on to HPCA. She'll also investigate whether these City statistics are available through Open Data.
2. Mike attended a meeting to discuss the **Bank Street Redesign**. In summary, proposals include: lanes of traffic will remain the same, speed limit being reduced to 50km/hr, minor improvement to transit (eg. priority lights, removing merge lanes for buses, uni-directional bike lanes from Billings Bridge to Ledbury Ave. (Home Depot), and hydro lines remaining above ground. At present, the budget for this project has yet to be approved so it may be a couple of years before work gets underway. For more information or to provide feedback, please visit the City of Ottawa website: [Bank Street Renewal Project](#)
3. The **Community Clean-up campaign** is in full swing. Many photographs of community volunteer efforts have been posted on the HPCA Facebook page. These volunteers have made a very noticeable difference. The campaign continues until May 15<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is encouraged to take a few minutes to clean up the street on which they live, a community park or common space, or assist a neighbour who may appreciate the help. Students requiring volunteer hours are also invited to participate. Remember to take a photo and post it on the HPCA Facebook page to enter a draw for prizes.

### **Comments:**

- a. A suggestion, which garnered support from participants, was made to promote community clean-up throughout the year via the FB page and email distribution list by encouraging people to informally “adopt” a street or park to keep clean.
4. The **Community Orchard** requires volunteers for ongoing maintenance. It is not apparent where the Orchard begins and ends as it is overgrown. This spring, Léo Derome worked to remove much of the aggressive vegetation that has overtaken the Orchard. New fruit trees were donated and will be planted by Léo, Linda, Rosella, and Jason.

Volunteers are needed to help with its maintenance. It was suggested that we could place an invitation for volunteers on our FB page and HPCA email, and that this invitation could identify specific tasks that would be helpful. Also, it was suggested that a date be set to show volunteers the extent of the Orchard (eg. size, plots, trees, plants, etc), and what needs to be done.

**Motions:**

- i. That a sign be posted to identify the Community Orchard and signs be posted in specific areas within the community that have been cleaned-up by community volunteers be purchased. *MOVED Linda / SECONDED Mike / Carried*
- ii. That quotes for these signs be obtained and approved by the HPCA executive before being purchased. *MOVED Susan / SECONDED Linda / Carried*

**5. Other Business:**

- a. Is the City aware of the Federal government's green grants that are becoming available that may help fund the new Community Building?

**Response:** Mélanie has that on her radar to raise during meetings with City Staff.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 p.m.