

Heron Park Community Association (HPCA)
Community Zoom Meeting
April 4, 2023 7:00 pm

Present: Susan Carbone, Rosella Mac Neil, Keltie Robertson, Peter Heyck, Steve Haddad, Véronique Brierly, Sara Doyle, Clément Berthiaume, Kurt Randall (late)

Regrets: Linda Gama-Pinto, Nick Wilson, James McLaren

Guests: Miles Krauter (Councillor's staff)

The meeting began at 7:06

We don't have a quorum so it will be an information only meeting.

1. Approval of Agenda (Susan)

A motion to approve the agenda, with the recent additions from Clément, was moved by Véronique, seconded by Keltie. Carried.

2. Approval of March 7, 2023 minutes (Susan)

Because the minutes were circulated to all the board members by email, we can complete the approval tonight. Moved: Peter, seconded by Keltie. Approved.

We have added the accent requested by Clément to the street name Brûlé as well as the change to the year, which are corrections, not changes, so can be made without a quorum being present.

3. Councillor's Report (Miles)

The big news is that the Engage Ottawa page is live, for the new HP community building. We invite all interested people to participate.

https://engage.ottawa.ca/heron-park-community-building?fbclid=IwAR17izUlz95Hfy5lyY1M6lIDMIY02zC7DqCymdLAP7c0ONeU0wJCZtHuS_8

Q from last meeting re Clémentine repaving. He's waiting for confirmation on timeline. Brûlé will not be included. It will go onto Rockingham, for practical purposes. No other streets will be included. But Bélanger is really bad, so they spoke with the area manager for road maintenance; he said he'd see that the pot holes are filled. Resurfacing is needed but for now, pot holes will be filled.

Clément Any cost to change the street signs for Clémentine? Maybe if signs are damaged during the work, the restored signs could include the accents. Miles: Sure.

Rosella Phil sent us a note this afternoon suggesting that the field house will not be demolished until the fall so we, the community, may want to leave it up and use it to run the rink this coming season. This is the first we've heard about the building not being torn down at the end of this month! Of course we'll want to use it if it's still standing, but why is this delay mentioned so offhandedly? And when can we get dates that we can rely on? Miles He will check on what was meant here, Phil likely wanted to sound reassuring, but he will investigate.

Keltie told us there is one speed sensor on the north side of Clémentine that still shows

40 kph but the current limit is 30 kph. Should it be adjusted? Miles Yes

Clément re bicycle safety on Sawmill Creek pathway There's an arched bridge over the creek, in Capital ward. A cyclist ran into a child who was cycling with his father and sibling. The adult cyclist's speed caused the collision. What can be done? Miles We need a sign to indicate the low speed. We can install a curved mirror to improve visibility.

Kurt Rats! A rat jumped out of a garbage can, landed on his son last week. His neighbour throws bird seed onto her front lawn every day. What can we do? Miles Waste management problems will continue to increase, if city allows more multi unit housing without proper bylaw management. They are meeting with Bylaw tomorrow to regulate more meaningful control. It's a problem where there is construction, too. Education is needed; another solution is to bait sewers in the area. Other municipalities use big bins with lids, so rodents can't get into them easily and the contents don't blow around on windy days.

Susan Multi unit buildings use the large wheeled bins, too. Miles All new builds should have internal storage for garbage and recycling. He will ask for sewer baiting in our area.

Clément Snow clearing The last street clearing was after the March 9 snow dump, clearing should have been done earlier. We could have more effective snow clearing with better management. Miles gave us this link:

https://www.shawnmenard.ca/capital_ward_councillor_shawn_menard_releases_report_on_snow_clearing We should send him any written commentary on this subject, even though the public comment period is over.

4. Cleaning the Capital - Spring Clean-up Dates (Susan)

April 15 – May 15 is our usual period for people to clean up their own property and common areas and green spaces. We may pick a day for the volunteers to gather for a thank-you lunch.

5. HPCA Spring Newsletter (Susan)

Nick is always looking for people to write articles on topics that are relevant to Heron Park. If anyone is interested in writing articles for the Herald they can contact Nick.

6. Calls to bylaw in 2022 (Susan)

Susan has stats from the councillor's office for 2022. They're much lower #s than previous years. Miles He thinks those stats are based on certain street names, not a complete list for the area.

7. Development in Heron Park: 1133 Secord Ave (Susan)

This is another lot to be severed with semi-detached dwellings to be built. We haven't had much success to date with our efforts to convince the CoA panels to press developers to uphold bylaw standards. They said our concerns are irrelevant. What changes can we expect re our future CoA hearings? Miles Each area is always assigned to the same CoA panel. Shawn has got onto the hiring committee, where they hire the

panel members. They're usually people involved in development and usually defer to the people making the proposals. We've been more successful for Panel 1 selection. He was told they could put HP in panel 1. It should be in effect for the next hearing.

Peter moved to end the meeting, seconded by Keltie.

The meeting ended at 8:21.