

Heron Park Community Association meeting February 6, 2024

Attendees: S. Carbone (Pres), L. Gama-Pinto (V.P.), C. Sales (Dir), B. Fogel (Dir), P. Heyck (Sec), M. Khan, R. MacNeil, C. Mariano, K. Randal, Guests: Shawn Menard (Councillor) Miles Krauter (Councillor's Office)

Zoom: Olita Schultz

C. Berthiaume, R. Vettoretti (due to human error on the part of the Zoom host not able to join till late)

Meeting called to order by President, S. Carbone at 7:02

Moved by R. MacNeil; 2nd by R. Paladeau

Approval of December 5 minutes moved by L. Gama-Pinto; 2nd by B. Fogel

Summary of Discussion:

1. Councillor's Report

Field House: The Contractor Request for Pre-Qualification (RFQ) closes Feb 13; building demolition expected April/May dependant on water table level. Pool will be closed over the summer (no water during construction). Expected completion of new building December 2024. B.Fogel questioned Councillor Menard on the project timeline in the RFQ documents which notes building completion in June 2025. Councillor Menard noted that the City staff briefing note he received mentioned the Dec 2024 date and often City staff put a later completion date in early tender documents than the actual target date.

Discussion: observation regarding drawing of new structure – interlock where there is currently grass. Consensus from attendees that there should be the minimum required parking and the maximum amount of green space in front of the building. Current drawings show 1 accessible and 3 standard parking spaces in front of field house.

It was also discussed that new sidewalk is shown on the drawings on the side of the road adjacent to the park. Clarification on the extents of this new sidewalk to be provided in future by City.

Question was posed regarding storage of Field House contents during the demolition and construction. Mr. Paladeau indicated that he has organized storage of all the Community Association's property. The remaining contents would be the property of the City. The Councillor will see if a storage pod can be arranged for the storage of the remaining materials at the City's expense. Ms. Carbone is to get back to the City (Phil) regarding the size of the Pod, if that is the direction decided.

Councillor Menard confirmed that ample notice to vacate existing fieldhouse will be provided to HPCA.

Councillor indicated that there is money for a **Port-a-Potty**. Seeking input as to where to locate. Suggestion that it be located at Kaladar Park near the new splash pad. There was support for the Kaladar location. It was raised that having a Port-a-Potty at Heron Park would also be beneficial, but recognized that funds were limited.

“Sandy Hill like” Property Standards By-Law for Heron Park. This By-law would require multi unit buildings to have sufficient sealed garbage containers. This initiative improved the rodent situation in Sandy Hill. Councillor’s office is moving forward with a similar By-Law for Heron Park.

Flooding Report – the Updated Draft Flooding Report on last August rainfall has been released with much of the Kaladar-Traverse area deemed at **high risk** for basement flooding due to infrastructure age and capacity. Councillor is pushing for improvements in the Residential Protective Plumbing Program. Ms. Carbone encouraged the Councillor to have the city involve the residents and the Community Association in any improvement. She suggested an Advisory Committee of Residents. The Final Report has not yet been made public.

Other issue and questions:

Question was asked about extending the Flexi rods on Bronson to avoid a gap in the protection for cyclists

Councillor was supportive of the request and will take it forward???

Councillor was asked about the pedestrian bridge connecting Carleton to Vincent Massey Park. It is not yet open because the safety railing has not yet been installed. Councillor Menard also noted that the bridge is part of the LRT project and not contractually required to be opened until overall LRT phase 1 complete, however, city is pushing to open the bridge as soon as it is complete.

City Insurance for Community Association will remain as Status Quo. (No cost to CAs).

Contra-directional bike lane on Clover: John in Shawn’s office is seeking a solution...the sign that had been posted violated the highway traffic act so it was taken down. Shawn mentioned the possible value of a site visit with city staff.

Bike Lanes on Bank St over the Rideau River: Councillor is trying to ensure that the Bike Lane is separated from the traffic.

Community Member suggested that the **speed limit** on Bank St from Riverside heading South be reduced to **40km/hr**. Councillor will investigate.

Zoning and By-law: President indicated disappointment with the lack of engagement by By-Law services on the number of infractions for front yard parking that were reported to By-law. Would like another By-law “sweep” of the area to be done in the early spring. The widening of driveways in front of the entrance of dwellings is an infraction of the By-law against Front Yard Parking. This is becoming widespread in Heron Park. Less permeable surface for run off may be contributing to the flooding problem.

Sawmill Creek fence: In December a member of the Councillor’s office, City employees from Parks and HP residents toured the area in the green space along Sawmill Creek where the City installed fencing in the Fall. The fencing had been installed along a well used 400 meter path without consultation with the CA nor residents. There was surprise and anger expressed on the HPCA Facebook page by many residents about the fence. The fence was vandalized a couple of times. A Report about the stability of the land adjacent to the Creek indicates only one small area – the steepest point, (5-10 meter stretch), was at risk of failure IF certain conditions were met. A representative from the Councillor’s office, City staff and residents will work together to resolve the issue and ensure a sustainable plan for this green space. To be continued.

Development Update:

Confederation Heights: Unfortunately, because of technical difficulties our representative on this file was unable to join. Below are some points that she wanted to make:

It's important to know the Confederation Heights redevelopment project is at a very preliminary stage and the proposed 3 options show long term visions that may or may not happen. It was a very intense evening looking over all the plans and a lot of questions couldn't be answered since NCC & municipal planning approvals are needed for some aspects of each plan. Here is a link to the three options that can be shared with all community members: <https://engage.clc-sic.ca/realize-the-potential> . V.P. Gama-Pinto will post to the FB page. Community members encouraged to review the options and provide feedback.

Bank and Walkey: There is a consultation on a development proposed for the plaza and parking lot (Value Village). The invitation for the consultation (Feb 28) is in the Councillor's Newsletter.

Winter Carnival – proposal to hold the HPCA Winter Carnival on Saturday, February 17, was supported. Linda, Randy and Claire will organize.

Councillor's office is organizing a Ward-wide shinny next week-end, looking for HP to participate.

Pres moved to end the meeting; seconded by R. Paladeau and B. Fogel.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.