

HPCA Meeting Minutes April 1, 2025

Attendees: Susan C., Rosella M., Linda G-P., Ben F., James M., Clair S., Catlin (Councillor's Office), Steve H., Clément B., Irene S., Renso V., Rutha A., Connor Renouf (City of Ottawa)

1. Meeting started at 7:01p.m.
2. Agenda Approval; One addition to “Other Business”; Move to Approve by Linda. No Objections. Approved.
3. Councillor's Office Report
 - a) **Update on Community Building:** Payment order is out for the Community Building. Will report back on the timeline at the next meeting.
 - b) **Tax Ratio Report:** The City is reducing the multi-residential tax ratio to mirror that of residential rates. The goal/expectation is that landlords pass the saving onto tenants.
 - c) **Ottawa Tool Library:** There is a small appliance *Repair Café* planned (Date to be determined) at the RA Centre. Catlin asked what languages, in addition to French and English, should the publicity include. Suggestion: Arabic
 - d) **Presentation by Connor R. on the Rain Ready Ottawa Program:** Rain Ready Ottawa is a program that encourages and supports residents to reduce the harmful impacts of rainwater runoff on their property.

Rain Ready Ottawa offers:

- Information on projects for your home (see below) including a series of self-guided eLearning courses to help you implement rainwater management projects
- Rebates up to \$5,000 to help you install practices that help manage rainwater where it falls (Eligibility requirements apply, learn more at Rain Ready Ottawa project rebates) <https://ottawa.ca/en/living-ottawa/environment-conservation-and-climate/protecting-ottawas-waterways/rain-ready-ottawa#section-5ca55bd7-8421-4141-8016-31e07a005907>

Questions for Councillor's Office

Some questions for Connor: Do rebates included soft landscaping – Yes. What reimbursable costs are covered for a “Rain Garden” – costs calculated on area basis – 10 meters sq, up to \$750. Does the City have a list of salt-tolerant plants? Yes – will share.

4. 2025 Cleaning the Capital

Clair has registered the Community Association for Spring Cleaning the Capital. The program runs from April 15, 2025 - May 31, 2025. Neighbours are encouraged to clean up their yards, streets and communal spaces of litter.

The Executive agreed to May 3rd 10a.m.-12p.m. for a Community Cleaning Day. Meet at the Heron Park for a picnic after. Rain date May 10. Light snacks and drinks to be provided by the Association. Participants will be entered into a draw for prizes.

5. Other Business

Linda G-P informed the Association that she had submitted Stewardship Agreement for the Orchard and the Green Space around it to the City. The Agreement is to allow Volunteers to continue removing the invasive plants and planting native trees and shrubs as they have been doing for the past few years. The Association is formalizing this arrangement with the City. We do not receive any funding for this voluntary work.

There was a request that we post on the website a date for volunteers to come and help with the Orchard and the Green Space maintenance.

6. Approval of March minutes

Moved by Ben F. Seconded by Linda GP

Approved as written

Meeting closed at 8:00 p.m.

Next meeting May 6, 2025