

Heron Park Community Association 2024 Annual General Meeting November 5, 2024 (Held via Zoom)

Attendees:

Heron Park Community Association Executive: Susan, Linda, James, Claire, Ben, Mike, Rosella.

MPP: John Fraser

City of Ottawa Officials: Shawn Menard, Miles Krauter, Jennifer Therkelsen, Jeff Williams, Phil Castro.

Community members: Kelly, Christopher, Julia, Olita, Cynthia, Marta, Nicole, Veronique, Leah, Elaine, Clément, Doreen, Malinda, Steven.

(Total of 27 attendees)

Started at 7:05 p.m.

- **Welcome & Approval of the Agenda:**

Motion to approve Agenda (Linda G-P). Seconded: (Ben F) No changes.

2. Panel Discussion:

Moderator: Shawn Menard, City Councillor, Capital Ward, City of Ottawa

Speakers:

Linda Gama-Pinto, Vice President, Heron Park Community Association

John Fraser, MPP Ottawa South

Jennifer Therkelsen, Program Manager, By-Law & Regulatory Services, City of Ottawa

Phil Castro, Planner 2, Parks and Facilities Planning, Recreation, Culture & Facility Services Dept., City of Ottawa

Linda presented an overview of the new Zoning By-law introduced by the City in 2024.

Mr. Fraser spoke to his key priorities: Healthcare (need for more Family Doctors) and Education.

Jennifer Therkelsen spoke to the increased number of enforcement activities in Heron Park. There is now a dedicated officer who drives through the community bi-weekly, proactively issuing notices and orders.

Phil Castro presented the latest drawings of the new Community Building. Funding will be approved in the December Budget. Expectation that the pool will operate next summer – with a trailer for the staff. Hope that the building will be completed by next Fall (2025). The kitchen design is still not finalized.

Q&A

- Kelly: More rats visible in HP

Shawn: Please report rat sightings via 311 or online.

- Malinda: Noise from work being done by Transport Canada on Via rail line late at night very disturbing

Shawn/Jennifer: Feds have a noise exemption for rail line. No notice was provided to the City. Shawn's office will reach out to Transport Canada to see if advanced notice can be provided to residents in the future.

- Christopher: How will the proposed Provincial law to remove Bike Lanes affect Ottawa? Will there be an exterior water fountain on Community Building? Has noticed an increase in parking along Bank in Ottawa South during No Parking periods.

John Fraser: The Bike Lane law is really focussed on Toronto.

Phil: Will work to have exterior fountain installed.

Jennifir: Parking tickets on Bank St up significantly. Will work with other By-law members to increase surveillance in Ottawa South.

- Elaine: Could lights in the Kaladar Park football field be left on in the evenings throughout the winter as was done before COVID?

Shawn: Phil, Miles to work with parks to see if this can be realized.

- Leah: Garbage cans have been removed from Kaladar park. Can two be brought back – one on the north end of the football field and the other near the Kaladar skating rink?

Shawn: Request to Leah and Susan to send a diagram of where garbage can should be situated.

3. Approval of the November 2023 HPCA AGM minutes

Motion to approve minutes (James M). Seconded by (Ben F). Carried with no amendments.

4. Review and Approval of 2023-2024 HPCA Financial Statement

The financial situation of the HPCA continues to be solid. Main income is from the City grant for the Heron Park rink maintenance.

Motion to approve the Financial Statement (James M). Seconded by (Susan C). Carried.

The Executive will move the assets in the Mutual Fund to the Community Bank Account. The special fund, a little over \$5000, earmarked for the Community Building will need to be transferred to the City for use on the Building.

5. Board Elections

Only the position of Secretary was open for election. No one stood for the position. The work of the Secretary will continue to be shared among the Executive.

6. Other Business

Nil

Move to close the meeting (Susan). Seconded by (Linda). Carried.

Closed: 8:33 p.m.