



Leslie Park Community Association Meeting
Thursday, March 21, 2019
7:00pm
St. John the Apostle School

Meeting Minutes:

<u>Agenda Item:</u>	<u>Action Items:</u>
<p>1) Welcome and Introductions (Rachel Tweedy) Over 40 neighbours attended this meeting</p>	
<p>2) Thank you to our volunteers (Rachel Tweedy) Rachel acknowledged:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frank and Diane Sullivan for overseeing the operations and the supervision of the rink this winter • Kristine Bourque and Anthony Taza for organizing Winter Fun Day on January 26th • Peter Talajic for coordinating delivery of the newsletters • Alina Matern and Alfia Sorokina for agreeing to organize the Picnic in the Park in June • Melinda Buijs for her amazing efforts over the past 2 years in managing the community's social media • Saba Rudd for volunteering to become the community's new social media coordinator • Shelley Murdock for offering 2 Snowga sessions in the winter • All residents who submitted photos for the calendar and participated in the Griswold Contest • Juan Carlos Galindo who has agreed to take on the membership drive from long-time coordinator Nicole Lauro • Marina Hartley, Andrew Barton and Kristine Bourque who serve as Treasurer, Vice-President and Secretary for our Association's Board 	
<p>3) New French Elementary School at 20 Harrison</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rachel welcomed CEPEO Business Superintendent Mr. Stéphane Vachon and incoming School Principal Ms. Céline Labrèche to provide an overview of the new school which will take over the former Leslie Park Public School building 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The JK-6 school will be referred to as 'École élémentaire publique Ottawa-Ouest' until it is renamed by students and families when it opens • The Board expects to welcome 272 children to the school when it opens in September. The addition of the new school will ease the overcrowding in the board's other schools where they currently have 95 portables • Mr. Vachon reported that consultations with existing schools and the community on the school's boundaries will run from late March to April 10. • Mr. Vachon added that the school will need a few 'touch ups' to get it ready for students, they will be adding a 'natural environment' play area (not a plastic structure), there will be a before and after school program and they are currently seeking out a daycare provider for the school • Ms. Céline Labrèche reported that the school's learning philosophy and curriculum will be inspired by Reggio Emilia – students will still follow the provincial curriculum but learning is very student-centred and teachers will remain with their class from JK to the end of Grade 1 • Residents who want more information on the school's curriculum, boundaries or are interested in pre-registering, may go to: https://ottawa-ouest.cepeo.on.ca/ 	
<p>4) Update on traffic calming in Leslie Park (Rachel Tweedy)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rachel Tweedy reported that the new speed boards were installed on Monterey and Harrison in the fall. She confirmed that additional boards running eastbound on Monterey and northbound on Harrison have been ordered and will be installed in April/early May • Concerns raised by residents included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Whether the flex stakes that were installed last summer on the bend in Monterey will return after the winter (they will be re-installed by late April/Early May) ○ The crosswalk lines at Monterey and Guthrie were not replaced after the road was resurfaced. The group discussed the potential for adding another crosswalk to join the sidewalk on Monterey at the west end with the bottom of Costello (Councillor Chiarelli's office will work with traffic department to get the lines repainted) ○ Anthony Taza noted that when the roads were very narrow due to snow accumulation, speeds were reduced – he wondered whether 	<p>Action: Rachel to follow up with Councillor Chiarelli's office to determine next steps for traffic calming</p> <p>Rachel to determine how plowing routes are determined with City to ensure sidewalks are linked between Costello and Monterey next year</p>

<p>adding a bike lane on the south side of Monterey (where no parking would be impacted) would reduce speeds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Barbara Zerter noted that there was a disconnect in sidewalk ploughing and no opening was made to link the sidewalk on Costello to the sidewalk on Monterey ● Councillor Chiarelli’s office has requested the volume and speed data on Monterey Drive from the traffic specialists at the City to determine what next steps could be 	
<p>5) Financial Update (a financial update was not provided at the meeting, please see highlights below)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A summary of the statement of financial activities for 2018 can be found in appendix A, at the end of this document ● There was a small surplus from the rink’s operations this year which will be used towards maintenance on the snowblowers ● As of December 31, 2018, the LPCA had a cash balance of \$8347 	
<p>6) Rink Update (Frank Sullivan)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Frank reported that the rink was open for skating for 49 days between December 31st and March 10th ● Over 2500 skaters used the rink and the community held a Winter Fun Day on January 26th, and supported skating for children at St. John the Apostle school and the local Scouts group 	
<p>7) Update on 39-85 Costello Road housing (Rachel Tweedy)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rachel reported that she had spoken to Councillor Chiarelli’s office and they were not aware of any new zoning applications or by-law amendments relating to that property ● Resident Marissa Turner who lives beside the property reported that the property continues to be in disrepair, and she has filed several by-law complaints against the illegal fence, parking and blocking of fire hydrant and the general state of the property ● Update: Marissa advised residents to quote “39 COSTELLO AVE, NEPEAN, K2H7C3” when reporting by-law infractions so the City adds the new tracking numbers to the existing "case" ● Update: The LPCA was able to track down the contact information for the owner of the property listed on the City’s roll book as: <p>First Source Financial Management Inc. 1 Valleybrooke Dr. Suite 100 Toronto, ON M3B 2S7</p>	<p>Action: Rachel to write a letter on behalf of the LPCA to First Source expressing concerns about the state of the property</p> <p>All residents: Please continue to report issues to by-law and use the 39 Costello address to ensure they are logged against the correct case</p>

<p>Phone: 416.221.2238 Att'n: David Mandel 416.221.2238 ext. 22 david@firstsourcemortgage.ca</p> <p>Please note that 'CR Properties Management Limited Partnership' (we do not have any contact information for this company) has been designated as taking title for the property so they would be responsible for the state of the building and grounds.</p>	
<p>8) Timeline for development of Brigil site near Dollarama (Rachel Tweedy)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rachel reported that they do not have any updates on this development and Councillor Chiarelli's office is following up 	<p>Rachel: Follow up with Councillor Chiarelli's office to determine updates</p>
<p>9) Resurfacing of Abingdon (Rachel Tweedy)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City reported to Councillor Chiarelli's office that because Abingdon is a local street, it is not considered a priority or part of their 5-year resurfacing program Rachel has followed up with Councillor Chiarelli's office to determine whether the timing can be pushed up 	
<p>10) Car Break Ins (Rachel Tweedy)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents discussed the rash of car break ins in the neighbourhood in February and March – the advice from the Community Police Officer is to keep homes well lit, lock cars, keep valuables out of cars and potentially install cameras Residents expressed the following concerns about the lack of lighting in the community: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On many side streets there is no overhead lighting – many of the lamp posts on people's property are not lit. Rachel noted that most of these lights were installed in the 60's and may not work anymore – it is more than changing a light bulb Both school buildings in the community are poorly lit – Jane O'Regan suggested that residents call the schools or the Board to report if lights are not working or are turning on and off at the wrong time Jane reported that adding a light to a remote place (like the bridge) can sometimes achieve the opposite effect and make the area more desirable as a meeting place than a deterrent 	<p>Rachel: Include a reminder about keeping cars locked and homes lit in the upcoming newsletter. Offer that if people cannot change the lights themselves, the LPCA could find a volunteer to help</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Residents from Monterey Drive reported that their condo boards had looked into more lighting for their areas and it was extremely expensive ○ Jane also noted that some elderly residents may require assistance with replacing the light on their property and simply can't manage it ● Elizabeth Fournier suggested that the community get a safety assessment from the Ottawa Police 	<p>Elizabeth: Look into a safety assessment from the Ottawa Police Service</p>
<p>11) Geotechnical Testing in the Park (to determine health of culverts over Graham Creek that run through the park)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● UPDATE The project manager with the City has confirmed that the culvert will be physically removed and replaced from the CN rail line to the outlet at the north end of Leslie Park. Although the schedule has not be finalized, it is anticipated that the work could commence as early as this fall and continue through the winter months. ● Rachel has written to the City to request information on how access to the park and the community's rink will be impacted during this time ● Rachel is also coordinating with resident Nancy Duff to request consideration be given for a tunnel or access to Trend Arlington be done while the heavy construction is underway 	<p>Rachel: Work with Nancy Duff and Councillor Chiarelli and Egli to see whether the a pathway could be built while construction is underway</p>
<p>12) Other Business: Access to Trend Arlington</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Resident Nancy Duff reported to the group that in doing research on options for connecting Leslie Park with Trend Arlington (either under or over the train tracks), she learned that a path from our park park to Banner is on the City's transportation green pathways plans post 2031 ● Nancy noted that with the potential plan for the culvert replacement in the park – the timing might be ideal to request a pathway between the two parks while major construction around the railway is underway ● Residents noted that CN would not likely grant access to the public through an opening in the fence and that there are still a few trains a week that use that track ● Update: Nancy has written to the Project Manager of the Cycling Program in the City's transportation services department to request consideration for moving up the timeline on creating the path. The project manager has confirmed they do not have the budget but Nancy and Rachel will work with Councillor Chiarelli's office to see if a meeting can be set up with the team on the culvert replacement project 	
<p>13) Volunteer Opportunities</p>	



<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rachel noted that there are currently some volunteer opportunities available with the LPCA – more details can be found at: https://www.lesliepark.ca/volunteer<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ President, Leslie Park Community Association○ Webmaster○ Membership Drive Volunteers○ Winter Fun Day Coordinator• Interested residents can email info@lesliepark.ca for details.	
14) Meeting Adjourned	



APPENDIX A



A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	L
Statement of Activities								
<i>For the period ending December 31, 2018</i>								
Income				2017		2018		
	Municipal Grants			5,428.00		4,822.00		
	Membership Dues and Fees			2,586.80		2,628.40		
	Advertising			200.00		100.00		
	Gross Sales and Revenues from Activities			370.00		-		
	Donations and Gifts			830.55		963.50		
	Interest			0.29		-		
	Other			1,180.00		100.00		
	Total Income			<u>10,595.64</u>		<u>8,613.90</u>		
Expenses								
	Rink - Supplies			-100.59		- 227.88		
	Rink - Labour			-3,500.00		- 4,002.50		
	Volunteer Appreciation			-420.00		-		
	Equipment			0.00		- 1,975.24		
	Website			0.00		- 283.63		
	Newsletters			-268.94		- 294.93		
	Special Events:							
	Winter Fun Day			-229.41		- 321.70		
	Spring Clean-up			-62.00		- 100.78		
	Picnic in the Park			-2,369.32		- 627.79		
	Fall Fun Day			-359.40		- 559.86		
	Meeting Expenses			-65.76		- 135.94		
	Bank Charges			-2.60		- 2.70		
	Membership Drive			-50.40		- 160.00		
	Other			-769.70		- 1,254.55		
	Total Expenses			<u>-8,198.12</u>		<u>- 9,947.50</u>		
	Surplus (Deficit)			<u>2,397.52</u>		<u>- 1,333.60</u>		
Statement of Financial Position								
<i>As of December 31, 2018</i>								
Assets								
	Cash					8,347.53		
	Total Assets					<u>8,347.53</u>		
Total Liabilities						0.00		
	Fund Balance					<u>8,347.53</u>		
Statement of Changes in Financial Position								
<i>As of December 31, 2018</i>								
	Beginning Fund Balance Jan 1, 2018					9,681.13		
	PLUS Surplus (Deficit)					<u>-1,333.60</u>		
	Ending Fund Balance					<u>8,347.53</u>		