

Annual General Meeting of the Champlain Park Community Association

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Thursday, February 16, Champlain Park Fieldhouse

The Annual General Meeting of the Champlain Park Community Association (CPCA) was attended by more than 30 members of the community. Lynne Bankier chaired the meeting.

CPCA Business Session

1. Motion by Laurie Fagan to approve the Minutes from last AGM Sept. 30, 2010, seconded by Heather Pearl and passed unanimously.
2. Calls for nominations to the Executive, completion of the slate of candidates, and addition of a new member at large. Charles Hodgson moved to accept the final slate by acclamation (Annex 2), seconded by Adrian Scott and passed unanimously.
3. Maija Adamson moved to accept the Organizational Chart dated Feb. 16, 2012 as the operating structure of CPCA until such time as the executive approves modifications which would be ratified at the next CPCA AGM. Seconded by Jean Paul Poissante, and passed unanimously.
4. Co-chair Lynne Bankier presented the Financial Report for the fiscal year September 1, 2010 to August 31, 2011 (Ontario Corporation Number: 000923164), on behalf of retiring Treasurer, David Bartlett. After discussion, Adrian Scott moved to accept the report, seconded by Dennis Van Staalduinen and passed unanimously. Members also made observations regarding new spending since the end of the August, 2011. First, there was broad support for the use of association funds to defend CPCA positions at the OMB. People agreed that, while expensive, hiring a lawyer and planner for the 168 Carleton case, and a Planner for the 224 Northwestern case, was both necessary and effective. Second, members requested that the newly established Development Sub-committee, in concert with the new Communications Sub-committee, develop a way to speedily inform residents of the need for large expenditures. Third, members requested that the Development Sub-committee codify for members of the community, the general criteria used when deciding to use association funds to engage with the OMB. These actions enhance oversight and transparency and will help lay the groundwork for future fund raising activities.
5. Barbara Borylo-Gourdie presented the Membership report, noting that 242 of 361 occupied households are currently members of the CPCA. The next membership drive will take place in the Spring. Four individuals (Barbara, Jordan Clark, Dennis Van Staalduinen and Laurie Fagan) volunteered to work together on a fund raising strategy for the CPCA, to support the work of the Development Sub-committee and other activities of the association.

6. Adrian Bradley reported on behalf of the newly established Communication Sub-committee that the CPCA now has a website up and running. The committee plans to continue to produce a reduced paper version of the Champlain Speaker, at least until such time as a new strategy is developed to reach households without access to the internet. The website address is: www.champlainpark.org.
7. Nick Xenos presented the Environment Sub-committee report. He noted that the CPCA now has an environment strategy and recently completed an environmental survey of households within the boundaries of the CPCA. The results of the survey will be posted to the new CPCA website. The Committee has also developed a series of tips to support environmentally responsible household and consumer practices in CP, also posted to the website. Nick also reported that the Committee has reviewed and approved a report, developed by the Champlain Oaks Project, proposing that "The Champlain Oaks" be included in the Municipal Heritage Register as a Natural Feature of Heritage Value. The draft report will be presented to the new executive of the CPCA for approval. Daniel Buckles, a member of the Committee, noted that there is also a new initiative to plant trees on a newly opened area of NCC land along Premier between Carleton and Northwestern. Finally, the report noted that Charles Hodgson is working with Ecology Ottawa to set up an Ecology Ottawa community network, in which he will be our rep.

The business session of the meeting was preceded by two presentations on urban infill development in mature neighbourhoods and comments from Councillor Katherine Hobbs.

8. **"Study of Small Scale Infill Housing in Mature Neighbourhoods"** Guest Speaker: Selma Hassan, Planning and Growth Management Department, City of Ottawa. Details on the study, its findings, proposed solutions, and next steps are available on the city of Ottawa website: Ottawa.ca/infill. The proposed changes to the Zoning By-law based on the recommendations of the study will be debated in March or April by the Planning Committee of the City of Ottawa. These changes apply only to Wards 12 (Rideau Vanier), 14 (Somerset), 15 (Kitchissippi) and 17 (Capital) where the largest amount of small-scale infill is occurring. Everyone has the right to make a 5 minute presentation at Planning Committee meetings or submit written comments. The Agenda and reports can be accessed at: <http://www.ottawa.ca/cgi-bin/docs.pl?lang=en>. If the Planning Committee supports the recommendations of the study, they will be submitted to City Council. Should Council approve the zoning changes, developers have the right to appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board.
9. **"Development in Champlain Park: Working Towards Compatibility"** Speaker: Heather Pearl, Co-Chair, CPCA. The presentation provided a summary of recent efforts by the CPCA to negotiate more compatible infill in the neighborhood. This included two cases argued by the CPCA before the Ontario Municipal Board. One of these resulted in a development plan that

the CPCA views as compatible as possible in today’s climate and the other resulted in an important design concession. The definition of “compatibility” that we must follow for Committee of Adjustment and Ontario Municipal Board Hearings is based on urban planning principles. These arguments can be made more fully at OMB hearings as normally two days are allotted, whereas at Committee of Adjustment only five minutes are allowed per speaker. Plans for 168 Carleton, a corner lot at Clearview Avenue, now include 3 units where four units were originally planned. The other, at 224 Northwestern, produced changes in design to make the development more compatible. The R2 side of the neighborhood faces many more applications for “minor variances”, so ongoing lobbying for compatibility measures will be necessary. The newly established Development Sub-committee will continue to monitor the situation and represent the CPCA at future meetings of the Committee of Adjustment and, where necessary, before the OMB.

10. **Councillor Katherine Hobbs: Comments on the Infill Study** Councillor Hobbs listed some initiatives that her office has been working on and circulated a document on the Lansdowne proposal. She indicated that she intends to vote in favor of the proposed changes to the Zoning By-law resulting from the infill study, and encourage other councillors to do the same. Members of the CPCA were also encouraged to read the study and make their views known to Councillor Hobbs, other members of the Planning Committee, and the Councillors in the affected Wards, before the Planning Committee vote in March. Councillor Hobbs also emphasized the importance of negotiation and compromise when dealing with development applications.

Annex: Executive Officers and other Volunteers, acclaimed February 16, 2012

Name	Position	Address	Tel #	E-mail
Executive Officers – By Acclamation CPCA AGM Feb. 16, 2012 Executive Responsibilities: governance, administration (incorporation reports, forms, insurance etc.), minutes, generating income, financial reporting, risk management, organization of meetings, liaison with committees and volunteers. Note that CPCA volunteers are protected by Liability and Directors & Officers insurance while acting in recognized CPCA roles.				
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