
CHAMPLAIN SPEAKER



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Summary report from AGM

The 2007 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the community association was held September 27. In all, 17 people attended including two invited guests. For those who could not attend, here are the highlights:

Report by our Ward Councillor: Christine Leadman reported that her office is one of the busiest in the city, a reflection of the amount of activity in Kitchissippi ward. She spoke about some of the issues affecting Champlain Park (the development proposal for 268 Keyworth and Mosque parking, both mentioned below) and also noted that the Wellington Street development is slated to begin in the spring. Check out her website (www.kitchissippiward.com) for more information. A few traffic concerns were brought to her attention, and she promised to follow up on these.

Proposal, 268 Keyworth: Heather Pearl discussed the proposal to redevelop the property at 268 Keyworth. The developers want to split one lot into two. Both lots will be significantly smaller than the minimum required under current zoning by-laws. Neighbours and the Community Association opposed the proposal, which is akin to a “spot rezoning” and involves cutting down a row of mature trees. On September 19, Committee of Adjustment (COA) also found the proposal unacceptable. It adjourned the application until November 21, and advised the developers to return with a proposal approved by a substantial majority of the neighbours. Councillor Leadman agreed to facilitate a meeting between the community and the developers. Many thanks to Heather for her work on this! (See meeting announcement on page 3.)

History project: Bob Grainger spoke briefly about his project to research the history of Champlain Park neighbourhood. Whether this research will result in a book is unknown at this time. Contact Bob if you have stories or photos to share, or know of someone who might. His phone number is 613-725-1063.

Executive and committees: Lynne Bankier presented the new executive (many returning from last year) and other supporting committees. See the side

panel of the Speaker for names and contact numbers. Some positions are still available! We still need coordinators for two activities: 1) Membership Drive, please contact Craig at 725-5488 and 2) Spring Clean-up of Park/River, please contact Amy at 722-6039. We will also need people to help with the winter carnival, our biggest social event of the year. Contact Anne Doswell at 722-7705.

Membership drive: The drive was held in May this year, and was a great success. Almost 70 per cent of homes in Champlain Park joined the association. (See page 2 for more on this.)

Financial report: The Association closed the period ending August 31, 2007 with almost \$15,000, most of it held in a Money Market Account.

Mosque parking: The Mosque’s proposal to have 22 commercial parking spots is conditional on the implementation of a site plan that incorporates a number of suggestions made by the Community Association and City staff regarding landscaping and lighting issues. If not implemented, commercial parking in those spots will not be allowed.

Parking on Cowley and Keyworth: Parking by government employees on these streets has become a problem. Charles Patrick has volunteered to chair a committee to look for solutions. (See page 4 for a call for volunteers to sit on this parking committee.)

The complete minutes of the meeting are available from Karen Maser. Call 613-722-6700 or write to kmaser@rogers.com

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– by Karen Maser, Secretary of the Community Association

Champlain Park Community Association

Co-chairs: Lynne Bankier (729-0955)
and Craig Wells (725-5488).

Vice-chair: Heather Pearl
(725-1422)

Treasurer: potter (728-4980)

Secretary: Karen Maser (722-6700)

Ex-officio Past President:

Jonathan Chaplan (728-7670)

Membership: Craig Wells (temporary)

Fieldhouse co-ordinator: Laurie Fagan
(728-1945)

Rink co-ordinator: Greg Doswell
(722-7705)

Neighbourhood Watch: Michael
Cheng (722-3344), Patrick Mates,
(722-4120), Neil Robertson
(729-5439)

Spring clean-up coordinator (vacant)

Social convenor: Vacant

Planning:

Amy Kempster (722-6039)

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Pre-school and bridge groups meet at fieldhouse

The local pre-school group meets each Tuesday and Thursday, from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. at the fieldhouse. Children from newborn to school age, and their parent(s) or caregivers are welcome to attend the gathering.

For more information, contact Katharine Leonard at 728-4938.

Bridge Group:

Wednesday afternoon at 2 p.m. is our bridge day. We are a friendly group, currently at about 8 people. We usually play in the Champlain Park fieldhouse but may use a member's home when the fieldhouse is too cold as it sometimes is in the fall, or when it is very icy as

happens occasionally in January. If you would like to join, please call Amy or Bob Kempster at 722-6039. We play rubber bridge and, if we have an odd number, we ensure everyone has a turn.

– Amy Kempster

Star volunteers

The June Membership Drive was a big success thanks to the hard work of these volunteers:

Maija Adamsons *
Cathy O'Neil Cole *
Steve Cumbaa *
Anne Carlyle
Kelly Egan
Nora Foster *
Carol Holland
Carmen Joynt
Caroline Liebenberg
Elisabeth Mundell
Patrick Mates *
Veronica Sigurdson
Judy Toombs
Danielle Weir *
Craig Wells *
Kay Young

* Canvassers with a 70% or higher return rate for signed-up members on their route. Thank you and congratulations!

Have your say!

This is your local newsletter. If you have something to say, please consider writing an opinion piece on a local topic. Be polite and constructive...or the editor will not publish it!

TEENS available for babysitting

Emma J. 728-6681
Alexandra 722-7482
Berlin 722-2248
Leigh 715-9473
Emma I. 728-1063
Anastasia 728-9014
Fiona 761-9262
Emma M. 728-4642
Elisabeth (bilingual)

Community meeting to be held Nov. 7

Champlain Park residents are invited to attend a meeting with the developers/owners of 268 Keyworth Avenue. The meeting will be held at the Champlain Park fieldhouse on November 7, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to allow the developers to begin consultation with the community, as instructed by the Committee of Adjustment (COA) on September 19, 2007.

At that hearing, the delegation representing the neighbours of 268 Keyworth Avenue and the Champlain Park Community Association agreed that the community would be willing to advise the developers as they prepared their new proposal.

The delegation affirmed that development on the property must meet the current zoning requirements, which are virtually identical to those proposed under

the new Draft Official Plan. It must not set a precedent for development outside these requirements.

For more information, please contact Heather Pearl at 613-725-1422, or pearhea@aol.com.

– by Heather Pearl

For more info...

See page 1 of the Speaker for more information about the variances being requested for 268 Keyworth Ave.

Hallowe'en party for kids

Crafts and games * Pumpkin carving
Little John the Clown

Saturday October 27 from 6 p.m.–8 p.m.

Champlain Park fieldhouse \$2 per child
Volunteer parents & baking needed
Call Kelly Wiles to sign up: 613 794-7906

Teens: you can earn volunteer credits by helping with the Hallowe'en party!

Amy's Corner



by *Amy Kempster*
722-6039

Councillor Christine Leadman's website: Our Councillor is to be commended for her website. It is well-designed and very informative. While many of those involved with community associations have bemoaned the fact that development applications are not available on the city's website, Ms. Leadman has a section on her site where ongoing projects are covered and where all currently scheduled Committee of Adjustment hearings affecting our ward are noted. For your information the website is www.kitchissippiward.com. She will also post notices for community groups who contact her to request that service. As well, she has instituted and sends out an electronic newsletter. If you wish to receive it, you should e-mail her at kitchissippi@ottawa.ca

St. George's School Site: After an initial proposal for a retirement residence, the old St. George's School site (on Picadilly Ave.) changed hands. On October 9, the new proposed owners provided an open house/public meeting with their proposals for the site. I arrived late at the meeting but the proposal seemed to be fairly well-received with the main questions being about the details of traffic management within and around the site. Uniform Developments is proposing 35 new dwellings in the form of semi-detached, triplexes or townhouses and a few singles. At the open house they showed 6 singles but one of those may need to be moved to adjoin three townhouses in order to save a butternut tree. (Butternut trees are now on the endangered species list due to a disease which has attacked many of them. The developer's spokesperson said that the tree concerned appeared to be healthy so it would be very important that it be preserved.) The Church Committee is in favour of the proposed development which retains the church parking lot

within the site. A severance is required due to some exchange of land with the church and a rezoning is also being requested. The rezoning is expected to come to Planning and Environment Committee in late November.

New Zoning By-law: An open house re the new zoning by-law is scheduled for Oct. 11. The Planning and Environment Committee will be conducting final Public Hearings on the urban portion of the draft Comprehensive Zoning By-law (excluding the Greenbelt) on October 22 and 23 in the Champlain Room of City Hall. Consult the City's website if you wish to ascertain your zoning. In general, zoning for this neighbourhood remains unchanged except for some general provisions such as the allowance of secondary dwelling units (apartments within dwellings), regardless of the zoning.

Champlain Park Parking Committee

At its AGM on September 27, the Champlain Park Community Association struck an ad-hoc parking committee to deal with emerging parking problems in the area bounded by Pontiac, Cowley, Premier and Patricia Avenues. To ensure that the interests of the community are taken into account, the committee intends to conduct a comprehensive audit of the parking situation in the entire neighbourhood, and thereafter propose a parking plan for the whole neighbourhood.

The committee is seeking up to five volunteers, ideally representatives from the directly-affected areas. It already has two volunteers:

- Charles Patrick, who resides at 60 Pontiac Street, and is serving as the committee chair
- Amy Kempster, who resides at 118 Clearview Avenue, and will represent the interests of users of the fieldhouse.

The committee would like to have its first meeting early in November. Volunteers are requested to contact Charles Patrick directly preferably at charles@thepatricks.ca or alternatively at 613 729-5793.

– by Charles Patrick