

**DRAFT Minutes**  
**Champlain Park Community Association**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**Tuesday, October 29, 2019**  
**at the Champlain Park Fieldhouse**

31 people attended the 2019 AGM. A meet and greet with refreshments preceded the meeting.

**Report from City Councillor:**

Jeff Lieper reported on some initiatives at the city and mentioned the following highlights:

The Official Plan being revisited, which determines zoning and variances; city strategies include intensification (affects traditional existing neighbourhoods, e.g. around transit hubs; 50% of trips to be via public transit; good urban design though hard to define that. The new city budget is to be tabled soon; property tax increase will be no more than 3%. People should become familiar with the Westboro Infill Study as it will affect Champlain Park eventually. The LRT is not going well, connecting busses are an issue, e.g. at Tunney's Pasture. He encouraged people to subscribe to his newsletter.

In response to questions Jeff said that:

- Clearview / IPD crosswalk; is connected to Mizrahi development who will pay, will be done as part of the condo project; decided to use park as staging instead of sidewalk closure.
- New street lighting in CP is brighter; city is moving to LED for economy, if a certain light is bothersome the CA or resident should deal with the city;
- LRT noise: very loud at Parkdale and Scott; fix is rail damping; city is confident this will help, should be in place by end of November; will be part of Phase 2.
- Speeding through the neighbourhood: are there other mechanisms e.g. four way stops? Residents should contact Tom Pechlof in Jeff's office with suggestions, but flexposts are more effective.
- Blind intersections: difficult to see; call 311 to report these.
- Straps on LRT have been ordered, installation date will be a question raised at next week's transit committee meeting. Transit committee does have several "civilian" members.
- Bus lane on Scott; there will be two lanes westbound and one eastbound and one lane for cycling; will be done next spring; Google "post LRT Scott St configuration" for details.

- Rapids Bistro has been popular but concerns about losing fire pits and use of plastic utensils.

### **Financial Report from CPCA Treasurer:** Josh Bizjak

Josh reviewed the budget report for 2018/9 and the proposed budget for 2019/20. (*filename: 2 - CPCA - PROPOSED BUDGET 2019-2020 + FINACIAL REVIEW*). Budget principle is to spend no more than revenue. To a question about how to improve the play structure in the park, he said that these types of expenditures are the responsibility of the city; but it is helpful to have a group of residents bring focus on specific issues and approach the councillor. Nick encouraged members to suggest projects to the CPCA executive.

### **Election of Board for 2019/20:**

Nick Xenos called for nominations from the floor (there were none) and introduced the slate (*filename: 3 - Election of Officers and Call for Volunteers \_ Champlain Park Community*). Carol described the role of social coordinator which is vacant (*filename: 4c - Social Coordinator Role and Social Report at AGM October 29,2019*) . Nick also suggested residents could contribute as project sponsors. Moved by Charles Hodgson, seconded by Roland, all in favour.

### **Guest Speaker**

Michael Sarich, Senior Water Resources Engineer, Ottawa River Regulation Planning Board gave a presentation on how water levels on the Ottawa River are managed. His presentation is available on the ORRPB website at [www.ottawariver.ca/docs/2019/2019-10-29-ChamplainParkAssoc.pdf](http://www.ottawariver.ca/docs/2019/2019-10-29-ChamplainParkAssoc.pdf).

In response to questions Michael said that

- Backflow on storm sewers is a municipal issue
- Reservoir storage cannot be increased because reservoirs are environmentally unpopular
- Adding reservoirs on tributaries would have other side effects
- It is not possible to find spaces where effective reservoirs or spillways in the area, e.g. Pembroke or Gatineau, can be built
- An independent investigation is going on now re 2019 floods; the report will be published in one month
- Climate change is a factor, OPPRB is reviewing, recent later and colder springs were not anticipated as a result of climate change.

### **Business Items:**

1. Approval of minutes of previous AGM 23 Oct 2018 – Liz Gyalokay (*filename: 41 - Minutes CPCA AGM 23 Oct 2018 DRAFT*)

Moved by Josh, seconded by Lynne, approved.

2. Reports from the Board (5 minutes each)
  - a. Membership Report– Jennie Hornosty

Jennie presented the report ([filename: 42a - AGM 2019 Membership report](#)) and asked for volunteer canvassers.

- b. Civic Engagement - Roland Dorsay

Roland gave the report ([filename: CPCA AGM Oct. 2019- Civic Engagement](#)) and explained that:

- the CPCA board is trying to increase its capacity, needs help to do that, need to get feedback from residents re concerns e.g. come to board meetings
- the board is dealing with traffic issues, e.g. speeding, LRT extension, increased traffic in 2020 with busses on Scott
- greening of CP park, community garden, climate change, bylaw enforcement,
- Need residents' ideas re projects to use the revenue
- federal all candidates meeting was held;
- the 11 CAs in this ward work together
- Official Plan results anticipated: More high-rises, more infill, Westboro infill zoning study is significant because our neighbourhood will get the same pressure to convert R1/2 to R3/4.
- Upcoming important events are:
  - o Nov 5: public consultation on City budget
  - o Nov 15/16: workshop on climate change vs official plan
  - o Nov 23: FCA: workshop on “neighbourhoods count”
- Transport master plan
- FCA: has been working with City on official plan, growth of city to 1.4M, what are impacts on greenspace.

- c. Social – Carol Arnason

Carol reported on 5 social events held this year and explained the process for sponsoring and organizing a social event

- d. Planning and Zoning – Heather Pearl & Lynne Bankier

Presented the report ([filename 42d AGM CPCA P&Z Report 191029](#)) and encouraged volunteers to help on the P&Z committee; the workload is only going to increase and the committee of 2 people is overloaded.

- e. Environment – Daniel Buckles and Adrian Bradley ([filename: 42e - Enviro-summaryreport-2019](#))

Adrian talked about environment projects completed this year and asked for volunteers to suggest projects or to do work with environment projects.

### 3. Other Business

Carol said that plants from 255 Cowley have been offered to the community and some have been transplanted to the new portion of the park. There will be a plaque naming it Rita's Pollinator Garden.

Speed reduction: if residents are concerned, they should deal with councillor and keep CPCA in the loop by contacting Heather. A successful example is described on page 10 of the P&Z report.

#### 4. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:40.