



Hunt Club Community Association

MONTHLY MEETING, 6 JUNE 2022

Present:

1. Peter Brimacombe, President
2. Audrey Bélanger Baur, Treasurer-Secretary
3. Brian Wade, Past Presiden
4. Lynette Joseph-Sankey, Director
5. Matt Page, Director
6. John Sankey, Director
7. Patrick Morton, Director
8. Zane Oueja, Director
9. Sabrina Barakat, Director
10. Barbara Shea
11. Cathy Bourguignon
12. Dave Coyle
13. Dora Joseph
14. Ijeoma Udechukwu
15. Norman and Patricia McLeod
16. Andrew Sutton, City of Ottawa (Assistant to the City Councillor)
17. Piero Narducci
18. Riley Brockington, City Councillor
19. Tania Mushka
20. Larry Swain
21. Joanne MacEwan
22. Kitty Dubue and Jason Dube
23. Dora Joseph
24. Salma Alshehabi

Regrets: James Mihauchuk, Dominic Lozada, Laura Clark, Christine Johnson, France Picard, Waciira Muya, Peter Foulger.



MEETING MINUTES

1. Welcome and Introductions

Peter B. welcomed everyone to the monthly meeting.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion: To add an item to discuss holding future events in person, added after Councilor Brockington's updated.

Moved by John Sankey approved unanimously

Motion: To accept the updated [agenda](#) for this meeting.

Moved by Peter B, carried by vote (approved unanimously).

3. Approval of Minutes

Meeting Minutes: 2 May 2022

Motion: To accept the minutes of the monthly 2 May 2022 meeting.

Moved by Peter Brimacombe, seconded by Sabine, carried by vote (approved unanimously).

Audrey: The presentation slides will be added to the minutes once they are posted.

4. Meet the Board

Board Members are invited to attend a special Board meeting at the president's residence on 17 June 2022: [Invitation](#). The Community Association should be a community.

5. Get Growing

Barb Shea gave an update on the Get Growing Hunt Club initiative that took place on May 21 2022.

- This was the third year of GGHC
- We were able to help residents grow their own food locally, and we were focused on residents with food insecurity.
- This year was the year of the garden- live the garden life, and the third year for Get Growing.
- 234 seed kits were distributed- seed kits included two seedlings and two seed packets. The potential harvest if it is all planted is over \$17 000.
- 46 of them were distributed to the OCH (Ottawa Community Housing)
- Expenses totaled \$595, and a report to the treasurer will be forthcoming.
- The budget was \$600, \$300 of which was provided by the HCCA, and \$300 of which was provided by Councilor Brockington.
- An anonymous donor gave 625 seed packets valued at \$2300. Not all of it was appropriate for our purposes (e.g. flowers, vegetables that can't be directly planted), but we set aside what was usable and donated 500 to community gardens.
- Planning for the event took place from February to May.
- The pick up location on the day of the event was at the Hunt Club Community Centre.
- We had lots of very helpful volunteers.



- Success factors included the volunteers, the generosity of donors, funding from HCCA and Councilor Brockington’s office, and the timing and purpose of the event- it was a good fit with the community.
- The wrap up meeting will be held later this week, then the report will be submitted to the treasurer.
- Considerations for next year- having the same funding and liability insurance are crucial.
- We have saved a list of volunteers and sponsors.
- We had a lot of people not show up to collect their seeds- we sent reminders, stayed late, and Barb distributed more from her garage.
- We turned people away who hadn’t arranged a pickup.
- Next year we need to make sure people don’t forget- send reminders, and let them know we will open up to walkups past a certain time.

6. Fall Festival

For the fall festival, Lynette and Matt are co-coordinating. The theme will be “celebrating our community”. The website should be up by May 13.

Accomplishments so far and notes on the event:

- It will be held Saturday September 17, 11 AM – 4 PM at the Hunt Club Community Centre.
- We have a fantastic surprise MC booked.
- There will be local singers, performances, vendors, and games.
- The event will be free.

We need from members:

- Anyone who would be interested in taking part as a performer, artist, vendor, food, etc.
- We need volunteers- please reach out to [Lynette](#) or [Matt](#).
- We need sponsors as well.

Question from Audrey: Who else is hosting?

Lynette: Riverside Park CA is co-host, and we have multiple partners including the City of Ottawa.

7. Tudor Hall, June 7

A public consultation will take place at Tudor Hall on 7 June 2022 at 7pm regarding its redevelopment. The proposed project is two towers of 14 floors that would provide housing to 365 additional households in our community. Consult our Councilor’s [flyer](#) for more information and [register](#) online.

Question from John Reid: Will the HCCA have a representative at the meeting?

Peter B: Individuals from HCCA will be present including himself, but it doesn’t make a difference appearing as an individual vs. appearing as the President.

Audrey: The Board doesn’t necessarily have a shared position.

Peter B: We can formulate a position after the meeting.



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8. Confederation Heights, June 7 or June 9

A public consultation regarding the redevelopment of Confederation Heights is taking place on 7 June 2022 from 6pm to 8:30pm and on 9 June 2022 from 2pm to 4:30pm. For more information, consult the distributed [flyer](#) and don't forget to [register](#).

9. Housing Affordability, June 21 or 22

A follow up presentation to the [Housing Crisis in Hunt Club](#) to explore solutions will take place on 21 June 2022. Please [register](#) in advance and attend to share your thoughts, ideas, and values.

Peter will send out meeting invitations after this meeting.

Audrey: The last meeting was on the background of the housing crisis. This one will be focused on solutions. Zane, Audrey, and Patrick will have a presentation.

10. Garage Sale

Every year, Hunt Club organizes a garage sale *Hunt Club Cares*.

Peter B: Linda King is unable to put on the garage sale this year. Is anyone interested in helping out?

Patrick: Zane, Matt, and Patrick have all agreed to assist with running the 2023 Hunt Club Cares garage sale and have met with Linda.

11. City Councillor's Report – Riley Brockington

Councillor Brockington's report can be found [online](#). Below is a quick overview of the items most relevant to Hunt Club residents:

- The Storm of May 21 (derecho) had a huge impact on the Hunt Club area.
 - The Community Centre was 1 of 4 main coordination centres for the city's response, and the neighborhood was 1 of 4 hardest hit.
 - There will be another round of tree debris collection soon.
 - Councilor Brockington was concerned about the way Hydro Ottawa handled its communications, and will be having conversations around that in the summer.
- The Strawberry Social will be held at the Hunt Club Community Association June 9 at 1 PM.
- The Tudor Hall consultation is June 7 at 7:00 PM, please note the physical flyer has a typo in the link.
 - We will hear from the developer on their plan and get community feedback.
 - Feedback was already submitted from immediate neighbours. The feedback was strongly negative, and Councilor Brockington was disappointed in the opposition specifically to additional renters in the community.
 - The meeting is specifically for information and is focused on planning.
 - Councilor Brockington shares concerns on traffic flow, was Uplands/Riverside and Hunt Club/Riverside have issues already. This will not be a zoning issue, but rather a site plan issue, which will come later.



- Come out and listen, there is no need for HCCA to take a position yet, the focus is to collate feedback.
- Parks and Recreation updates:
 - Beaches will be open June 18. Westboro will be closed this year for pavilion replacement, so Mooney's will be busier.
 - Wading Pool Hours are listed on the newsletter, including a special event for children July 13 at Owl Park.
 - The McCarthy Park basketball court is almost finished.
- Please be aware of wild parsnip, DO NOT pick if you see it, call 311. You can get seriously burned.



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- The city is running a replacement program for aged water meters- if the city owns your water meter you may have received a letter from a company called Neptune- it is a legitimate company, it is free if you call.
- City Council just passed the motion for a refugee transit pass, for all refugees.
- OPS has break and enter prevention tips on the newsletter- break and entry crime is more common in the summer
- The Confederation Heights plan is a 25 year long term plan for mixed-use in what is now government offices.
 - Councilor Brockington is excited for the potential of this brand-new neighbourhood.
- The weight room at the Hunt Club Community Centre will be renamed after the late Anita Mitchell and David Mitchell
 - This motion will go to City Council to be debated in 2 weeks.
- Councilor Brockington is hosting an online workshop with Let's Bike Ottawa on urban cycling, June 9 at 7:00 PM.
- The Company of Fools is coming to Owl Park on July 27, they will be performing the Tempest.
- Mooney's Bay has several festivals happening in the summer, which are listed in the newsletter.
- The LPGA tournament will be held August 22-28 at the Golf Course.
 - The Golf Course lost ~500 trees in the storm but there have been no changes to that plan.
 - There are expected to be 40 000 people in attendance, but parking will be at CFB Uplands with a shuttle service.



- Last time in 2017 the traffic was mitigated well. Councilor Brockington will look into parking restrictions nearby though.

Questions:

John Reid: Can rentals ban smoking? A: Yes

Cathy: Thank you for your work during the storm:

Patrick: Will the trails near the Kimberwick storm facility be cleared? Not sure if the city is responsible.

A: Yes, for the parts controlled by the city, they will get to it.

Norman: Is there further information on the road narrowing pilot for Walkley?

A: There has been problems with speeding. Multiple solutions are being considered, including narrowing the road and adding bike lanes. Councilor Brockington wanted a pilot project to collect more data to be used in the final design, only a few people were consulted. There will be a public meeting in September led by the city to reveal the design. The pilot was supposed to happen in 2020 but the decrease in traffic due to the pandemic meant data would be useless. This is the latest possible date for the pilot to happen.

This is 1 out of 4 projects that will impact Walkley- there is also the Bank Street redesign, bike lanes, kiss and ride for the new station, and a crosswalk.

Norman: Will the ramp from the Airport Parkway be permanent?

A: Yes. It will have a roundabout, which is safer and helps slow traffic. Walkley is partly residential, and should not be considered arterial.

John Sankey: John was on the review committee, raised that Walkley is a collector. The traffic circle is good, though there was some opposition, and cyclist safety needs to be taken into account.

John Reid: Agrees with roundabouts. Will city council be looking at doing the electrical grid differently?

A: Council will meet soon to consider this issue. Councilor Brockington will move for a public inquiry if there is silence from the mayor's office. Questions to consider:

- Will city council have input on reviewing the grid?
- Will Hydro Ottawa accept constructive criticism?
- E.g. Hydro Ottawa didn't know some streets were out, and it was very difficult to get information.

Lynette: Thank you for supporting Company of fools, encourages everyone to support.

Audrey: Is there anything the HCCA could have done, should we have an emergency plan? Ecology Ottawa is looking for volunteers. Was also sorry to hear about the comments regarding Tudor, but thankful to hear about the pilot on Walkley- a roundabout is good news to slow cars for safety.

A: It would be useful to be able to quickly get lists of people who can help, such as schools, churches, etc. HCCA has the Community Centre but others don't. It would be good to be able to call on people to help- HCCA can facilitate and organize neighbours who are stepping up to help.



Cathy: More roundabouts are a good step, in another neighbourhood we were unsure when it was built but it worked really well.

Sabrina: Thanks for the suggestions on how to respond to a crisis at the local level, what can the city do?

A: The city has an emergency operations committee. Concerned about a future crisis in freezing or heatwave temperatures (e.g. ice storm).

John Sankey: There used to be a system where Hydro would bury wires if homeowners would agree to only use electric heat. Can't do that now but it shows that doing things differently is possible. We need to have responses at all levels- e.g. neighbours unblocked his street.

John used to be a cyclist, points out that roundabouts can be dangerous for cyclists, they need proper signage and good designs.

Riley: Hydro lines should be buried in the Bank Street redesign, it would cost \$40k per unit but worth it. Some owners will pay, Hydro wants to cost recover, but that's inequitable, should be policy across the board.

Matt: Can you add the Fall Festival to the newsletter in the spot for returning festival?

Andrew: Those are for festivals with 500+ attendees, but we want to do a separate poster like for the strawberry social.

Matt: Low priority, but will mowing resume?

Riley: Staff was redeployed, so low priority areas were not prioritized.

12. Resuming in-person meetings

Lynette: 100% in favour of face-to-face, makes for more of a community.

John S: Prefer to see faces and have non-verbal communication, Zoom is very limiting.

Peter: Attendance has been high during COVID, but agrees on moving to in-person.

Sabrina: Like in-person meetings, but work and scheduling mean logging into Zoom is very valuable, would prefer hybrid.

Ijeoma: Was able to join late thanks to Zoom.

Matt: We need to do hybrid but switch to online if that's not possible.

Dave Coyle: With the all candidate's meeting, had 260 seats, used iPad as Camera, had mic rentals, simulcast on Zoom. We weren't moderating on Zoom so no Questions from Zoom. Had 40 people in person, 300 online.

Issues:

-Audio feedback with people logging in while present in person.

-People physically present have all the control.

-Having a moderator is key to interface between online and in person.

This is a good way to help get more people engaged in Community Associations and local democracy. Dave is happy to help, wants to help get more engagement. Dave also promoted the Housing Affordability presentation to the Riverside Park CA.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 PM

