



Dear HCCA members,

This letter is to inform you that an HCCA endorsed petition is available at the Community Centre (Councillor Brockington's office) in our neighbourhood for you to sign.

The Board of Directors carried the following motions on August 20th, 2022:

Motions to endorse the Petition to the OLP:

Whereas the HCCA states that among its main priorities is "To preserve and enhance Library Services in our community";

Whereas HCCA members and residents have undertaken of their own initiative to create and circulate a petition calling on the Ottawa Public Library board to establish a library branch to service the Hunt Club and Riverside Park areas of the city;

- 1. That the HCCA Board of Directors endorses the petition to the Ottawa Public Library prepared by HCCA members and posted at the Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre;*
- 2. That the HCCA Board of Directors take steps to publicize the petition at the next general members' meeting in September 2022.*

The petition is to raise with the City of Ottawa that our community is underserved when it comes to library services and that the criteria used to determine underserved areas by the City overlook our community.

The petition: *Hunt Club Needs A Library*

WHEREAS: The Hunt Club and Riverside Park areas are chronically underserved by the Ottawa Public Library System, much of them more than 3km from a library branch.

WHEREAS: A substantial part of the area is of high social inequity with a large immigrant population.

WHEREAS: Many new Canadian residents rely on access to a librarian's assistance and the use of a computer and printer for resume writing for job applications and other essential functions.

WHEREAS: An area parent must travel twice as long by bus to take a child to Storytime as the event lasts itself.

THEREFORE: We the undersigned petition the Ottawa Public Library Board to establish a library branch to serve the Hunt Club and Riverside Park areas of the City as an immediate priority.

Additional information will be made available on the HCCA website and at the September monthly meeting on September 12th, 2022.

Thank you for taking the time to sign the petition to express your position that the Hunt Club community needs and deserves enhanced library services.

Board of Directors