

Meeting Minutes ▾ May 1, 2023

Hunt Club Community Association - Members ▾ Meeting

Present

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| 1. Audrey Bélanger Baur, President | 13. Tania Mushka |
| 2. Mary Nduati, Vice President | 14. Andrei Grushman |
| 3. Brian Wade, Treasurer | 15. Cathy Bourguignon |
| 4. Patrick Morton, Secretary | 16. Christine Johnson |
| 5. Peter Brimacombe, Past President | 17. Nira Dookeran |
| 6. Carl Fannin, Director | 18. Jason Dubue |
| 7. Sabine Barakat, Director | 19. Ijeoma Udechukwu |
| 8. Zane Oueja, Director | 20. Brent Scollie |
| 9. Melissa MacIsaac, Director | 21. Dave Coyle (President, RPCA) |
| 10. Marilyn Koch | 22. Andrew Sutton (City of Ottawa) |
| 11. Barb Shea | 23. Councillor Riley Brockington |
| 12. Norman and Patricia McLeod | |

Regrets: Peter Foulger, Director; Piero Narducci, Director

1. Approval of the Agenda

Brent requested to add a discussion on tree planning to the section on the environmental committee.

Councillor Brockington attended in person at 8:00 PM so we agreed to shift some committee items to fit.

Motion: To accept the amended agenda for this meeting.

Moved by Audrey, Seconded by Zane, Carried unanimously.

2. Information and Updates

a. Minutes: Apr 3, 2023

Patrick was late posting the minutes, only finished them April 30. We reviewed them together.

Motion: To accept the amended agenda for this meeting.

Moved by Audrey, Seconded by Bryan, Carried unanimously.

b. Hybrid Meeting Format

- i. We'll be trying out the hybrid meeting format for May and June, and then decide from there how to continue in the future. The setup at the community centre is a little bit awkward but the technology and WiFi works well. Will bring an extension cord next time.
- ii. We need to balance between people attending virtually and people attending in person. One person will manage the Zoom call and ensure that questions are in order. Continuing to pose questions in the chat is very helpful.
- iii. Note that we'll continue recording meetings, this is to help with the minutes. These are not shared or retained long term.

c. President's Report (Audrey)

- i. Larga Baffin and 360 Kennedy communications and updates: The HCCA has received several emails including from journalists from individuals seeking information from the Upper Hunt Club Community Association, who have appealed the [Larga Baffin development proposal](#) to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) at Hunt Club and Bank (on Sieveright). This is a proposal to build a new medical residence for Inuit traveling for medical treatment- the current facility on Richmond Road is too small.

Audrey reached out to them since they don't have a website- they had previously checked in with us about using the name but now we're concerned that people might confuse the two associations, and the UHCCA has gotten some bad press over the appeal. Audrey had a productive conversation with them on their experience with the appeal- their main concern was the city was not providing safe and adequate transportation infrastructure in the area. We felt though that the appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal was unhelpful especially given that the Ford government nearly removed the right for Community Associations to Appeal in Bill 23. A similar process is now getting started with an appeal of an affordable housing project in Orleans (360 Kennedy), and one of their representatives had also reached out to us looking for the UHCCA. The decision is anticipated soon so we will continue our conversations with them to find a solution to the name confusion. If you have thoughts or concerns about this development and appeal please [share them with us!](#)

Brent: This is in an industrial area bordering on wealthy homes.

Sabrina: Will we be kept informed of the situation?

Audrey: The decision will come soon and we will follow up then. We can also include a note on our website to clarify the distinction.

- ii. Fall Festival update
 - Revenues/Budget: The Board met to review and approve the initial budget. The committee had prepared a budget including initial items to fund in order to guarantee them (bands, stage, etc.), and we've now confirmed more than that amount in funding, including \$1500 from the City, \$1000 from Riley, and roughly \$1300 from last year's surplus.
- iii. Call for volunteers: The Board is planning a sponsorship drive to reach out to local businesses. We have prepared letters to solicit sponsorships, but we need to make direct, personal contact. Matt Page has agreed to provide 30 minutes of training as this is his area of expertise. Please contact info@hunt-club.ca if you wish to volunteer!
- iv. Official HCCA activity - Garage Sale: We have officially taken on the Hunt Club Cares Garage Sale from Linda King, who is no longer able to organize it but has been very helpful with passing along information and suggestions (and signs!). You can [register to take part here](#).
- v. Membership outreach - we will be discussing ideas for a membership drive in upcoming meetings.

3. Councillor's Report (Councillor Riley Brockington)

There is a verbal report this month.

- Owl should get another 11 trees planted but there's still a lot of replanting that needs to be done.
- Tree replacement is not automatic, the onus is on the homeowner. Riley would prefer that it was automatic, if homeowners don't want it they should have to opt out.
- See [Trees in Trust](#)
- Hydro Ottawa will host [a consultation](#) at the Community Centre June 1.
- There will be a consultation on the wildlife management strategy June 7, this was a major priority for Riley.
- There is a budget process feedback survey.
- OC Transpo is conducting a route review, there is a survey you can [take here](#). Busses are operating at $\frac{2}{3}$ capacity, and the anticipated opening of Line 2 will impact route ridership. Unlikely to impact Hunt Club Routes, more so south of here.
- May 31 target for completing street sweeping.

- Let Riley's office know if your lawn was damaged by snow removal.
 - Shearwater: new proposed affordable housing development for SE corner of Paul Anka and Uplands. They are tearing down a 9-unit row to build a 6 unit complex, 50% of which will be 3 bdr. There will be a public consultation but there is no zoning change requirement, and since it's affordable will be fast-tracked.
 - Traffic calming: City has provided feedback on Riley's requests, will need to review and prioritize. Will bring parking removal proposal on Paul Anka to transportation committee.
 - City's [new master garbage plan](#) will include requiring households to purchase bag tags, with 55 free per year. The landfill is approaching end of life and a new one will need to be built for \$500 m, and selecting a site is difficult. Will be looking for feedback.
 - Tree debris is an issue in the McCarthy woods. The NCC has been non-responsive as these are not official trails.
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4. Committee Items

a. Environment (Barb for Piero)

- i. Get Growing:
 - We have all the seeds lined up for May 20.
 - We have a \$650 budget, along with a much greater value in seeds.
 - We have 198 seedlings, adjusted downwards from last year.
 - We are piloting planting in OCH.
 - We have 120 registrants plus 40 in OCH.
 - Thank you everyone for donations.
 - Thank you to the Board for the support with the project charter, website, and e-transfers.
 - There will be an HCCA presence on May 20.
 - OSEAN will join for 20 minutes.
 - There will be options to pay by card for memberships.
- ii. Park cleanup was delayed to May 6 due to rain- 2:00 PM.
- iii. Christine: Exciting news- there will be a new community garden, in the triangular vacant lot north of the ball diamond on the west side of McCarthy Road before the path entrance.
 - We already have gardeners lined up (3 coordinators).
 - The biggest challenge at the site is bringing in water.
 - It may not be ready this year.
 - There will be 80-100 raised beds.
 - Email mmmcg@bell.net to register.
 - The Board will discuss later the motion for \$750 to support the new garden. There are already 16 people signed up and it fits our mandate.

- iv. Brent: Wants to see more trees planted in Owl Park, along Owl Drive between the two schools and along the east side of McCarthy Road from the north end of Plante and McCarthy along McCarthy to the point where Plante and McCarthy intersect in on the south end. The Environmental committee, which Brent joined, will determine how to advocate for planting of more trees and flowers.

b. City Services

- i. Canada Post update: we will be collecting feedback and stories to support our case for returning service. Please submit any feedback you have on the Canada Post service reduction to info@hunt-club.ca.
- ii. Library Services: OPL will be looking for feedback on what services people want from their library.

c. Affordable Housing and City Planning

- i. Taggart will respond to our letter on the St. Mary's proposal in detail likely in July.

5. Adjournment of Meeting

- a. Next meeting: Jun 5, 2023 at 8:53 PM.