

Meeting Minutes ▾ Jun 5, 2023

Hunt Club Community Association - Members ▾ Meeting

Present

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| 1. Audrey Bélanger Baur, President | 11. Norman and Patricia McLeod |
| 2. Brian Wade, Treasurer | 12. Tania Mushka |
| 3. Patrick Morton, Secretary | 13. Andrei Grushman |
| 4. Peter Brimacombe, Past President | 14. Cathy Bourguignon |
| 5. Peter Foulger, Director | 15. Eleonore Benesch |
| 6. Piero Narducci, Director | 16. France Picard |
| 7. Zane Oueja, Director | 17. Dave Coyle (President, RPCA) |
| 8. Melissa MacIsaac, Director | 18. Andrew Sutton (City of Ottawa) |
| 9. John Reid | 19. Councillor Riley Brockington |
| 10. Marilyn Koch | |

Regrets: Christine Johnson

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of the Agenda

Councillor Brockington joined virtually, so he gave his report once he was able to join, after the discussion on the community garden funding.

A question was raised whether we would discuss the garbage pickup issue before city council, which we assumed Riley would discuss as the committee vote happened earlier that day.

The HCCA had submitted feedback, including from the Environmental Committee. Other feedback including from the City Services Committee was included in the compiled feedback.

Motion: To accept the agenda for this meeting.

Moved by Audrey, seconded by Peter, carried unanimously.

3. Information and Updates

a. [Minutes](#): May 1, 2023

We discussed the appropriate level of detail for the minutes, and whether remarks should be attributed to members. Members mentioned they appreciate the level of detail but understand the burden it imposes. Patrick will try to strike a balance- recording important points, discussions, action items, and reports. He will remove attributions of questions to members and general discussions but Board and/or committee member names will appear when appropriate, e.g. when discussing their role or giving a report. Names will still appear on the attendance sheet, if any member wishes not to appear, email secretary@hunt-club.ca.

***Motion:** To approve the May 1 2023 minutes for this meeting.
Moved by Audrey, seconded by Brian, carried unanimously.*

b. President's Report (Audrey)

- i. Funding for new community garden (\$750): Last month Christine presented the plan for a new community garden in the triangle between the McCarthy Park ball diamond and the woods. A request was made for a one-time grant from the HCCA of \$750, matching earlier grants for community gardens.
 - The HCCA would also handle the garden's funds (as it does for the existing ones). This would be a new community garden account with the same structure as the existing ones.
 - They are still figuring out some challenges and most expenses will likely occur next year. Water sourcing is being worked out with the Recreation Dept. Fencing would come from the garden's budget.
 - Brian is confident that there's low risk with allocating the \$750 (see treasurer's report below).

***Motion:** To approve the allocation of \$740 from the HCCA's operational fund to an account for the new Community Garden at McCarthy Road between the Ball Diamond and the McCarthy Woods..
Moved by Audrey, seconded by Piero, carried unanimously.*

c. Event Updates

- i. Fall Festival: Planning is underway.
 - We have secured about \$4000 in funding, including from Riley, \$1500 from the Community Engagement Grant, \$500 from the RPCA.
 - We are working with SEOHC, Andrew Sutton, RPCA.
 - The Board approved an initial budget in order to secure rentals, bands, etc.

- Biggest hurdle remains finances, Matt Page has been very active on securing sponsorships.
 - Sue has secured a pipe & drum band, they will perform and also pipe in dignitaries.
 - We have invited dignitaries (all levels of elected officials) and an indigenous elder.
 - We have plans for a bigger or smaller festival depending on funding secured.
 - **Call for volunteers:** Either attend training on seeking sponsorships to be arranged, and/or help on the day of the event (Sat. Sep 9 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM).
- ii. Get Growing (Piero): Get Growing happened May 20. We reached ~200 people and came in under budget. We distributed \$600 in plants, which could mean up to \$4000 in produce! We also piloted a salad bowl planter option. There will be a full report sent to the Board at a later time.
 - iii. Hunt Club Cares Garage Sale (Patrick): Results were a “mixed” success for the inaugural event on June 3. We raised \$350 for our charity partner, Interval House. There were some obstacles, namely in securing a “central market space” and the organizers will be meeting to sort out lessons learned in order to make next year’s event a bigger success for the community.

d. Consultations

There are multiple opportunities for members to send feedback directly to the city on a number of processes below.

- i. [OC Transpo Route Review Survey](#)
- ii. [City of Ottawa budget process consultation](#)
- iii. [Wildlife Management Strategy Consultation](#) event June 7 at Riverside United Church
- iv. [Little Free Libraries and roadside gardening](#)

4. Councillor’s Report (Councillor Riley Brockington)

Please find the [Councillor’s Report here](#). Below is a summary of additional issues raised and questions answered by the Councillor:

- Owl Park dogs- Riley will be looking at the best solution to the complaints of off-leash dog behaviors near the schools at Owl Park. Considering requiring dogs to be leashed during school hours. Riley will write to the HCCA.
- Environment Committee was divided on the issue of bag tags. Riley did not want to burden residents and staff with a bag tag system.
- Prefers a stricter limit without tags, and the city is looking at alternatives for the future (not just incineration). Riley also interested in conducting audits of high-waste households- why is waste not being diverted?
- Also wants more education, and there are concerns around illegal dumping.
- Q: What happened with the mayor’s proposed wholesale review of spending?

- Riley: It's progressing but Riley hasn't been engaged. Will update later.
 - Q: Will the city bid on any federal properties for sale?
 - Riley: Not sure, but these would likely be teardowns- difficult to convert offices to housing.
 - Q: What's happening with Canoe Bay?
 - Riley: Bids happened in Sep. 2022. This process is under a court review and there are lots of creditors, could get messy.
 - Q: What's happening with the derelict Chinese restaurant on St. Patrick's?
 - Riley: Still waiting on the demolition permit.
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5. Discussion items

- a. Library services - Request for input: If you would like to share feedback on how to improve the library services in our neighbourhood, please reach out to info@hunt-club.ca. Representatives from the HCCA will meet with the OPL later this month as part of the OPL's consultations with community leaders.

6. Committee Items

a. City Services

- i. Canada Post: Please send any personal experiences or testimony to info@hutu-club.ca as we work to pressure Canada Post to restore service.

b. Affordable Housing and City Planning

- i. Development Updates: The Committee submitted questions to planners to try and refine our approach to the major developments at Tudor Hall and St. Mary's. No significant updates, and they will not likely be before planning committee until the Fall.
- ii. Zoning Bylaw Review: Riley mentioned that CA's should give feedback by July 28, so the housing committee will focus on this. You can find the discussion papers and surveys here: https://engage.ottawa.ca/zoning/news_feed/new-zoning-by-law-discussion-papers-march

c. Community Safety and Transportation

- i. Safety: Melissa has been in touch with the Community Safety Officer. Besides permanent traffic calming -which the city budget isn't high enough for- the best option for getting speed enforcement is to submit a [report to police here](#)- may result in more resources where needed.

d. Communications, Outreach, and Events

- i. Hybrid meetings: Send any feedback to secretary@hunt-club.ca. We will continue with hybrid meetings in the fall as they've been successful.

- ii. Summer social idea: Patrick suggested a bar night in place of the normal meeting timeslot in July and August since we don't have members' meetings in the summer. Look for these events!

e. Finance & Fundraising

- i. Treasurer's report: We have approx. \$11 000 in the bank, but about \$4000 of that is allocated to specific accounts such as Community Gardens or the Fall Festival. There are also approx. \$1000 in outstanding cheques. Brian takes a very conservative approach, but there may be a need to top up the Fall Festival from the general account.

7. Adjournment of Meeting

- a. Next meeting: Sep 11, 2023 at 7:00 PM.