

Fairwinds Community Association

Monday, May 11, 2015

CIBC Meeting Room (5527 Hazeldean Road)

Chaired by – Glen Gower (President)

Acting secretary – Joe Boughner (Director)

Attendees

- Alex (Treasurer)
- Samantha Ball (Director)
- Kimberly Prachar (Director)
- Jennifer Holmes (Director)
- Jenny Guth
- Samantha Stephen
- Shad Qadri
- Ashley Holmes
- Julie Alvarado
- Ayah Stretch

Meeting called to order at 19:38

1. Approve agenda (Joe moved; Alex seconded)

2. Approve minutes

- The attendee list has to be added
- Clarify that Shad doesn't think old location is better; owner does
- Alex moved with these revisions; Glen seconded

3. Shad's update

- New campaign to raise funds for Queensway Carleton; Shad has asked us to help spread the word. If every family donated \$30 from the west end of the city, the goal would be met (build a new wing for elder care).
- Last council meeting – motion approved to ask Ontario government to talk to Hydro One before the asset is sold off to make sure residents are part of one system (Hydro Ottawa). Currently some Fairwinds residents are on Hydro One, some Hydro Ottawa and there's a rate difference. Mayor Watson sent letter today asking that Hydro Ottawa purchase Hydro One assets in Ottawa area at fair market value. Resident asked why consumers don't have choice. Determined by provincial rate board based on classification of neighbourhood (rural vs. urban etc).

- Mattamy has bought out Monarch homes (Crossing Brige Estates, Blackstone Community, end of Stittsville Main called Traditions). Mike Green no longer works there; replaced by Bronwyn (last name to follow). She will be communications contact for Fairwinds.
- Stonewater management pond. Pond adjacent to Brigatine Avenue was always intended to be temporary. Moving operations to pond across Maple Grove near city facility. Pond is being prepared now, which is why we've seen heavy trucks along there. That land has been sold to Mattamy to operate the pond. New pump station will be coming online. This will be a couple of year long process. Process exists for moving wildlife (turtles etc) to new site. More details will be in detailed project plan.
- New subdivision (Fairwinds West) east of Johnwoods. Some grading concerns expressed by residents on Josephs' Circle (backing on to this area). The new development will be slightly higher grade. Backyards will match but grade will rise to new street. Residents on Joseph's Circle asking for fencing; developer has agreed.
- Shad congratulated the community for their participation in the neighbourhood clean up. Expressed his regrets for not being able to attend.
- Stittsville Appreciation Awards are tomorrow night at Golbourn Rec Complex in Hall A. Doors are open to anyone who wants to attend. President Glen Gower was nominated for two awards – business of the year; community leader of the year.
- OC Transpo meeting on Wednesday, May 13 at Golbourn Rec Complex. This will be a town hall to discuss new service in Stittsville and any other comments.
- Resident asked about the land near Par La Ville park set aside for a school. School board has one more year to exercise their right to that land. If they don't act, the developer can take the land back and build based on the zoning.

4. Dog park proposal

- *Glen phoned Craig Greeley who was unable to attend but wanted to present so he could present via speaker phone.*
- Glen: Craig has posted on Facebook about a dog park in the Fairwinds area. He's following through the city process. Glen reached out and asked him to give an overview.

- Craig: Believes we need an area for dog owners to enjoy without having to worry about by-law tickets. He doesn't want to dog owners to continue to break the rules; he wants to follow the correct process. He posted on Facebook to see if there is support and within three hours he had 150 comments (both for and against). He believes there is broad support for a dog park set aside specific to that use. He's taken it upon himself to go through the process and ask the city to consider the redesignation of Par la Ville Park.
- Shad was asked to provide information on the process.
- Shad: Thanked Craig for his effort. Has received the submission through Glen. Asked who the application was filed with.
- Craig: Followed the process and filed to Emergency and Protective Services Committee less than a week ago.
- Shad: Spoke to the bylaw department (redesignation of parks); there are two requests in the application – a redesignation and fencing. Fencing would be controlled by Parks and Recreation; redesignation controlled by the bylaw office. So two departments would have to be involved. There are currently 33 parks in Stittsville not including Fairwinds or Jackson Trails. 14 parks allow off-leash dogs as long as they aren't near a child play structure. Newer areas like Fairwinds haven't been evaluated by the city as of yet. Staff will bring the application to the Fairwinds Community Association for clarification. Only five parks in the city have fenced areas for dogs (Jack Purcell on Elgin, for example). Built 10-15 years ago and had grass in it; dog use turns the grass to mud. City reinvested in river rock to make it more feasible for the dogs. A new park in Westboro has a dog run with fencing and river rocks. Garbage containers for dog poop picked up on weekly basis. Houses currently are very close to Par la Ville; on hot summer days it could smell bad. Also, parking would be a concern as these parks can attract visitors from other parts of the community. City can't make it exclusive to Fairwinds residents. Shad will bring staff to the next FCA board meeting or the one after that. Staff involved to date are Christine Hartig (bylaw) and Paul Landry (parks).
- Resident asked if residents bordering the park get any greater voice given the affect on their property values etc. Shad spoke to previous park redesignation consultation process; said public meeting was held to collect recommendations that serve as input to decision-making process. Minimum of 25% of residents in the immediate area have to support the request.
- Shad also noted that new developments are going up in Fairwinds; if a designation is given for a dog park from the start in this new area there might be more support.

- Resident noted there are other greenspaces in the area (Campobello area) with no structures that might be feasible too.
- There was debate about the appropriateness of Par la Ville park.
- Resident asked about the existing park off Abbot being expanded and asked if Shad was part of that process. Shad confirmed that city has interest in acquiring cedar grove area to convert it into a full dog park. Waste Management has also talked about a dog park at the foot of the mountain in Carp.
- Craig: It sounds like there are number of solutions available. The focus needs to be on putting the dog park in the right spot.
- Resident: Comes down to health and safety issue; current use of Par la Ville for off-leash dogs isn't safe.
- Glen: There's a request in Craig's one page for a letter of support and fundraising support for this application; consensus of directors is that it's not the right time in the process. FCA will encourage dialogue and getting questions answered such as having the bylaw and parks officials attend a future meeting.

5. Events

- Cleaning the Capital – Led by Pauline; results posted to the website. 20-30 people took part; collected 20 bags of garbage from parks. Feedback on how to do it better next year welcome; please send an email
- Garage sale – First Saturday of June (8-12pm). Looking for leader (Send note to newspapers; post to Kijiji; keep track of streets where people are participating; organizing signage in the community). Sam volunteered to co-lead. Glen will post on the website for extra co-leader.
- Summer BBQ. Last year was in September (week after Labour Day). Group agreed week after Labour Day is good. Probably the Saturday afternoon. Many volunteers to help organize (Sam, Jen, Kim). Jen will post on Facebook for people to organize; take outside the FCA meeting process (sub-committee).

6. Finance update (20:36)

- Alex: Two accounts with CIBC; one standard, one trust. Glen, Debby and Alex are signing officers for the standard account. Candace, Debby and Holly are

signing officers for the trust account. Info can't be released to Alex until he's a signing officer. Two of three officers have to be present to add signing officer.

- Sam asked if cheque has been cut for Sens Foundation since it has to happen within 90 days. Alex wasn't aware of requirement. Agreement to cut the cheque today from standard account.
- City still owes us one more cheque from rink operation. Final report has been submitted so cheque is forthcoming. Glen still owed \$525 for sleigh rides.

7. Board member roles (20:41)

- Candace is stepping down from secretary role.
- Glen moved to appoint Joe Boughner as secretary going forward. Jen seconded. Carried.
- Mark Kew has stepped down so there's a vacant position. Glen to put a call out on Facebook for anyone interested in serving.
- Focus areas:
 - Jen is interested in membership role.
 - Joe to add communications.
- Resident asked about speed bumps as community safety measure; Glen recommended a community forum to discuss.

8. Misc updates (20:47)

- Huntmar overpass – Joe to update based on last meeting's input and send to directors for approval.
- Carp landfill – Fairwinds CA along with others sent letter to be engaged in process for landfill expansion. Councilor El Chantry sent letter saying we aren't at the public consultation process yet. Needs WM to send formal site proposal, at which point consultations will open. There's also a liaison committee with appointees from the community as well. Shad: Concerns among west end councillors include traffic on Carp Road (new lanes required); property value guarantees; community host fund (city currently gets \$1 per tonne of waste processed; could go up to \$5 per tonne with expansion. This is supposed to be for community projects in west end).
- Keg restaurant – application is on hold. Could be a few different reasons.

9. New business

- None as meeting had to end due to bank alarm system coming online

10. Adjournment @ 20:52 (Moved by Alex; seconded by Joe)