

RPCA Annual General Meeting (AGM)
Wednesday, 13 October 2010, 19:00 – 21:00
Riverview Alternative School, 260 Knox Crescent, Ottawa

1. Meeting called to order at 19:10.
2. Approved agenda.
3. **All Candidates discussion:** (5 minutes each with 15 minutes open forum)
Ward 18 (Alta Vista) candidate councilors in attendance: Clinton Cowan, Kevin Hogan, Peter Hume and Ernie Lauzon.
Mayoral candidates in attendance: Cesar Bello, Clive Doucet, Andy Haydon, Mike Maguire, Charlie Taylor and Jim Watson
Ottawa-Carlton District School Board Zone 6 attendees: Mohamoud Abdulle, Bronwyn Funciello and John Marshall
4. Approved minutes from the 2009-10 AGM held October 21, 2009 with minor corrections.

5. a) **President's Report – Karin Keyes Endemann**

Karin provided a list of what the board had accomplished over the last year including development of the new website, liaising with other community associations, running the skating rinks at Balena and Dale, and the carol singing in the Cancer Survivor's Park. Karin mentioned some of the many planning and development issues the RPCA was involved in. (See notes under Planning and Development Committee report.) She also mentioned future plans to hold a scarecrow making contest, fund raising events and increasing membership.

Karin thanked the two outgoing directors, Janina Nickus and Sue Vye.

5. b) Address by **David McGuinty**, M.P. for Ottawa South. David mentioned the new parole office will be located downtown and not in our area. He also spoke about whether there is a need for more buildings to house federal government employees.

6. **Committee reports:**

i. *Parks, Recreation and Environment: Co chairs Chris Mark and Pam Clayton*
Members - Louis Comerton, Kim Fisher, Chris MacAvoy and Janina Nickus

Chris Mark mentioned the need for new members. We have six parks that we look after, including spring and fall park clean ups of them. We again organized a clean-up of Coronation Park with Blair Court residents. New trees were planted in Alda Burt Park by the City. The committee ran two ice rinks, held a skating party and tried to organize tobogganing at Alda Burt Park (but it's not an approved City site for this). The committee is working on the next Fall Social and an expansion/upgrade to the Balena field house.

ii. *Planning and Development: Chair Kris Nanda*

Members – François Allard, Karin Keyes Endemann, Colin Hine, Dan McGregor, John Neale
Articles on issues of interest appear in the community newspaper (Riverview Park Review) and are available on the RPCA website. The main item is the expanded OC Transpo Bus Garage on Industrial. The RPCA was successful in its efforts when Councillor Hume along with staff from the City and OC Transpo arranged to have an alternate entrance and exit moved to Belfast Road by Fall 2011. The RPCA was also successful in its efforts to have City Council approve the \$16.7 million in capital funding to implement the City's Cycling Plan and to restore \$3.5 million for the New Sidewalks program that is part of its approved Pedestrian Plan. It is expected that there will be new sidewalks on Industrial Avenue.

The committee has tried to be proactive and whenever possible to provide input and possible solutions related to projects that may have an effect on Riverview Park such as: the Downtown Ottawa Transit Tunnel Assessment (DOTT); the Hospital Lands/Cumberland Transitway study; the

proposed pedestrian bridge across the Queensway between VIA Station, Coventry Road and the baseball stadium; projects at the Perley Rideau Hospital and the Ottawa Regional Cancer Society; and the Lansdowne Live proposal.

In 2010-2011, we will keep monitoring local developments closely including the following: AVTC, Trainyards and developments current and potential on Hospital Lands.

iii. Communications: Chair François Allard

Karin mentioned that we need a chairperson for this committee. The biggest development is our new website, which has had about 7,000 hits; some 50-80 per week during the bus garage expansion issue. Top sites include the listing of local businesses, the map of our area and board meeting minutes.

7. Neighbourhood Watch: Tim Mark (rep for Riverview Park East Watch), Gary McCoy (new Community Police Service Centre officer as of September 2010) and John Neale (rep for Riverview Park West Watch), gave a brief talk about Neighbourhood Watch in our area. Tim advised that they still need Block Captains for the following streets: Avalon Place, part of Bathurst, Botsford, Chadburn and some parts of Coronation.

8. Treasurer's update: Bruce Aho

Bruce reported the opening balance (\$15,275) and closing balance (\$17,860) for the RPCA's finances. The proposed 2010-11 budget was not completed yet. Bruce moved that the treasurer's report be accepted; seconded by Nadine Chamorel. Motion made by Orrin Clayton that the RPCA board find and appoint an auditor at an upcoming board meeting; seconded by Dale Wagner.

9. Volunteer Extraordinaire Awards: presented by Councillor Peter Hume

10. Priorities for 2010-11

(i) Communication - The RPCA will increase links with local schools and other community associations. Our website is a valuable and well used communication vehicle; we will ensure that our readership continues to grow.

(ii) Parks & Recreation – The RPCA will hold community activities where you can meet neighbours and have fun, such as our winter carnival and skating rinks.

(iii) Planning & Development – The RPCA continues to monitor, mitigate and provide input on development in our area such as the bus garage, trainyards, Wellspring House and Perley expansion.

(iv) New Community Centre - expand and upgrade the Balena field house into a community centre

(v) Safety – expand Neighbourhood Watch and make our community more pedestrian and cycling friendly, as well as addressing some traffic concerns

(vi) Membership- RPCA will work to expand membership by investigations specials for members such as discounts at local businesses.

11. Election of new RPCA board and officers

President- Karin Keyes Endemann

Vice President – Marian O'Connor

Secretary – no nominations

Treasurer – Bruce Aho

Directors – Nazish Ahmad, François Allard, Nadine Chamorel, Chris Mark, Carole Moul, Kris Nanda, Sherry McPhail and Jean Philippe (JP) Thibault

Auditor – none appointed at this time

Motion made to accept the new board by Orrin Clayton, seconded by George Leir.

12. RPCA's new President Karin thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes prepared by Janina Nickus , Former Secretary, RPCA