

RPCA Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Wednesday, 26 October 2011, 19:00 – 21:00

Riverview Alternative School, 260 Knox Crescent, Ottawa

- 1. Called to Order 19:05**
- 2. Approved Agenda**
- 3. Approval of Minutes from RPCA Annual General Meeting 2010**
- 4. Speakers:**

Peter Hume, Councillor for Alta Vista Ward. Holding town hall meeting Nov 1 Rideau Park United. Balena Park field house consultation: share your thoughts through the survey. Rink flooding hose to be installed at Dale Park. Sidewalk coming on north side of Industrial. Hurdman bridge will be cleared for cyclists, construction this fall. Metro considering proposal for safer connection between Trainyards and RP at their cost (\$120,000).

Awards: Community safety award honoured Tim Mark and John Neale. Community planning award honoured Kris Nanda. Volunteer extraordinaire award honoured Karin Keyes-Endemann.

David McGuinty, MP for Ottawa South. Invited all to contact him on any issue. Working hard for constituents with small staff, with thousands of files pertaining to immigration, passports, tax, work, medical and much more. Priorities include healthcare: accord expires in 2014. Feds are looking for separate accords with each province; he is pursuing national accord. Fighting for transit in Ottawa, against roadbuilding. He is energy and natural resources critic for Liberals, looking at pipelines, oil sands, nuclear power, mining, forestry, exports to US. etc. Intensification: Ottawa is fastest growing city after Calgary. Ottawa's 2020 vision helps us keep greenfields, since Canada has already lost 85% of our best agricultural land to cities. AVTC: backs light rail solutions. NDMC lands: worked to set aside portion for health and research. If we write community letter to minister of defense on uses for NDMC, he will deliver. AV shopping centre: not renting to anyone. Feds should not be building new buildings but increasing telecommuting, which BC is promoting as a greenhouse gas reduction strategy. Leadership: Montreal removed downtown parking spaces. Austere federal budget will be looking for savings. He encouraged feds to keep parole office on Elgin and not move it here. Marian O'Connor asked Peter McKay to consider a peacekeeper's park in NDMC; he will support her proposal.

David Chernushenko, Councillor for Capital Ward (includes part of RP). City draft budget released today. It seems to be about sustainability: walking, cycling will solve traffic problems. Recognizes that interaction between developers, politicians and residents is not working, a departure from past. Intensification: we all want a walkable community, need to support and maintain local businesses; easier to do if more intense. But we need to do it smart, within limits, to get and respect CDPs, clarify zoning, hold developers to it. Working to ensure we are a sustainable, resilient city that can withstand big increases in gas prices, evolving and becoming more local. AVTC: RP and Ottawa East get the traffic, but there's nowhere for cars to park once downtown. How can we solve the problem of getting people to and from downtown otherwise? Village grouping model: services in community and telecommuting. Mayor put in writing that he will not allow full AVTC parkway. Other councillors must recognize that this is the old way. Question on ash trees: city planting seedlings, but not everywhere. DC: city is injecting large trees. AVTC: Hospital link does not need to look like the first stage.

Jan Fraser, for Dalton McGuinty. Thanks on behalf of the premier for taking interest in community. Office on Kilborn open 9-5, M-F.

5. Guest speaker: Marty Koshman, President of Controlex, owner of Trainyards (TY).

Public works building to replace outdated one on Lancaster, bring employees closer to transitway. Walmart adding 50,000sqft superstore for grocery component. On the corner of TY and Industrial will be Five Guys burgers. Harley Davidson will remain an industrial building but refreshed. East side: multi-tenant building will have David's Bridal, Shephard's clothing, 2nd Marshall's store in Canada. Outlet for bus barn will be onto Belfast instead of Industrial. Bought lot beside Pioneer gas along with contaminated dirt; cleaning and will build something. Jordash building to be used. Imperial oils lands cleaned; have environmental report, will integrate into overall development. Question on tunnel from TY to transitway: Hurdman is closer, tunnel likely not viable, rail station is a national property and a historic site, will likely bridge track instead. Grocery and liquor store? Trying to get them.

6. Committee reports: (All committees welcoming new members)

i. Parks, Recreation and Environment: Chair: Pam Clayton for Chris Mark

Events: spring and fall cleanups; Coronation Park with Blair Court residents. Ran rinks at Balena and Dale, thanks to Chris Khoury and Bruce Aho. Skating party 150 people, thanks to 101st scouts for fires. Check trees in parks, replace old ones. Ground cover in Coronation ripped up by crows. Held biennial social, thanks to church staff, local talent Waterbomber, sponsor Trainyards and all donors for silent auction, which made \$2,800. Future activities and considerations: liaising with city forester, lobbying for approved design for garbage cans, mitigation of noise and light pollution from Trainyards, crows, street cleaning more than once a year, sliding area in Balena baseball diamond. Report accepted. Question: how long before Balena fieldhouse is built. Long process, much delayed. Who is on BFH committee? **Action:** Karin to send Cheryl Khoury list of BFH committee members chosen by Hume's office. Can we request hydro corridor be mowed less often, avoid making ruts?

ii. Planning and Development: Chair: Kris Nanda

Communicate issues through articles for RPR and website. AVTC protests galvanized community. Tried to get \$ removed from budget, councillors to see that this was an outdated traffic reduction strategy, poor use of \$. Tried to dispel myths: will not reduce traffic on AV, better use of \$ is to replace crumbling infrastructure. Trying to work within system. OC transpo adopted CA's recommendations for the bus garage: CA made a difference. Goals to promote walking and cycling: Industrial sidewalk, plowing of Hurdman, multi-use path between AV and Riverside. Working with Marty at Trainyards. Working on transit tunnel assessment, 417 pedestrian overpass, redevelopment of baseball stadium. Working with other communities: Landsdowne, Laurier bike lane, proposed pedestrian canal overpass from Glebe to Old Ottawa East. Report accepted.

iii. Communications: Chair: Marian O'Connor

Mandate: increase web presence, 108% increase over last year. Popular pages: local businesses. Email list is 175 addresses, add your name if you want updates. Website updated regularly (Balena survey address on website and information about ash borer), so continue to check website for current issues and information. Added RPR online edition. Report accepted.

7. President's Report: Karin Keyes Endemann on how the RPCA worked on priorities in 2010-11:

Expand web: Established and growing

Fun activities: Working on Balena fieldhouse; held first annual scarecrow contest and having second; community wide garage sale with RAS huge success, will be every first Sat in June; ran skating rinks at Balena and Dale and held skating party, fall social, carol singing in the Cancer Survivor's Park.

Monitor & influence development: On AVTC, banded with 9 surrounding communities, many efforts, long hours and petitions, but were unsuccessful in blocking Hospital Link. Still working to get AVTC road removed from official plan. Diverted buses from Industrial onto Belfast. Working on solutions for crows. Worked to bring community values of walkability and greenspace to Trainyard expansion, NDMC redevelopment, and more.

Other priorities: Expanded neighbourhood watch, increased membership.

Finances: Have funds in bank; many opportunities.

Thanks to outgoing directors & committee members: Chris Mark, François Allard, Bruce Aho, J.P. Thibault, Pam Clayton.

8. Neighbourhood watch: Tim Mark (rep for RP East Watch)

Along with constable Gary McCoy and John Neale (rep for RP West Watch) and many block captains, partnership between community and police for safe neighbourhood. Now we have RP West watch fleshed out and new Abbey road watch. Sent out emails on crime: May unlocked cars, June grandparent emergency scam, Aug energy audit scam, Oct indecent public exposure. Presentation on home security (think like a thief), news articles. 2010 crime trends found AV top concerns were speeding and aggressive driving, B&E, ID theft, cybercrime. Crime is down, we live in a safe community. Many thanks to block captains, board members and const. Gary McCoy. Report accepted.

9. Treasurer's report: Karin Keyes for Bruce Aho

No report, only balances. Opening balance: \$17,960, Closing balance: \$15,204

10. RPCA priorities for 2010-11

- **Influence development** in community (AVTC, NDMC, AVSC, pedestrian and cycle accessibility)
- **CDP for Russell and Industrial:** pedestrian friendly, controlled growth
- **Fieldhouse development**
- **Activities:** rinks, skating party, carol sing
- **Strengthen links in community** through street reps program
- **Augmenting membership**

Suggested additional priorities:

- Crows (residents can find info on website)
- Articulating where RPCA spends its budget

11. Other business

- **Walmart shopping carts left on Coronation:** Karin will speak again with Walmart to get them to pick up carts and fix problem. Other suggestions: get const. McCoy to catch cart thieves; RPCA to sell abandoned carts. The same people are throwing garbage on lawns.
- **Landsdowne park:** A disgrace. RPCA wrote letter against, contributed \$500 to *Let's Get it Right* fund.
- **Speeding in school zone on Knox.** Suggestion: add Knox to safe streets program. Earlier, traffic calming measures were requested (stop sign on Knox at Drake) but city refused.

12. Election of new RPCA Board and officers: Orrin Clayton

President: Karin Keyes-Endemann

Vice president: Marian O'Connor

Secretary: Sherry McPhail

Treasurer: no nomination

Board members:

- Nazish Amhad
- Nadine Chamorel
- Carole Moul
- Kris Nanda
- Stefan Dubowski
- Patrick Meagher

Board accepted.

13. RPCA's President Karin thanked everyone for attending and the meeting adjourned at 9:20.