

## Minutes of Board Meeting

Date: February 12, 2025



**Board Members in attendance:** Carol McQueen, Jon Lemieux, Bryan Orendorff, Lynne Patenaude, Kris Nanda, Ron Ridley

**Regrets:** Jeff Blattman, Wanda Raymond, Stephanie Lines, Lorella Piirik

Topic	Discussion	Action Item
Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 6:57 PM  Declaration of conflict of interest: None	
Agenda Approval	<b><i>Motion: Approval of Agenda (see Annex A)</i></b>  First moved: Carol Seconded: Jon Approved by: All  Corrections December meeting Lynne - Regrets January Meeting Lynne - Attended Bryan's name spelt incorrectly on December and January Minutes	
Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting	<b><i>Motion: Approval of January meeting minutes</i></b> With the date correction  January Minutes First: Lynne Second: Kris Approved by: All	
Councillor Marty Carr's update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Councillor Carr was unable to attend the meeting</li></ul>	
Treasurer's Report	<b>Budget and Financial Statements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● No report as treasurer is away.</li><li>● President did review statements and didn't notice anything of importance to note</li><li>● All individuals from December's Carol singing event have been reimbursed.</li></ul>	
Special Reports	<b>Communications</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● See Annex B for the report.</li><li>● 3 newsletters sent out</li></ul>	Lynne to close the X Account and create

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Increased click rates and 5 new subscribers from Winter Carnival</li><li>Adding more items to the calendar...events and board meetings</li><li>Highlighting the Pet memorial more on Facebook / Website / News</li></ul> <p>Kris moved to close the RPCA X Account and create a BlueSky Account Second: Carol Approved by: All</p>	the BlueSky account
	<b>Planning and Development</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>See Annex C for the report.</li><li>Feb 14th - Kris will be meeting with VIA Rail reps on the High Speed Corridor at VIA Rail Station.</li><li>Lansdowne - Proposal still accepting comments.</li><li>CHEO Expansion (1-door-to-care) - looking to change the lighting</li><li>Kris - following-up with 451 Smyth contacts that Marty's office provided re: lighting.</li><li>Metro site - Still haven't heard back.</li></ul>	
	<b>Green Spaces</b>  FoRPGS <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Suppose to get a permit this week to do invasive removal on any place within Riverview Park and plant natives where we've removed. Should have it in time for work in the Spring</li><li>Will start work July to get permit for next year.</li><li>Grant from invasives centre in 2023...all money was spent</li><li>Grant from invasives centre in 2024...all money was spent</li><li>No grant application in 2025...well stocked for equipment and need to get volunteers</li><li>Ron to send out tools list to share tools with AVCA, OSEAN, Allotment Garden, etc.</li></ul>	
	<b>Social Committee</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Winter carnival debrief:</li><li>Cutest Pet Contest</li></ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Additional highlights of the Social Committee Report in Annex D were presented</li></ul>	
	<b>Membership</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Membership letter feedback</li><li>Lynne to take on the Membership email and will work with Lide Andree who is interested in getting involved</li></ul>	
President's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Dale Park - looking at obtaining a key for that building</li><li>Discussion around potential to host an event here if possible and can obtain a key.</li></ul>	
New & Ongoing Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Looking for volunteers to help with the candidates night. Kris to forward email from organizer.</li></ul>	
Approval to Adjourn Meeting	<b>Motion:</b> Adjournment of Meeting First moved: Kris Seconded: Jon Approved by: All	

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## Annex A

### **RPCA Board Meeting Agenda**

**Date:** Wed Feb 12, 2025 6:45 pm

**Location:** Maplewood Retirement Community, 340 Industrial Ave.

**Meeting link:** [RPCA February Board Meeting | Microsoft Teams | Meet-up-Join](#)

**Board Members:** Jeff Blattman, Jonathan Lemieux, Stephanie Lines, Carol McQueen, Kris Nanda, Bryan Orendorff (*Ex-officio*), Lynne Patenaude, Lorella Piirik, Wanda Raymond, and Ron Ridley.

**Invited Guests:** Marty Carr and Shawn Menard

### **Agenda Items**

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1. Call to Order and Declarations of Conflict of Interest (5 mins)
2. Agenda Approval (5 mins)
3. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (5 min)
4. Welcome to any guests on the call
5. Councilor's Update
  - a. Marty's Update (15 minutes)
6. Monthly & Special Reports (25 minutes)
  - a. Treasurer's Report
  - b. Communications Report
  - c. Planning and Development Report
  - d. Green Spaces Report
  - e. Social Committee Report
  - f. Membership Report
7. President's Report (5 min)
8. New & Ongoing Business (10 min)
  - a. All candidates meeting
  - b. Volunteer Ottawa breakfast
9. Recap of Action Items and Adjournment (5 min)

**Annex B**

**Communications Report**

**Statistics for December 12, 2024 – February 12, 2025**

**Newsletter**

- 3 newsletters sent out – 65-68% open rate
- 368 newsletter subscribers, including 5 added in February

**Website**

- Feb 9 Winter Carnival event posted
- 7 events/posts added in January and February, including Cutest Cat/Dog, Candidates debate and other groups' events/consultations
- Board minutes uploaded (minor revision needed), standing agenda added to RPCA page, board meetings added as events
- Updates to come:
  - Highlight of Pet Remembrance Patio as News periodically, and move higher on Life page - Q for Lorella about using Google Forms

**Facebook, Instagram and X**

- LP added a Facebook event for Winter Carnival
- Still need to gain access to RPCA-Ottawa main FB profile, owner of the RPCA FB Group
- RPCA Group has 460 members
- Friends of Riverview Park Green Spaces Group now has 253 members
- Consider deleting X account, inactive, seeking board approval

**Annex C**

**Planning and Development Report**

**Feb 2024**

**1. Proposed Tremblay Multi-Use Connection (Terminal Avenue to Tremblay LRT Station).**

Project has been put on pause until the time when VIA rail redevelops the area as part of the High Frequency Rail (HFR) . No timetable yet. The RPCA contacted VIA's HFR team to ensure that community concerns are reflected in the redevelopment plan and to see more information on how the City's work to date might be incorporated into VIA's planning. A February 14 in-person meeting (postponed from February 6) has been scheduled for the RPCA at the VIA Station

**2. Alta Vista Transportation Corridor (AVTC) Public Consultation**

As the city continues its review and update of Ottawa's Transportation Master Plan(TMP) , Councilor Menard's office held a public consultation via Zoom on January 29 discuss the future of the field and park space on Lees Avenue that is identified to be used for a AVTC Link to downtown. Several RPCAmembers attended. A copy of the presentation by City officials will be shared later this month. Virtually everyone who spoke at the meeting agreed with the Councilor that this portion of the AVTC should be removed from the TMP and many also stated that the remainder of the AVTC (south of Smyth) should be removed too. They cited the cost of building the road (including conducting a new Environmental Assessment in a time of tight municipal finances), incompatibility with the City's Climate Emergency and stated desire to increase public transit use and active transportation – as well as the loss of valuable greenspace and community gardens. Councillor Carr, who attended the meeting, expressed concern that removing the southernmost portion of the AVTC from the TMP could lead to residential development in the Corridor. However, it is unclear whether this scenario would actually take place. The RPCA requested copies of any relevant traffic studies conducted after the construction of the AVTC Hospital Link to determine any impacts that this Link road has on vehicular traffic flow and patterns . In addition, Councillor Menard's office agreed to look into the process by which land removed from the TMP could be converted and re-zoned as park land or greenspace.

**3. Lansdowne 2.0 Update and January 2025 public consultations**

The City is looking to move forward with the \$419 million project this year, which includes a new 5,500-seat event centre to replace the Arena at TD Place and building a new north-side stands for the football stadium. Under the partnership with the Ottawa Sports and Entertainment Group, the City would cover the cost of building the new arena and stadium stands. Concerns have been raised about the affordability of this project and the potential financial risks the City faces in light of budgetary constraints and other priorities . On Monday January 7, 2025, the city issued a tender seeking qualification submissions for general contractors to build Lansdowne 2.0. The closing date for submissions was Feb. 4. Two public information sessions were held to discuss the project

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### 4. CHEO Expansion at 401 Smyth Road A

Comments are being accepted for the Site Plan Control application to expand CHEO hospital with a new 6-storey, 21,993m<sup>2</sup> wing for medical services under the 1Door4Care project. A tunnel and overhead walkway will connect to the existing hospital. A separate application was also received in late January for a variation to February 12, 2025 RPCA Planning and Development Report permit a new CHEO sign. The RPCA has asked Councilor Carr's office for more information on the visual and lighting impact of this facility on the Riverview Park community and its residents.

### 5. 451 Smyth Road – University of Ottawa Medical Research Facility

Work is ongoing. This new academic research facility will provide laboratory and office facilities. It is adjacent to the existing Roger Guindon Hall and south of the Ring Road. The move-in is scheduled to begin at the end of 2026 or early 2027. Concerns have been received about the visual impact of this facility, particularly since construction began before consultations on the Site Plan Application for the building. No explanation has been given for why the project began before there was an opportunity for public consultation. The RPCA has asked for more information on how to ensure that minimize light pollution from this new facility is minimized..

6 Update on the former Farmboy building in Trainyards There is activity inside the old Farmboy site next to the LCBO No details currently available on prospective tenants.

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## Annex D

### Social Committee Report

The following is a list of our planned RPCA Social events for 2025:

1. Winter Carnival Sunday, February 9th 2-4 pm (Campfire)
2. Cutest Pet Competition Feb. 1 – May 15 TBD
3. NEW - Easter Egg Hunt @ Balena – Sunday, April 20th
4. Cleaning the Capital Spring Version Saturday May ??, rain date Saturday, May ??
5. Community garage sale early June TBD
6. Porchfest Sunday June 13-15 or 20-22
7. Summer festival and Movie night Saturday August 23rd (Campfire)
8. Possible additional movie nights Saturday, June 28th, Saturday, July 26th (Campfire)
9. Councillor's Fall Corn Roast - Sunday September 14th TBC
10. Fall Social – Sunday, September 28th before AGM
11. RPCA AGM October 22nd
12. Cleaning the Capital Fall version tentatively early October
13. Christmas Carol sing - Friday December 12th (Campfire)

Some other events under consideration are:

1. Silent book club
2. Billings Estate High Tea
3. Art in the Park
4. Volksmarch community walk
5. Community Potluck dinner/Harvest Feast / Foodie event
6. Sports events – Titans Baseball, Atletico soccer, 67's, Ottawa Charge Women's hockey, Ottawa RedBlacks Football