

## Minutes of Board Meeting

Date: March 12, 2025



**RIVERVIEW PARK**  
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



**Board Members in attendance:** Jeff Blattman, Stephanie Lines, Jon Lemieux, Carol McQueen, Bryan Orendorff, Lynne Patenaude, Ron Ridley, Wanda Raymond, Lorella Piirik

**Regrets:** Kris Nanda

Topic	Discussion	Action Item
Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM  Declaration of conflict of interest: None	
Agenda Approval	<b><i>Motion: Approval of Agenda (see Annex A)</i></b>  First moved: Bryan Seconded: Jeff Approved by: All	
Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting	<b><i>Motion: Approval of February meeting minutes</i></b>  First: Jeff Second: Bryan Approved by: All	
Councillor Carr's update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Councillor Carr was unavailable for the meeting</li></ul>	
Treasurer's Report	<b>Budget and Financial Statements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Jan and Feb bank statements were presented to the board members.</li><li>● Three new members joined. One renewal and one new member.</li><li>● The payment from the city for the Dale Park rink upkeep has come in and will be paid to the rink maintenance person.</li><li>● Members need to get their receipts in for reimbursement for caroling and winter carnival events.</li></ul>	
Special Reports	<b>Communications</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Creating a place on the website for pet-related material with the:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Pet memorial</li><li>○ Lost and found line managed by the Claytons</li><li>○ Cutest pet contest</li><li>○ Form to purchase memorial bricks for the pet memorial</li></ul></li><li>● See Annex B for the report.</li></ul>	Lynne will review the rules for our facebook page regarding who can post on the RPCA web page and for what.

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		Send March newsletter items to Lynne  Delete X account and create Blue Sky Account
	<b>Planning and Development</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• See Annex C for the report.</li><li>• As per resident's request, traffic calming masts on Drake will not be installed in 2025. A speed indication sign will be installed.</li></ul>	
	<b>Green Spaces</b>  FoRPGS <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ron is still working on permits to entry. City wants to know every area in Riverview Park we may want to work. Ron has worked with FoRPGS members to submit this info.</li><li>• The grant we got 5 years ago from Healthy Communities still has a balance unspent.</li><li>• Ron is completing a list of tools with funds from the grants we have received.</li><li>• City did a consultation on amending the bylaws to allow boulevard gardening (edibles). It looks promising to have this approved.</li></ul>	
	<b>Social Committee</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Easter Egg hunt<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Jon will organize and ask for other parent volunteers. Jenn Blattman has good material which she has shared with Jon. Proposing a low key approach using facebook to advertise.</li></ul></li><li>• Civic events funding: Request for funds open again this year. Max possible \$3000 (we got \$1600 last year). She is proposing we ask for funds for games, signboard, DVD, player etc. Carol has approached Sequoia to partner with us this summer. We could use volunteer Ottawa perhaps to get volunteers for the event.</li><li>• Cutest Pet Contest</li></ul>	The social committee will discuss the civic events funding, and 2025 events

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Raised over \$600 to date. 17 dogs and more cats. Voting in the month of March</li><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>● Jeff has sent out a membership reminder to those on the database who have not paid this year. Has resulted in a handful of new members.</li></ul>	Ron and Lynne to reach out to Lise-Andrée about taking on membership
President's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Dale Park - looking at obtaining a key for that building</li><li>● Ron has applied for the City's insurance</li></ul>	
New & Ongoing Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Vinyl banner will be purchased by Lynne. No specific board approval needed due to low dollar value.</li><li>● Trustee request to attend meeting. John mentioned there have been forums already to discuss the boundary changes Stephanie will confirm with Kris what he wished to discuss.</li></ul>	Bryan will look for high definition logo Lynne will work to get it printed.
Approval to Adjourn Meeting	<b>Motion:</b> Adjournment of Meeting First moved: Bryan Seconded: Jeff Approved by: All	

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## Annex A

### RPCA Board Meeting Agenda

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

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

**Meeting link:**

**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
    - i. pet corner on website
  - c. Planning and Development Report
  - d. Green Spaces Report
  - e. Social Committee Report
  - f. Membership Report
    - i. Lise Andrée taking over membership?
7. President's Report (5 min)
8. New & Ongoing Business (10 min)
  - a. Request for a vinyl banner with the RPCA logo to be laid across a table for better visibility. 18 by 48 inch one done at Loudmouth Printing on Isabella for \$65 +tax?
9. Recap of Action Items and Adjournment (5 min)

**Annex B**

**Communications Report**

**Statistics for February 13, 2025 –March 12, 2025**

Newsletter/E-mails

- 1 newsletter sent out Reminder for Cutest Pet Contest– 49% open rate
- 368 newsletter subscribers
- Contest has 29 submissions, 18 dogs and 11 cats.

Website

- All Candidates debate event posted
- Voting Form for Cutest Pet almost done-any extra info we should ask other than name and phone/e-mail e.g. Member of RPCA? Poster?
- New Pets of Riverview page proposed by Lorella to include current and former Cutest Cat & Dog Contests, Updates to Pet Remembrance Patio - Q for Lorella about using Google Forms

Social Media

- LP added a Facebook event for Provincial All Candidates' Debate
- Reminder FB post on Cutest Cat and Dog Contest
- Confirm rule in FB group “No posting of items for sale, wanted or to give-There are other groups for this in our neighbourhood”
- Gained access to RPCA-Ottawa main FB profile, owner of the RPCA FB Group
  - Start doing posts on main profile if OK to be public and automatically post to the group too
- RPCA Private Group has 463 members, Main RPCA Public Profile has 100 followers
- Friends of Riverview Park Green Spaces Group has 253 members
- To do: delete X account, create BlueSky account

## Annex C

### March Planning and Development Report

**1. Proposed Tremblay Multi-Use Connection (Terminal Avenue to Tremblay LRT Station).** project was put **on pause in 2024 until the time when VIA Rail redevelops the area as part of the High Frequency Rail (HFR)** In February 2025, the federal government announced it was **now planning to build a High-Speed Rail (HSR) system rather than HFR**

VIA is currently conducting drainage and traffic-flow studies of its property to better understand the possible impacts of various surrounding developments, such as active transportation opportunities like the link to the Trainyards and a potential large-scale redevelopment project. A VIA official spoke with an RPCA representative in late February, shortly after the announcement about an HSR) line between Quebec City and Toronto and through Ottawa.

The RPCA will get a further update after VIA meets with City officials to discuss the HSR. The RPCA has also been put in touch with the HSR team working on this project.

**2. Potential Housing Complex at 1460 Riverside Drive** In early March 2025, the National Capital Commission (NCC) in collaboration with the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation publicly announced it was seeking a proponent for the construction of residential housing at 1460 Riverside Drive (the empty lot directly across from the Cancer Survivors Park) According to the announcement, the parcel has potential for more than 200 housing units in an g environment focused on active transportation and is part of the Canada Public Land Bank initiative to make public land available for housing construction. No further details are available

**3. 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 RPCA members attended. A copy of the meeting and presentation has now been posted at:

[https://www.shawnmenard.ca/alta\\_vista\\_transportation\\_corridor\\_consultation\\_re\\_cap](https://www.shawnmenard.ca/alta_vista_transportation_corridor_consultation_re_cap)

Official public engagement on the draft TMP Capital Infrastructure Plan and investment scenarios is expected to run from March-May. No additional details are available yet.

The RPCA requested copies of any relevant traffic studies conducted after the construction of the AVTC Hospital Link to determine any impact 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.

**4. 451 Smyth Road – University of Ottawa Medical Research Facility** Work is ongoing on. 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.

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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. The tower cranes are scheduled for removal in early Spring 2025, which will minimize the intensity of light that has been coming from the cranes. Exterior walls will be constructed which will reduce the amount of visible lights inside the building.

**5. In February 2025, the Ottawa Carleton District School Board (OCDSB) announced significant changes to elementary school boundaries, grade configurations and program offerings..** These changes include shutting down alternative school programming at Riverview Alternative School and the other OCDSB alternative schools. The Board has said it plans to move towards a neighbourhood school model. The RPCA will be inviting the local School Board Trustee to a future Board meeting.

**6. Update on the former Farmboy building in Trainyards .** Renovation activity for new tenants continues inside the **former Farmboy site in the Trainyards (665 Industrial Avenue)**. The City official responsible for monitoring the project could not provide further details when asked about the status recently. No further details were available, though a request for more information has been sent via the Ottawa Trainyards website inquiry form.

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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