

Minutes of Board Meeting



RIVERVIEW PARK
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Date: Sept 10, 2025

Board Members in attendance: Stephanie Lines, Kris Nanda, Ron Ridley, Bryan Orendorff, Lynne Patenaude, Carol McQueen, Jeff Blattman

Regrets: Wanda Raymond, Jon Lemieux, Lorella Piirik

Topic	Discussion	Action Item
Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM Declaration of conflict of interest: None	
Agenda Approval	Motion: Approval of Agenda (see Annex A) First moved: Kris Seconded: Lynne Approved by: All	
Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting	Motion: Approval of May meeting minutes First: Kris Second: Lynne Approved by: All	
Welcome Guests	Welcomed guests Neil Saravanamuttoo and Lisa Couture	
Councillor Carr's update	Councillor Carr was unable to attend the meeting. The following items are being tracked: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requesting RPCA input to changes in signalling at the intersection at Smyth and Russell. • Advance walk signal at Industrial and Figaro. • Returned to regular traffic of right hand turn lane at Industrial/Riverside • Marty will follow-up regarding City trucks driving on pedestrian pathways to empty garbage cans. The trucks are wider than the path and it makes large ruts. 	
Neil Saravanamuttoo	Neil Saravanamuttoo is with <i>Better Ottawa</i> . His group is concerned with the cost of Lansdowne 2.0. The group feels the financial risk with the proposal is too high and is being borne by the taxpayer. The proposal will tear down the north stands and move the arena to where the grass is now. Estimated cost is \$419M. It is planned to be self-financing, based on OSEG estimates; however, historically Lansdowne revitalization projects have not returned a positive return. This is not a local issue to the Glebe. He noted that the city received no funds from Lansdown and the cost is	Ron will draft the letter to the Councillor.



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	<p>borne by all Ottawa residents. He would like the RPCA to consider writing to Marty and letting her know we do not support it</p> <p>Carol noted Lansdowne is poorly served by public transit. Bryan noted that some rehabilitation of this city asset may be needed, but this is separate from the public/private partnership to redevelop the property.</p> <p><i>Motion: To send a letter to Marty and copy the Mayor and other councillors expressing our concerns about the risk to public funds of Lansdowne 2.0 and our opposition to the project as it stands now.</i></p> <p>First moved: Carol Seconded: Lynne Approved by: All</p>	
Lisa Couture	<p>Represents Caledon, A/V, Dale areas. Their residents were active in the past, but of late have less capacity to organize events. She is looking at opportunities to partner with RPCA on events and to have insurance coverage under the RPCA umbrella as “Friends of Dale Park”.</p>	<p>She will come back to RPCA if there is something we can assist her and her neighbours with.</p>
Treasurer's Report	<p>Budget and Financial Statements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bank and financial statements were provided to the Board ● Membership dues will cover our operating expenses. Other fundraising has not been spent this year. As a not-for-profit, we need to make sure we are not accumulating funds. A plan will be developed to spend these funds. ● Jeff has finally been able to get regular cheques issued by Alterna so we can pay our D&O insurance and other expenses only payable by cheque. ● an order for a quarter-page colour ad in the Riverview Park Review has been placed for \$150 (yet to be invoiced) 	<p>Finance subcommittee to be formed to develop proposals for the board to consider.</p>
Special Report	<p>Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● See Annex B for the report. ● Lynne put our events on Reddit where there were a lot of views. 	<p>Kris to look at the Planning and Development web page and suggest how to update.</p>



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	<p data-bbox="310 415 683 451">Planning and Development</p> <ul data-bbox="363 457 1024 701" style="list-style-type: none"> ● See Annex C for the report. ● No word from the School Board Chair regarding who is covering for our trustee’s responsibilities ● Kris has been following up regarding Tim Horton’s customers blocking traffic. No progress yet despite Kris’s significant work on the file. <p data-bbox="310 709 500 745">Green Spaces</p> <ul data-bbox="363 751 987 825" style="list-style-type: none"> ● Limited work over the summer ● Attended councillor’s workshop on invasives <p data-bbox="331 879 573 915">Social Committee</p> <ul data-bbox="363 921 1000 1165" style="list-style-type: none"> ● 300-350 people attended the movie night. Carol noted it was a very successful event, but it takes considerable effort to organize! ● Carol has drafted the final reports required for signature by Ron and Jeff. ● Volunteer Ottawa was a useful resource, but it was a lot to manage. <p data-bbox="331 1173 505 1209">Membership</p> <ul data-bbox="363 1215 1008 1278" style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ron and Stephanie will meet with Lise-Andrée in September about taking on membership. 	<p data-bbox="1050 308 1419 407">Stephanie to look at Parks, Recreation and Environment and suggest how to update.</p>
<p data-bbox="142 1291 282 1354">President's Report</p>	<p data-bbox="310 1291 699 1327">Spoke to Marty and requested</p> <ul data-bbox="363 1333 883 1446" style="list-style-type: none"> ● More park service dollars ● Fatality reports on recent accidents ● More garbage cans in the community 	
<p data-bbox="142 1463 261 1562">New & Ongoing Business</p>	<ul data-bbox="363 1463 1008 1598" style="list-style-type: none"> ● AGM date October 22nd at 7:00 pm at Church. Speaker Jesse Lee Wallace - Volunteer Ottawa ● Stephanie presented the structure for a google drive which all board members will use. 	
<p data-bbox="142 1610 266 1751">Approval to Adjourn Meeting</p>	<p data-bbox="321 1610 756 1646">Motion: Adjournment of Meeting</p> <p data-bbox="428 1652 680 1688">First moved: Bryan</p> <p data-bbox="428 1694 623 1730">Seconded: Jeff</p> <p data-bbox="428 1736 656 1772">Approved by: All</p>	

Annex A

RPCA Board Meeting Agenda

Date: Wed September 10, 2025 6:45 pm

Location: Maplewood Retirement Community, 340 Industrial Ave.

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

1. Call to Order and Declarations of Conflict of Interest (5 mins)
2. Agenda Approval (5 mins)
3. Approval of Minutes from previous Meeting (5 min)
4. Welcome to any guests on the call
5. Councilor's Update
 - a. Marty's Update and items carried forward from previous meeting (15 minutes)
 - i. Traffic Safety Issues: signalling changes at Smyth and Russell; Advance walk signal at Industrial and Figaro.
 - ii. Returned to regular traffic of right hand turn lane at Industrial/Riverside
 - iii. Councillor Menard to address the deteriorating bike lane between Hurdman and Riverside.
 - iv. Marty will follow-up regarding City trucks driving on pedestrian pathways to empty garbage cans.
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. AGM planning



9. Recap of Action Items and Adjournment (5 min)

Communications Report

Statistics for June 12 – September 10, 2025

Newsletter/E-mails

- Five Newsletters sent out: Mid-June, PorchFest Update, July, Carnival & August, September – August stats: 364 recipients, 32% open rate

Website

- Updates: Porchfest schedule and map shared, Summer Carnival, Corn Roast, Fall Social
- Moved membership info up on Home page and RPCA page

Other: Banner ordered and delivered for tabling: 24" x 60" sign from Signarama

Social Media

- RPCA Private Group has 487 members, Main RPCA Public Profile has 120 followers
- Friends of Riverview Park Green Spaces Group has 262 members
- BlueSky account created
- Deactivated X account



Annex C

Planning and Development Report

Planning and Development Update from the Riverview Park Community Association:

By Kris Nanda, Chair RPCA Planning and Development Committee

1 Third and Final Draft of Zoning By-law released for Comment Following the release of the final draft of the by-law on September 8, 2025, two virtual open houses will be held on September 17, 2025 and September 25, 2025 and the in-person Statutory Open House for the proposed By-law will be held at the EY Centre on September 23, 2025. Public feedback is welcomed during the 28-day circulation period, ending on October 3, 2025. Comments received following October 3 will continue to be reviewed and considered and Council is expected to vote on the By-law in early 2026.

2. Traffic Safety Issues (A)

(A) Entrance to Tim Horton's from Dorion City staff did a site visit in June to check on the visibility of signs that were installed two years ago. The Councillor said that the staff "*did advise that though we originally asked for a 'do not block sidewalk' sign, however there are unsigned provisions in the Traffic and Parking Bylaw related to blocking sidewalks, so this is not something the City would put on a sign*" They say they can only offer *do not block driveway signs* " Councilor's office has submitted a request to reposition the sign so it is more visible to driver but no action to date. Residents can call 311 to report vehicles blocking the sidewalk

The has Urban Design Guidelines for Drive throughs (which are attached separately

https://app06.ottawa.ca/calendar/ottawa/citycouncil/occ/2006/05-24/pec/Drive%20Throughs%20_May_small.pdf

However, the situation at the Dorion entrance to Tim Horton's drive through do not appear to meet these guidelines -- (particularly the objectives "to protect and enhance the character and quality of the districts and neighbourhoods where drive-through facilities are located[and]To create a safe and comfortable pedestrian environment on site" – also Guidelines #13, 25, 37 and 39

Guideline 13 says : "Provide an unobstructed 2.0-metre-wide sidewalk in the public right-of-way, across private access driveways. Ensure little or no change in elevation (Figure 8)"

Guideline 25 says "Design the on-site circulation to minimize the conflicts between pedestrians and vehicles."

Guideline 37: "Use pavement markings and directional signs to enhance clarity of movement patterns on site.

Guideline 39: "Locate and design ground-mounted and wall-mounted signs to complement the character and scale of the area and promote an active, pedestrian friendly environment. Integrate landscape features with ground-mounted signs

(B) Sidewalk safety concerns; From Marty Carr's office

"Dorion Avenue from Knox Crescent to Neighbourhood Way – sidewalk renewal is tentatively planned for 1–2-year horizon. The project scope will be to reconstruct a 1.8-metre-wide concrete sidewalk

Neighbourhood Way from Drake Avenue to Station Blvd – asphalt sidewalk is in overall poor condition -sidewalk renewal is not currently included in the short-term plan (2-3 years) given the backlog of renewal needs across the network.

So, it is not imminent, but both of these will be done in the next several years. I will do my best to get them accelerated."

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) . No further details are available

3 Alta Vista Transportation Corridor (AVTC), The Northern Portion (between existing Hospital Link and across Rideau River to Nicholas Street was removed from the Transportation Master Plan (TMP) by Council in July. The remainder of the AVTC remains in the TMP but local Councillor Menard's office agreed to look into the process by which land is removed from the TMP and turned into permanent green space.

4. Shopper Drug Mart – no confirmed date or when Shoppers in Trainyards will open (on the former site of Farmboy, but this is expected imminently). Shoppers Drug on Alta Vista lease runs through at least 2027

5. OC Transpo Parking Garage at Belfast and St. Laurent Blvd. (1500 St. Laurent) New 6970 square-meter enclosed parking garage on what is currently a large surface parking lot, to support the conversion of a large portion of the OC Transpo bus fleet to electric are transitioning approximately 450 of their existing diesel buses to a full battery electric bus (BEB) fleet by 2027. Comment period closed on September 2 – no timeline yet for construction.

5 Elementary School Changes in Riverview Park (for Vincent Massey and Riverview Alternative Schools) RPCA contacted OCDSB Chair Lynne Scott to get the name of the Trustee now responsible for our area (Zone 9) but no response was received to questions about impact on changes to catchments/programming . Unclear what role of OCDSB is vis-à-vis the Province. There is a new principal at RAS, Julie Coburn .

A project this summer at RAS to provide a hydro upgrade for the school .There are new underground hydro lines being run from the hydro post to the school. The hydro vault in the basement has been moved outside to beside the school just on the grassy area and contains new transformers for the school.

Annex D

Social Committee Report

The following is a list of our completed and 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 June
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