

RPCA Social Committee AGM Report

October 21, 2026

A dedicated team of RPCA members France Dulude, Kris Nanda, Ron Ridley, Lorella Piirik, Carol McQueen, Jon Lemieux, Dianne Delzotto, and Stephanie Lines met once per month and - along with other volunteers - brought many diverse events to the community in 2025/26.

An event was held almost every month, from cleaning our neighbourhood to carnivals in the park to showcasing local musicians to raising funds for the continued operations of the RPCA.

A key element of many of our events has been helping other organizations who support our community, for example by making a financial donation to Matthew House and collecting non-perishable food for the Blair Court Community Food Bank.

The Social Committee is always looking for additional volunteers, either to be part of our regular meetings or to assist on individual events by organizing, advertising, posting on Facebook or helping on the day. Please feel free to reach out to any of us or email the RPCA to lend a much needed hand.

The following is a list of our completed RPCA Social events for 2025/2026:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Desc</u>
Cleaning the Capital	May and September 2026	The city provides disposable gloves and garbage bags to groups of volunteers who pick up garbage in public spaces. The RPCA holds a spring and fall clean the capital event, where about 20 residents spend a Saturday morning picking up garbage and beautifying Riverview Park.
Summer Carnival and Movie Night	Aug 2026	It was the most ambitious summer carnival to date with 400 people in attendance. An \$8000 Civic Events funding grant from the City of Ottawa was used to create history of Riverview Park displays and a community billboard will be built in Balena Park. A local artist created a mural for the city's 200th anniversary which participants contributed to.
Garden Tour	July 2026	Residents were able to visit 4 public gardens and 5 residential gardens
Porchfest	June 2026	Neighbourhood musicians played in 45 minute sets at houses in the neighbourhood. The event was well-received among community members and musicians.
RPCA at the Titans	June 2026	A number of Riverview Park residents attended and that the RPCA received a shout out acknowledgement on the scoreboard during the game. Fans were able to use a special RPCA discount code for tickets to all Titans home games in 2026.

Winter Carnival at Balena Park	Feb 2026	Over 200 adults and kids attended. Activities included: skating, snowshoe rental, RPCA membership table, games, fire pit, photo booth, food and drinks, shoot to win contest, and maple taffy. A highlight was chili provided by Maplewood Retirement Community
Holiday Caroling in Balena Park	Dec 2025	A financial contribution from Councillor Marty Carr provided for horse drawn sleigh rides which was very popular with families. Students from the Franco Cité Choir also attended and sang songs from their Christmas repertoire. Participants provided donations to the Blair Court food bank while enjoying carols led by Craig Cormier by candlelight.
Easter egg hunt in Balena Park		Planned for April 2026, but had to be cancelled due to inclement weather
All Candidates Meeting		Not a typical yearly event but the RPCA worked with other Ward 18 community associations to organize an All Candidates meeting on Thursday, October 1st for the local elections
Fall Social		The last Fall Social was in 2024/25. This year's fall social will take place at Aahar restaurant on Alta Vista in November and will include a trivia event.
Hike & Howl		A new event, the Hike & Howl had to be cancelled due to icy walking conditions but we plan to do this event in 2027