

Lincoln Heights-Parkway Community Association 2018 Annual General Meeting Minutes

OCTOBER 27TH, 2018

The Lincoln Heights-Parkway Community Association Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held starting at 2:09 p.m. on October 27, 2018 at the Ron Kolbus Centre, Ottawa, Ontario.

ATTENDANCE

In total, an estimated 30 residents of the Lincoln Heights-Parkway community were in attendance at the AGM, including the following members of the current Executive Committee:

Annie Boucher (President)
Julia Goodman (Past-President)
Jennifer Baldwin (Director-at-Large)
Julie Buick (Director-at-Large)
Tara Garcia (Secretary)
Julie Matthews (Treasurer)
Maria Rogers (Director-at-large)

1. WELCOMING WORDS

Annie welcomed residents to the meeting and thanked them for their interest in community issues. She indicated members of the Executive Committee were in attendance and announced that MP Anita Vandenberg, outgoing Councillor Mark Taylor, CEO of the National Capital Commission Dr Mark Kristmanson and incoming City Councillor Theresa Kavanagh would be in attendance during various portions of the meeting.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Annie reviewed the proposed agenda for the meeting and a motion to adopt the agenda was made by Maria Rogers and seconded by Julie Buick. All were in favour.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF 2017 AGM MINUTES

The minutes of the October 28, 2017 Annual General Meeting were accepted as presented.

4. UPDATES AND DISCUSSIONS ON KEY PRIORITY ISSUES

4.1 NOISE CONCERNS

An update was provided by resident Dan Brunton regarding the noise issues experienced in the community from nearby apartment buildings. He indicated that the report from an internationally renowned expert that indicated the noise exceeded standards was passed on

to the building's managers. The issue has since been fixed which community residents are pleased about. It was noted that the noise bylaw needs to be modernized and Dan asked the incoming City Councillor Kavanagh to seek this change. Annie thanked Dan on behalf of the community for his leadership on this issue.

4.2 COMMUNITY EVENTS

Various Executive Committee members provided attendees with an update on community events held over the past year, as follows:

- The second annual community dinner was held in April 2018 and will be held again in 2019 given its success. As in the prior year, Biagio's donated a portion of the proceeds from the dinner to the School Breakfast Program. The tentative date for the 2019 dinner is March 24th.
- The spring clean-up was held again this year and although turnout was lower than normal, the event will continue next year as well. Approximately 30 adults and children attended and 10 bags of garbage and yard waste bags were collected.
- The 2018 Summer Follies was cancelled due to weather conditions and the Committee is looking for community volunteers to plan and run this event in 2019. The idea of a beach party at Britannia Park was noted.
- It was noted that the Winter Follies event has not been run for the past two years as the volunteer who ran it moved away from the community. A new volunteer is required to run this in 2019.
- The outdoor skating rink was open during the 2017-18 season and will continue in the upcoming year.
- A new initiative in late 2017 was the Holiday Hamper. Funding was provided by the community association and residents and a large load of groceries for a family of 11 in need from Regina School was provided. The Regina School principal delivered the hamper on our behalf. This is being planned for the 2018 holiday and the LHPCA has already reached out to Farm Boy. A resident noted that Metro has also contributed to events in past and may be worth contacting for a donation.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Julie Matthews provided meeting attendees with an overview of the LHPCA financial situation for 2018 and the budget for 2019. Highlights are as follows:

- The Association had \$3,064 in its bank account at the beginning of 2018.
- 53 membership fees were paid for the past year, lower than the budgeted amount.
- Revenue also included the grant from the City to maintain rink which is mostly offset by expenses.
- Expenses of \$2,140 were slightly more than budget due to the funding of a holiday hamper for a family in the community.
- Overall, there was a deficit of \$62 in 2018 resulting in \$3,002 being available for 2019.
- The proposed budget for 2019 included the following:
 - Expected growth in membership to 60.

- Expenses for various events through the year (Summer Follies, Community Dinner and AGM) which total \$160.
- Funding for a holiday hamper for a family in the community of \$125.
- Banking charges of \$23 and a fee to the Federation of Community Associations of \$30.
- A neutral cash position by the end of 2019.

A motion to accept the proposed budget was made by Julia Goodman, seconded by Ron Purver and all were in favour.

6. MP REPORT – ANITA VANDENBELD

MP Vandenberg began her presentation by thanking the community for the invitation to attend the LHPCA AGM. She provided an overview of the many areas where the federal government provides funding to the City of Ottawa including the following:

- LRT funding;
- funding for pathways and bike lanes, including the new ones on Richmond near Croydon;
- Additional funding to the NCC over and above their normal funding;
- Funding to build the state-of-the-art Nelson House women’s shelter which houses 42 women and their children;
- Funding for the Carlington Community Health Centre, specifically for the seniors section;
- New money for a new entrepreneur program and labs at Algonquin College;
- Funding for home care and youth mental health;
- Investment in child care spaces across the country
- Investment in a housing strategy to cut homelessness in Canada;

MP Vandenberg noted that she spends time in her office on Richmond Road every week where she speaks with residents and hears and addresses concerns on a first come first serve basis.

In response to a question related to pension portability which is something that is being done in other countries, MP Vandenberg indicated she would look into it as it was not something she had heard about.

MP Vandenberg spoke about her connection to Mud Lake indicating that her parents live close to Mud Lake and noting that the waterfront is why we live here. She became involved in the issues at Mud Lake this past year to ensure it does not happen again. She noted that Dr Kristmanson’s attendance at today’s meeting is a positive sign.

Annie thanked MP Vandenberg on behalf of the community for attending and in particular for her assistance on the Mud Lake issue.

7. NCC CEO REPORT – DR. MARK KRISTMANSON

Dr. Kristmanson was invited to speak primarily about the Mud Lake issue. A summary of the Mud Lake issue was provided by Annie and Dan Brunton before Dr Kristmanson spoke. It was noted that the Mud Lake Conservation Area is the most biologically diverse urban area in Canada and is nationally significant. In April 2018, many residents noted that parts of Mud Lake looked they had been clear cut and given the concern with this, the media was involved. A meeting was held with the NCC where they agreed to remove the wood “shards” and plant new trees. It was noted that MP Vandenberg was very helpful in facilitating discussions and that neighbouring community associations (Britannia and Belltown) came together to address the issue.

Dr Kristmanson indicated that he appreciated the opportunity to speak to residents, congratulated Councillor Taylor on his collaboration over many years and welcomed Theresa. He also thanked MP Vandenberg for the new federal funding. Dr Kristmanson stressed the importance of Mud Lake to the NCC and to him personally, noting that he and his wife regularly walk through the area.

Dr Kristmanson recognized that communication was “a miss” before the work in Mud Lake was done and that since the interactions with the community, this situation has been used as a case study within the NCC. He explained that the action taken at Mud Lake was part of the efforts over the past few years to address the emerald ash borer. He indicated that since community discussions, the NCC has cleared out the shards and planted some trees.

Dr Kristmanson committed to putting in a gravel path (stone dust) that adheres to the 2004 plan for Mud Lake and to planting 320 trees and shrubs after the first frost. He also committed to repairing the broken section of the trail and walking through the area with Dan Brunton after this work is completed. Dr Kristmanson also noted that buckthorn clearing would be taking place the following week.

Dr Kristmanson touched on the Sir John A MacDonald Parkway linear park plan, indicating that the heavy recreational portion should be to the east of Mud Lake and that Mud Lake will be the conservation area, similar to the South and North of Gatineau Park. He noted that money that was saved from the LRT section from Dominion to Cleary Station will be put towards the linear park.

Dr Kristmanson noted that the Mud Lake section has not yet been funded and that workshops will be undertaken with the community regarding what to do in that area in order to advance the 2004 plan.

In response to questions, Dr Kristmanson indicated that the Parkway will not be narrowed at this time and that the City has been asked to complete a traffic study once LRT Stage 2 is fully implemented.

Discussion regarding the paths between the neighbourhood and Lincoln Fields station with residents noting there is not sufficient lighting and the paths are dangerous in the winter as they are not cleared. It was noted that the NCC does not clear paths in winter but could

make arrangements with the City to do so. It was also noted that when LRT Stage 2 is completed (by 2023), the paths will be realigned and brought to standard.

8. OUTGOING CITY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Current City Councillor Mark Taylor provided his report and recognized MP Anita Vandenberg for her work for the community and Theresa Kavanagh on her recent election to City Council. Councillor Taylor noted the following in his report:

- **OC Transpo Routes:** Changes OC Transpo routes will move ahead in January even with delays in the LRT. The change affecting the community is that Route 11 will be discontinued and changes will be made to Route 151/153 to ensure residents can get where they need to.
- **Lincoln Fields:** Riocan will be focusing on Blair Road and Westgate developments first before redeveloping Lincoln Fields. The current plan for Lincoln Fields continues to be a mixed-use concept that will see a mix of retail and mid to high end rental units. It is expected that beginning in 2019, the eastern side of the mall will be demolished and leveled with a new Metro being built where the entrance to Walmart was, close to Richmond Road. The current Metro will then be taken down and a small strip mall will be built to the right of the entrance off Carling to house Rexall and 1-2 other tenants who will be staying.
- **Tornado Blackout:** Councillor Taylor noted that the City had a terrific response to the tornadoes. City staff and volunteers did many wellness checks and ensured those in apartment buildings had water as generators were not powering water pumps in older high rise buildings. He indicated that they learned that very few are prepared for 72 hours without power and that residents are being encouraged to be prepared. In response to a question, Councillor Taylor indicated the City has cots it can set up in community warming centres should an event like this happen in the winter.

Councillor Taylor closed his report by noting this would be his last AGM and thanked the community, indicating it has been a rewarding eight years as the community's Councillor.

Annie thanked Councillor Taylor for attending this and past AGMs and for his availability throughout his term.

8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following points were noted regarding the current members of the Executive Committee:

- Annie Boucher, Julia Goodman, Julie Buick, Kelly Folz, Maria Rogers and Tara Garcia have reached the end of their terms. Julia, Kelly and Tara will not be seeking re-election. Annie, Julie and Maria will be seeking re-election.
- JR Fortin, Julie Matthews and Jennifer Baldwin each have one year left in their two-year terms.

Mark provided attendees with the nominees for open positions on the Executive Committee:

- President - Annie Boucher (incumbent)
- Secretary - Jennifer Baldwin (current Director-at-large)
- Membership coordinator - Vesna Lucik
- Director-at-large - Maria Rogers (incumbent)
- Director-at-large - Julie Buick (incumbent)
- Director-at-large - Jane Kielly

There was no interest in these positions from other residents in attendance. Julia Goodman motioned to accept the nominations, Suzanne Gauthier seconded the motion and all were in favour.

9. OTHER MATTERS

There were no other matters raised for discussion during the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:08 pm.