

Cardinal Creek Community Association
Minutes of November 1, 2007 Public Meeting

7:05 pm – Welcome by Sean Crossan (President), and introduction of Board Members, guests and other invitees. Introduction of presenters and agenda.

7:07 pm – Grant Nichol – Stream Watch Program – Rideau Valley Conservation Authority.

- Described the program in detail.
- They have sampled 30 km of stream this year and cleaned about 8 km. Have planted about 300 trees.
- They have about 126 volunteers and are always looking for more.
- They offer training workshops before for anyone interested and in June they hit the streams; also offer fish identification orientation and sampling sessions.
- Cardinal Creek was first surveyed in 2003 and will be done again in 2008. Five point one kilometers were sampled in 2003 and 32% had evidence of human alteration and 68% showed none at all. Four percent was highly altered and twelve percent was completely natural.
- Question was asked about the court case between the builder in East Village and the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority. Sean indicated that the issue was resolved in October. **Follow-up: Councillor Monette promised to look into the resolution and get back to us.**
- Any information and data collected in the 2008 survey will be used to recommend action for 2009.
- November 22, there will be a consultation meeting for the City of Ottawa's sub-shed study at the Ray Friel Centre.

7:59 pm – Sandra Anthony – Fall 2007 Newsletter

- The newsletter is running at a break even.
- Addressed the issue of ads and ad revenue.
- Also addressed the issue of Canada Post distribution areas, and the issue of some homes not getting the third edition.
- Will aim to increase ad revenue in order to be able to increase distribution areas and get all of the homes in the association's area.

8:05 pm – Cassia Ice Rink Update – Tony McDougall

- Replacement of some boards was done by Jason.
- After a discussion with Richcraft, they have come forward and replaced all of the boards.
- Still waiting to hear about insurance and a City of Ottawa grant to cover operating costs.
- December 4, there will be an information session from the City at the Jim Durrell complex.

Update: Sean received verbal confirmation that City will fund Cassis rink for Winter 2008.

8:08 pm – Planning Update – Sean Crossan

- 2000 Valin St. proposal to place condo units which are extremely high density; looking to change zoning
- More commercial development is needed and the CCCA does not support the development and will speak to the planning committee.
- Question asked as to if we have a plan for funding to go to the provincial level if we have to challenge the proposal; Sean responded that we will take it one step at a time.
- 940 Old Montreal Rd.; Claridge has changed their proposal to single family homes which is better than their previous one. There is to be a park at Trim and Old Montreal Rds.
- Loblaws slated to go in at the same corner; there is concern as to the volume of traffic that will be coming through that area.
- Concerns about environmental and infrastructure issues; slope stability issues for the top of the hill where there is the plan to put a seniors' home and a three storey condo units.

8:21 pm – Tree Planting Fall 2007 – Bruce Hollands

- The CCCA was one of three associations awarded a grant through the City/Tree Canada Foundation Program. It will provide 450 trees for the community, however the city will be responsible for planting them
- Spoke on the success of the tree planting last Spring
- Question was raised as to if the new trees will be affected by Trim Rd. realignment. Not the ones planted in the fall.

8:30 pm – Additional updates and issues

- Petrie Island Beach Pavilion; RFP is on MERX asking for builders for a year-round facility and canteen
- Inter-provincial bridge meeting November 20; Kettle Island is the preferred location
- Paint Ball Guns; article about girl who was hit in the eye and lost 90% of her vision
- Dogs of Leash Parks; Varenne Park is the designated park in our area.
- Valin Park Update; structure is 90% installed, bridge to be installed next Spring, new trees will be added and dead ones replaced.
- Looking for a webmaster – Martin D'Anjou agreed to be webmaster.
- November 24, there will be a passport clinic at the offices for Royale Gallipeau for those who need to renew or apply for a passport

8:42 pm – Councillor Monnette – Updates

- Spoke on the issue of the girl who was hit with the paint ball, and the issue to educate and take positive action
- Community garden success
- Seniors' park @ 255 Centrum in 2009, will speak about it at the next CCCA meeting

- Repairs have been done to the defaced mural along the 174, promises to continue to repaint if it is defaced again
- Chatelaine Village being urged to create a community association
- Interprovincial bridge issue, updated on the action taken to date and informed that it is being taken to the NCC
- Not confident that the Petrie Island RFP will get many bids, area counselors will meet to look at other options if there are no bids
- Will be voting against the 2000 Valin proposal, no decision as yet on 940 Old Montreal Rd.
- Seniors' homes; feels that we have enough in the area
- No problems with Petrie Island's water quality this year

8:52 pm – Meeting adjourned