

2007 President's Report to AGM

On March 1, 2006 the Cardinal Creek Community Association (CCCA) was created. Our community association has made significant progress on a number of fronts due to the dedication and volunteerism of our members, our Board and with the assistance of our elected officials and the business community.

In spring 2006, our ten member Board of Directors was elected and we were officially incorporated as a provincial not-for-profit corporation thanks to the generosity of our lawyers Sicotte and Associates.

I want to thank and congratulate the CCCA Board of Directors for their great work in 2006-07. A lot has been accomplished in our first year.

I would like to say a special thank you to **André Paroyan, Director, Parks and Rec and Sandra Anthony, VP** for their tremendous efforts and great work as they take on new endeavours in 2007. Sandra has agreed to stay on as editor of our newsletter and I am sure we will see André at the ice rink in 2008.

So what have we accomplished. We have :

- **Reduced the speed limit on urban portion of Trim Road** (Watters to Innis) from 80 km/hr to 60 km/hr. Thanks to the support of the Orleans Presidents Council to make this possible.
- **Valin Park** - The old barn was removed along with the "pile of glory" by the end of July. **Approval and completion of Valin Park development plan** (5.0 acres) in early November with some grading of park in November 2006. Playstructure tender expected shortly. This park was significantly delayed until our association became involved.
- CCCA volunteers planted **90 trees along Cardinal Creek** in October 2006 based on a \$20,000 Community Green Partnership Grant.
- **First Newsletter** - With the support of the business community and local politicians, we were able to raise enough money to launch our first newsletter in February. There will be 3 newsletters per year. Sandra, JF, Kyle, Martin and Diane have done a superb job. Thank you.
- We worked co-operatively with the Carleton Regional Snowmobile Club to **move the groomed snowmobile trail out of the urban area** and received significantly enhanced police enforcement. In December 2006 **bollards were installed at key entrances to the Springridge** walking path to keep snowmobiles out and they were very successful.

Successful Events

- First **Annual Garage Sale** held on first Saturday of June 3, 2006 - Kyle and Michele did a great job.
- Great community involvement 2006 **Clean the Ravine and 2007 Clean Up our Community**. Thank you Bruce.
- In July, a number of our members assisted in the building of the **Kiwanis Park Play Structure** at the Millenium Sports Park.
- In October we organized significant **Orleans Mayoralty Debate** at Orleans Theatre with 250 interested residents in attendance. A true team effort.

Parks

- **Cassia Outdoor Ice Rink** Up and Running for a 10 week period and over 600 kids and families enjoyed this opportunity. Thank you André and team.
- Springridge and Caprihani Trail Head Parks primarily completed in summer 2006.
- City rough graded **Park 18-B** (9.9 acres) in early October. Final grading and seeding to be completed in spring 2007.
- Funding approval for **Hydro Co-orrridor walking pathway** and greening (west of Trim Road) received - expected to start in Spring 2008 once Hydro One completed transmission tower upgrades.

Public Works and Infrastructure Enhancements

- **Installation of traffic lights and turning lanes at Valin/Trim and Portobello/Trim** so that kids can cross safely to Maple Ridge and Trillium Elementary Schools.
- Completion of **sidewalks** on major portions of Valin Street in Oakridge Moraine/East Village subdivision and on east side of Trim Road from Springridge north to Watters Road East to enhance public safety.
- Encouraged builders to advance completion of public works (e.g., paving, sidewalks, landscaping, street lights, park development and pathways) especially considering more than 1,600 new homes have been constructed in our community.

These significant accomplishments are the result of team work, hard work and our community association volunteerism. I think a round of applause is appropriate for this great work.

In 2007-08, we plan on taking a more strategic approach (host 4 public meetings per year) to the remaining issues to be addressed in our community. We will be focusing on parks, OC Transpo, traffic, environmental issues and neighbourhood watch. At our upcoming June 7th meeting, we wish to discuss implementing neighbourhood watch and a tree planting approach for future years.

As President of our association, I was honoured to work with such a professional and dedicated Board of Directors. I want personally thank each and everyone of you for your support and your community pride. Together we will continue to enhance the quality of life in our community – Cardinal Creek.