

CCCA President's Message - May 2007 to April 2008

The CCCA had another successful year thanks to the dedication of its volunteers, Board of Directors and the support of its councillors. We established 5 key priorities for the year and focused our efforts which resulted in the following:

1. **Parks and Recreation – significant progress**

- **Valin Park** approximately 75% complete – expected to be completed this year
- Play structure installed in fall and most seeding completed
- Pathways and trees installed
- **Pine Vista Park** completed this year
- **Park 18b** levelled, pathway completed and ongoing grass cutting by City – this is the largest park in our community and its development is contingent on funding of Trim Rd re-alignment budgeted for 2013
- **Parkticipaction** – Cassia and Millenium Parks – for kids throughout summer
- **Cassia Park Outdoor Skating Rink** – Richcraft Homes donation of rink boards

2. **OC Transpo – gradual progress**

- Route 22 - larger buses and enhanced frequency
- Route 95 – enhanced frequency to Trim Road Park n Ride
- Route 94 – mid-morning service improvements
- Park N Ride expanded to accommodate another 200 cars

3. **Traffic – continuous improvements**

- Completion of paving on Springridge and Mondavi, parts of Valin, Demeter and turning lanes installed at Springridge north
- Approval of Crowne Point Plaza turning lane off Trim – to be built this year
- Installation of street lights along key sections of Trim Road

4. **Neighbourhood Watch** – lost our co-ordinator in September therefore we will need to reassess how we tackle this priority in 2008-09. This priority is also linked to the graffiti issue and Constable Walter Duhme has been very successful in these efforts in Orleans.

5. **Home Builder Issues-Planning – true team effort**

- **2000 Valin** – made representations to City Planning Committee and worked with residents of Scully Street and both local councillors to have our position supported. Thank you Rob and Bob...this was truly a team effort. Claridge Homes has appealed this issue to the OMB. The OMB is now considering the issue and will schedule a date to hear the case should residents wish to pursue this issue further.
- **940 Old Montreal Road** – Claridge Homes has put forward 2 proposals for this constrained site – we understand that there are traffic and engineering issues still being worked out. We are awaiting announcement of another public meeting to discuss feasible options for development.
- **Interprovincial Bridge update**

6. **Environment – significant progress**

- **Clean our Community** – 6 residential distribution centres and 20 volunteers participated despite the very wet weather
- This year we have set aside **May 10th** as our community clean up day. We hope to have good weather to reach the same level of participation as the previous year
- **Over 500 trees planted** in the spring and fall with over 60 volunteers involved, primarily in the Springridge area along the public pathways adjacent to Cardinal Creek
- On **May 31st**, we expect to plant another 250 trees in East Village along the tributaries of Cardinal Creek
- Last year our 2nd Annual Garage Sale was hold on June 2nd. It was very successful. This year our **3rd Annual Garage Sale** will be held on **June 7** rain or shine.
- Recently held **site meeting with MNR geological experts** to determine if the Cardinal Creek karst could be recognized as a provincial ANSI (Area of Natural Scientific Interest) similar to that of the Hamilton Eramosa karst that received ANSI status in 1996 – 5 CCCA Board members participated in this site visit. We would like to thank MPP Jean-Marc Lalonde's office for their assistance in this matter.
- Busy on a number of new environmental projects – we are pleased to announce a partnership with the QHCA to offer a **Rain Barrel program** aimed at reusing, recycling and reducing water via this program.

- **Stream Watch Program with RVCA – June 14th** – A.m. adults and family volunteers –
P.m. Kids environmental education session

Website – huge progress – special thanks to Dale Porter and Martin D’Anjou who have invested significant time in getting the message out. Dale spent hundreds of hours building our web site and I would like to thank him his significant contribution. This has allowed our association to effectively communicate with our community and stay up-to-date on the latest technological advancement like RSS and Skape.

Newsletter – Sandra Anthony now has mastered the recipe and Cardinal Creek Tribune is a success. Thanks to our sponsors, 2 Local councillors, Sobey’s, Mike Hider, Johnny Canucks, Cheddar Etcetera, Chris Heard, Mayor O’Brien and Broadways – we are expanding our coverage to 3,700 homes to get the word out to all homes in our community.

It has been a pleasure to lead the CCCA, from inception to a vibrant community association making a positive contribution to our community. Over the last 2 years, I believe we have built a strong team and made a positive lasting impression. I will continue to be involved in the CCCA as Past-President and lending a helping hand in planning, development and environmental issues that are of interest to our community.

I wish the new executive best wishes in its new endeavours. As always, I will make myself available to provide advice and support the executive. New ideas and energy are needed to continue advancing the interests of our community.

Kindest regards, Sean Crossan