

2011 CARDINAL CREEK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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Cardinal Creek Community Association Neighbourhood Watch Program (NWP) Official Kick-off Public Meeting

South Fallingbrook Community Centre

998 Valin Street, Orleans

September 8, 2011

Meeting called to Order

The meeting was called to order by Sean Crossan at 7:00pm.

In attendance (2011-12 Board of Directors members)

Sean Crossan Naim Ghawi , Genevieve Gagnery, Lechelle Landry, Kathleen Black, Jeff Lapointe, Neil Congdon.

Absent: Kevin Bloodworth.

In attendance: Councilors Bob Monette and Stephen Blais.

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was read and adopted.

Guests

Mayor Jim Watson, MPP Phil McNeely, MP Royal Galipeau, Constable Caroline Tessier, Sergeant Moe Salehe and Pete Weston, Ottawa Police volunteer, Gregory Dack - Security Advisor City of Ottawa.

1. **Neighborhood Watch Opening Remarks:** Genevieve Gagnery/Neil Congdon, CCCA NWP co-coordinators said a few words about the NWP program and thanked Councilors Monette and Blais for their continued support of our community and to the Ottawa Police and Pete Weston for their help in helping us launch the NWP in the Cardinal Creek Community. The goal is to have the Springridge and Springridge North areas completed with NWP signs up before the first snowfall. We will then move on to the other areas of Cardinal Creek (East Village, Demeter, etc).

2. **City of Ottawa Police Services:** Constable Caroline Tessier, Sergeant Moe Salehe, Volunteer Pete Weston said a few words about the NWP and gave their endorsement of the program. NWP has been proven to be the most effective way to reduce crime rates in neighborhoods such as ours. Residents of the community are the eyes and ears of the police and we must work together to reduce and hopefully eliminate crime from our neighborhood. It is important that residents report any criminal activity they may witness and leave it for the police to handle. If it is life threatening or happening at that moment,

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please call 911, if not call 613-236-1222 and report the incident. The more incidents are reported, the more police patrolling will increase and hopefully act as a deterrent for these types of crimes.

3. **Security Advisor, Gregory Dack from the City of Ottawa, Corporate Security** gave an update on Park 18-B and the camera that was installed for a week at the end of August 2011. The trailer unit was installed and proved to be successful as no issues were detected during the 10 day period. Dummy cameras and/or signs will not be installed as they are a liability. Councilor Monette requested the trailer unit be installed again closer to Halloween to act as a deterrent.

4. **Mayor Jim Watson launches the CCCA Neighborhood Watch Program:** Mayor Watson officially launched the CCCA NWP. He thanked everyone for their continued efforts and reminded all that the most important thing will be to keep this program alive and avoid it from becoming dormant. Mayor Watson also presented some updates on the upcoming budget including: update on free OC Transpo for seniors, Senior's Summit Day (October 3), freeze on recreation fees, challenges with affordable housing, posting of Mayor's office expenses, route changes for OC Transpo, lower bus rate increases and an update on Lansdowne park. Mayor Watson also took a minute to inform residents of the Sept 14th fundraiser dinner to help with famine in Somalia. The federal government will match all donations. Tickets are \$100 each.

5. **Phil McNeely, MPP** gave us an update and presentation on the Orleans Family Health Hub that is a ready edge facility and the first of its kind in Ontario. The provincial government recently contributed \$60 M to make the Health Hub a priority. They are hoping to break ground in 2012 and have the grand opening sometime in 2014.

6. **Royal Galipeau, MP** paid tribute to the CCCA directors, to the Councilors and to Mayor Watson specifically for the Sept 14th dinner to help famine.

7. **Kathy McLellan- Arts Ottawa East:** provided information about the annual Artinis fundraiser to be held on November 3, 2011 6:30pm to 9:00pm at the Shenkman Arts Centre, \$75 per ticket (\$65 early bird until Sept 20). AOE provides funds and support to arts groups and artists in Orleans who provide program for all ages at the Shenkman.

Next Public Meeting

November 17, 2011: CCCA Parks Update.

Next CCCA Activity

CCCA neighborhood Clean-Up Day: Saturday October 15th, 2011. Please contact Kathleen Black for more information at Kathleen.black@cardinalcreek.org

Meeting Adjourned at 8:56 p.m.