

QGPCA 2007 Annual General Meeting Minutes

October 25, 2007

Leo Paoletti – President and Chair of the meeting

Lauria Blackwell – acting Secretary

Leo Paoletti called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM

Leo talked about the new play structure and park refurbishments. There were some questions about the placement of the new swings and structures, but the city planners assure us that everything will fit into the park. The replacement swings and the new Little Tikes structure are going to be installed by the end of November. To fund this, the Kids' Club (after school program) contributed \$10k and the city gave us a matching grant for \$7.5k. We also used \$866 from the last of the Nepean Reserve Fund money and \$1134 from the Community Association account.

Constable LaMarre from the Ottawa Police talked about crime. There was some discussion surrounding vehicle break-ins. Despite the fact that many people knew somebody who had had a vehicle break-in, there were only 12 reported to the police in the area last year – this may indicate under-reporting. 9 of the reported break-ins were to unlocked cars. Const. La Marre stressed the importance of locking your vehicle, not leaving valuable items in view, and reporting crimes when they happen. He also asked us to please report all suspicious activity to the police and not to think 'they are too busy'.

Leo went briefly over the financial statements from last year. We have a fairly large balance and need to decide how much is prudent for us to keep on hand and how much we can spend on programming.

The Community Association has ordered 8 new trees from the City, to be planted on public property. If anybody knows of a good location for one, please contact Leo. Also, it was noted that you can apply to the City for a tree for your own private property, if you are willing to go and pick it up.

There have been some issues with parents not being happy with the bus service from the neighbourhood to Knoxdale School. If you are concerned about bus rides to Knoxdale, please contact Sandy Jones ([sandyj@magma.ca](mailto:sandyj@magma.ca)) NeenaParbhakar ([nparbhakar@sympatico.ca](mailto:nparbhakar@sympatico.ca)) or Karen Legget ([kleggett@rogers.com](mailto:kleggett@rogers.com))

Peter Thompson from the Queensway-Carleton Hospital talked about planning and development of the Hospital grounds. The new operating rooms are nearly complete and the first surgery will take place in Jan '08. Construction on the new cancer centre starts in Jan '08. This includes 31 chemo bays and 3 radiation

bunkers as well as a 7 story (but the stories are short) parking garage which is on the other side of the hospital from the neighbourhood. Also, to accommodate parking while the garage is under construction, and possibly into the long term, a new parking lot will be built. This will be in the current green space that runs along behind the houses on Aleutian and Sioux. There will be pre-emptive landscaping to make a barrier between the houses and the lot, including a new berm and some trees planted. There was much discussion of this issue as many residents were not happy about the idea. It was decided that we needed a special meeting to deal just with this issue. Residents can contact Leo Paoletti if they want a site plan of the new construction.

The new QGPCA executive, consisting of Leo Paoletti (President), Scott Pegrum (Vice-president), Kim Butler (Treasurer), Linda Ryan (Secretary), Shaunna Taylor, Lauria Blackwell, Liz Barrett, Joanne Hanlon, and Jill Dublin was then voted on. Charles Basset moved to accept the exec as presented and Carol Bell Thompson seconded. The motion was carried.

Leo discussed the traffic master plan and 417 construction. The Richmond Rd ramp is permanently closed. For more information see the maps on the [qualicum.org](http://qualicum.org) website.

New soccer fields have been installed in place of the ball diamonds in Mohawk and Nanaimo parks. They have been allocated by the city to the Ottawa Royals, a soccer club that draws its members mostly from significantly east of here, in West/Central Ottawa. The Community Association is trying to work with the soccer clubs to see if a swap can be made so that we have more local kids playing on local fields.

Tom Carmondy from the City discussed traffic in the neighbourhood. He said that speeding is not a major problem in the area, compared to some places in the city. He also said that traffic-calming measures, such as speed bumps, are very contentious and not likely to ever happen. He was asked what happens if a citizen reports a speeder. Apparently the next time that person is pulled over for speeding, the police will have the information that they have been previously reported speeding and it may lead to their getting a ticket instead of a warning.

Leo urged everybody to register their email address with the Community Association in order to receive emails with information about break-ins, development, and special events in the community.

Rick Chiarelli talked about the new Plasco garbage incineration technology that the City is experimenting with. He also discussed paramedics being delayed at the hospitals to fill out paperwork and how this affects the number of ambulances needed in the city. With regards to the condition of the school and Community Centre, he said that a deal with the ownership to make some repairs and address long-standing concerns (including lighting) is going to be announced shortly.

Residents can expect an email on this. He also was asked about the light rail plan and whether or not it was likely to include a line running behind the houses on Aleutian and Sioux. He said not to lose sleep over it and that it was unlikely to ever happen.

At 9:45 Mary Partington moved to adjourn and Brenda Ferguson seconded.