



Meeting Minutes/Notes

Annual General Meeting
La Croisée Community Association
October 20, 2022 (6:30pm – 8:30pm) Provigo

Quorum:

(Prior to the meeting, the Ville de Gatineau recognized “post-pandemic” challenges and waved the current Bylaw 10% requirement of membership to be present for quorum.)

32 members were present. (The Community Association currently has 337 members.)

Everyone was welcomed at approximately 6:50pm

Agenda:

The Community Association

Larry Prickett provided an overview/history of the La Croisée Community Association. It was mentioned the recent pandemic has presented challenges for everyone, including the Association. The conclusion of recent meetings with the City were basically, “Simplify, Go to sleep or Dissolve”.

Mr. Prickett mentioned that with the current number of volunteers on our Board of Directors, the Association cannot continue. He mentioned depending on the outcomes of the meeting, the Association may likely dissolve.

(He mentioned that “dissolving” would mean returning all funding currently held, no more municipal funded community wide events, website closure, no use of the community storage shed and the non-profit ‘La Croisée Community Association’ name/title would not be available in the future.)

Members were reminded that the Association Code of Ethics is based on open welcome, volunteerism and consensus. Beyond “problems and complaints”, it is believed there are many neighbours who still share their generosity and gifts (generosity of their time and the offering of their ability as a gift, to the community). The idea of “ABCD (Asset Based Community Development)” depends on volunteerism - not just money and a Board of Directors.)

Approve/Adopt Volunteer Board of Directors:

Three neighbours offered to volunteer on the Board. The Board of Directors will now have 7 volunteer members. The non-profit Community Association will remain alive and well.

Plans:

The Community Association has held all accrued funding throughout the pandemic of approximately \$9000.00. Recently, an additional micro-grant of \$5300.00 has been received.

Plans: (Continued)

The recent micro-grant will be used to update membership/communications and help develop recreation for families and children in the park leveraging our community storage shed.

In addition, further funding of \$7500.00 per year (2024 and 2025) may soon be granted from the Ville de Gatineau to the Association. In addition, Councillor Caroline Murray may have additional "discretionary spending support" available. It will be a "slow, rebirth post-pandemic", made simple and fun for everyone.

Summary of Plans:

- "Money is not a problem post-pandemic" however, prudence will remain.
- Update membership/volunteer lists
- Develop family and youth provisions in the park
- Continue - survey/petition consensus capability, when required
- Continue - community wide events (Garage Sale, Bike Day/Fetes des Voisins, Autumn corn roast, etc.)
- Our community "Christmas Sharing Food Drive" for the Aylmer Food Bank will be held again this year
- Revise/simplify our non-profit Association Bylaws

Richcraft Update:

- The Gatineau Golf Club will be closing for the season soon, to re-open in April
- La Croisée is one of only four in the Aylmer Sector, that now fall under the new PIIA development guidelines. Those guidelines can be found in the community website document library.
- Phase 1A and Phase 1B, and their revisions have been approved by the City - (see community website document library).
- The Master Plan presented November 19th, 2020 is still under review with possible small modifications, overall, the plan and timelines remain more or less, the same.
- The new Primary School (end of rue du Golf) has completed tender for construction, it's possible construction may begin this winter. It will be one of the largest Primary Schools in Gatineau (approximately 650 students).
- Six new homes will be built on the north end of rue de l'Aigle by the Golf Course entrance
- Rue Impasse du Tertre is under review for approval and may possibly go to Council, soon.
- The golf course eastern expansion will continue, however labour and other costs are constraints extending the timeline. Overall, all development is slow.
- We have been reminded that (to paraphrase) – "...the design and speed of development is not entirely in the hands of Richcraft."

Rumours and conjectures:

- Rona and Bonhomme on Chemin McConnell may be gone (sold for residential development).
- Some property north of the Police station may have been sold for development.
- The police station may be gone or re-built soon (3-4yrs?).

Open discussion:

- Discussion was done calmly and respectfully amongst the neighbours present
 - Traffic congestion was a major issue
 - The increased constraint and vulnerability of a single entrance/exit in the future
 - Safety was also a concern. Speed on rue du Golf, children going to the park rue de la Croisée
 - Children have been seen walking home on the north of side of Chemin d'Aylmer – dangerous.
 - Lack of time and transparency in proper municipal consultations was discussed.
 - Municipal Bureaucracy, process, and secrecy - together, appear simply to be prohibitive.
 - Relationships with local schools are important
 - Important to maintain our surveys and petitions when appropriate
- (Other items, may be missing)

Unfortunately, due to other meetings commitments, Councillor Caroline Murray arrived as the meeting was closing. She was very pleased to hear our meeting was a success and she is looking forward to working with us in the future. We are grateful for her effort.

(Six “La Croisee Mugs” were sold and some members took home their free pumpkin.)

