



Annual General Meeting Minutes

La Croisée Community Association
October 15, 2023 (2:00pm – 5:00pm)
Gatineau Golf Club

Quorum:

32 members were present at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
(The Community Association currently has 352 members. Due to 'Post-pandemic social challenges" the quorum requirement of 10% was waived.)

Welcoming:

Neighbours arrived and talked with one another sharing food and refreshments before Michèle Malboeuf (Board of Directors/Member) welcomed everyone at 3:00pm.

Agenda:

Councillor Caroline Murray

Larry Prickett (Board of Directors/Member) recognized the limited time of special guest councillor Caroline Murray before introducing her to the group.

Caroline Murray outlined the importance of volunteering, community associations and provided an overview of updates regarding the development of the La Croisée community and the surrounding District #3.

A question-and-answer period followed. For the most part concerns regarding development and information/citizen engagement timelines were discussed. There was mutual shared respect and appreciation from everyone during the discussion.

Ms. Murray concluded by inviting people from the community wishing to address the Urban Planning Advisory Committee (UPAC) to express their opinions and objections to the proposed construction of the integrated residential project on Impasse du Tertre Street to present themselves in person at La Maison du Citoyen located at 25, rue Laurier, in the Mont-Bleu room, 1st floor on October 23 at 5:30 p.m.

Community Association updates 2022-2023:

There are 14 recognized Community Associations in the Aylmer Sector. The La Croisée Community Association had 347 members as of April 30th, 2023.

Members were reminded of the purpose of the non-profit Community Association. There are neighbourhood initiatives that are possible through collaboration, consensus, and volunteering. They have proven to be welcoming, and enjoyable (volunteer time 3-10 hrs/yr. on average).

Positive relationships with external partners have been maintained along with the Association designation as “Grande Partenaire” with the Ville de Gatineau.

The renewal of the park community storage shed 5-year protocol agreement with the Ville de Gatineau was discussed.

Members were reminded that although the community built the shed, it is now the property of the Ville de Gatineau. However, the Association will continue to hold sole use and management of this asset. The growth in stored recreational/event community materials in the park has continued.

Currently, the non-profit Association Bylaws (somewhat typical and complicated) may not reflect the appropriate welcoming to community engagement and volunteerism. As a relatively small non-profit, the Association Bylaws will be revised to simplify roles/responsibilities to allow for easier volunteer collaboration and consensus while maintaining overall legal obligations. The revised Bylaws will be presented for approval at the next AGM.

In that regard, as our non-profit Association evolves, the volunteer Board of Directors cannot do everything. Therefore, to facilitate the welcoming of neighbours to community events, an Event Coordinating Committee will be established. Volunteering (8-10 hrs/year), the Event Coordinating Committee along with other volunteers will help the Association evolve the creation of events to be more enjoyable and easier for everyone.

Financial Year-end Update (May 1, 2022 – April 30, 2023)

Financial statements were presented and explained.

Basic Summary:

Total Income:	\$5374.75 (Grants, donations, interest)
Net income (after expenses):	\$2948.23

Total Equity Held:	\$12,973.41
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The Association continues to maintain and allocate funding in a responsible manner. Although funding has been allowed to accrue during the pandemic, the Association must move forward with expenditures considering sustainable assets and ongoing improvement in enjoyable community collaboration. (For example, recreation/event material purchase/storage, recreation/event funding, investment in communication and other technology, etc.)

Motions and Adoptions:

Approve/Adopt Volunteer Board of Directors:

Three additional neighbours (Lyne Forget-Lanthier, Laura Parpalita and Sophie Robichaud) offered to volunteer on the Board of Directors and were approved.

(The volunteer Board of Directors now include Charlie Barnett, Lyne Forget-Lanthier, Nick Giannakoulis, Michèle Malboeuf, Laura Parpalita, Larry Prickett, Sophie Robichaud, Qi Zhou.)

Approve/Adopt Revised date of Annual General Meeting:

The motion to revise the date of the Annual General Meeting to be closer to the Association's Financial Year-End and the community event season was presented and adopted. The annual General Meeting will now occur in June.

Approve/Adopt an Event Coordination Committee:

Adopted. Committee volunteers approved to include Lise Blanchette. It was noted that other neighbours expressed interest in joining the Event Committee but were not present. (Members of the Board to assist.)

Open discussion:

- The discussion was done calmly and respectfully amongst the neighbours present.
- Development and traffic congestion was a major issue.
- Street safety was also a concern.
- Lack of time and transparency in proper municipal consultations was discussed.
- The new Primary School and relationship was discussed.

("La Croisée Mugs" were available for sale)

