



# Carlington Community Association

**Minutes (Approved):** CCA General Members Meeting – September 13, 2023 (In Person and Zoom Pro)

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**Board in Attendance:** Heather Darling, Alexandria (Allie) Hodgson, Robert Brinker, Brian Beard, Alaine Spiwak, Olivia Jones

**Regrets: None**

**Guests:** Councillor Riley Brockington, Mary Young, Cameron Jette, Chris Taggart

**Call to Order in person and on Zoom Pro: 7.03 p.m.**

**Introductions and Land Acknowledgement (Brian Beard):** *'We would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded Algonquin territory.'*

**Note from President:** The CCA will be making a \$50 donation to different groups throughout the city at each GM and AGM (for a total of four times a year). Today it's to the [Tungasuvvingat Inuit \(TI\)](#).

**Motion to approve the Agenda: Moved by Heather Darling, seconded by Charity Bartlett. There was no opposition, the motion was carried.**

**Motion to approve the February 28, 2023, GM Minutes: Moved by Richard Lane, seconded by Annie Woo. There was no opposition, the motion was carried.**

**Advisements of any conflicts of interest:** None Noted.

1. **President's Report (Brian Beard):** For the full report, please click [here](#).

- CCA had to cancel its participation in Raven Park Day back in August due to inclement weather.
- Transportation Committee: Brian sent his Transportation report to Councillor Brockington and is awaiting a response. The report spoke to a number of concerns and feedback regarding transportation and pedestrian issues in the community including the following items:
  - The desire to see the community roll out a 30 km/hr speed limit.
  - Ensuring it's safe for kids walking to W.E. Gowling Public School.
  - Crossing Fisher Avenue safely to get to the Farm.
  - Sidewalks in Raven Park that end and don't appear to make a lot of sense.
  - Another accident on Kirkwood recently where a car ended up on a lawn – what to do to prevent a repeat? Kirkwood has not truly been narrowed.
- Alexander Community Centre may not be getting the Library, Councillor Brockington will speak about this later tonight.



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## 2. Carlington Community Health Centre: Cameron Jette, Community Engagement Worker

Cameron Jette took us through the wide variety of programming offered at the CCHC. To find out more about what is offered at the CCHC, check out their [website](#). There is also a newsletter that people can sign up for.

The CCHC is always looking for volunteers for both specific programs as well as general support. They also are in need of volunteers who understand technology.

**Question from Member:** Will there be a vaccination clinic for 65+ at the CCHC? **Answer:** Some clinics will be held at the Merivale CCHC location, but what they are and for when is to be confirmed. October will be the earliest possible time to get the COVID booster in Ottawa, but details are yet to be confirmed.

## 3. Electrify Carlington - Chris Taggart ([electrify613.ca](http://electrify613.ca))

For the full report, please click [here](#). Chris took us through a discussion about Navigating Home Electrification and Energy Retrofits in Carlington. In summary, Chris lives in Carlington, is a software developer by trade and, since COVID, has become a "Heatpump Enthusiast". Electrify 613 is the group of which he is a part that helps people electrify their homes, reduce their carbon emissions and improve their home's energy use and comfort.

A few key callouts:

- Borrow a thermal camera from the Ottawa Tool Library to see where you have heat loss in your home.
- Starting November 1st, Hydro Ottawa/HydroOne is rolling out Ultra-low time-of use rates (\$0.02/kwh), which, paired with a heat pump or electric water tank, can lower your costs immensely.
- Heat pump washer/dryers now exist, that are ventless and use a lot less electricity.
- Cooking: Induction cooking using magnets and heats the pots, not the surface, so cooks much faster. There are no VOCs and no open elements.
- Incentives: He outlined several incentives in his presentation for both homeowners and renters.

**Question from Member:** Who does heat pump installations/retrofits in Ottawa? **Answer:** Any HVAC contractor can do heat pumps. The Electrify613 site shows where you can find support for this.

**Question from Member:** What can we do if we're locked into hot water heater/tanks contracts? **Answer:** Efficiency Canada is trying to enact consumer legislation around these contracts so people don't have to pay 3 or 4 times the cost of the heater. However it's likely still going to be cheaper to cancel the contract and change it.

**Question from Member:** How easy is it now to book energy audits? **Answer:** So many places do them now, it should only take a month or so. EnviroCentre has a bunch. Check out the Electrify613 website if you need more information.

**Question from Member:** Are developers/builders going to be putting in Heat Pumps from the start so we don't have to spend \$50,000 retrofitting homes? **Answer:** We're building a campaign around it -- it's just going to be a matter of what level of government is going to roll it out first.



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#### 4. Councillor Riley Brockington's Update: For a full report, please click [here](#).

- Travelodge: families have been relocated, the hotel part will close by end of November, followed by demolition and Phase 2 starting in the spring.
- Canadian Tire Site: two ideas percolating: 1. Rio Can would like to get a site design for several buildings there with a total of 1700 units. 2. Active Club which won't require any zoning.
- Westgate: Rio Can has modified their plans for Phase 2. The eastern section of the mall now won't come down as part of this phase. RioCan wants to share their vision with the community and Councillor Brockington will host that eventually.
- 1240 Carling: Owner wants to build a 3-storey low-rise building that doesn't require a zoning approval.
- 1095 Merivale is owned/operated by Shepherds of Good Hope: This doesn't require zoning and Councillor Brockington will host a meeting where the Shepherds will share their vision.
- 3L's (Lepage, Larose, Larkin) Project Continues: Concerns with some of the intersections -- Riley is doing a walkabout with some residents in the neighborhood.
- Viscount: The first of 4 infrastructure renewal streets. Design process will begin this fall.
- Kirkwood collision and pending survey: Postcard sent to Carlington West polling residents on their opinions and feedback on Kirkwood Avenue road modifications.
- Note: All traffic calming requests (speedbumps, speed boards, etc.) are pushed to 2024 by the City due to the lack of staff.

**Alexander Community Centre expansion and renovation:** Met with the Mayor who is supportive. The plan now is to acquire the necessary funds to complete this project.

**Ottawa Public Library Update:** Had a constructive discussion with Library staff in the summer. Last Friday, they provided a summary of the meeting and identified some short-term planning for Carlington and Hunt Club. They also submitted a report last week re: facility gap analysis to assist the Board in allocating funds to where the biggest gaps in service exist. Although the report indicated sections of River Ward that have gaps and should be addressed, Carlington is not mentioned. Through the analysis, the Library believes Carlington is close enough to existing facilities to not require investment.

Councillor Brockington requested information/details from the report and at the Library Board meeting asked for a deferral. He has been advocating the use of the A.C.C. gym. Would like a foot in the door for more services. The last Board agreed to make \$200,000 available for a feasibility study. Councillor Brockington still wants to work with the Library to determine the options forward.

**Question from Member:** Where is the equity in funding for the inner city vs. the suburbs? **Answer:** Riley said he'll continue to push for the basic services the community is entitled to as residents have paid for them through taxes.

\*A discussion followed between attendees about what is available in the community, getting to the library via transit options that have been reduced, and Bookmobile availability.

**Question from Member:** Westgate Phase 1: Are all units constructed and what is the capacity? What is the ratio of



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parking to units? **Answer:** Yes, fully constructed, 75% filled. More than 18 units in that building without parking.

**5. Development (Robert Brinker):** Please see the full report [here](#).

- City of Ottawa Comprehensive New Zoning By-law Open houses:
  - Saturday, September 16, Nepean Sportsplex, 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
  - Wednesday, September 20, City Hall, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
  - Saturday, September 23, Orleans, 2:30 to 5:00 p.m.
- Bill 23 will be implemented. Updating zoning by-laws will be presented next month. On every service lot in Ontario, 3 dwelling units will be allowed.
  - Restrictions on Parking: City Staff proposes a limitation of parking area as 70% of parking, 30% landscaping. At least 15% will need to be soft landscaping, 15% hard landscaping.

**6. Activities (Alaine Spiwak):** For a full report please click [here](#).

- Shakespeare in the Park Event: The play went on, unfortunately, due to weather, the CCA had to cancel its participation.
- Thanksgiving event happening at the Carlington Community Health Centre on Thursday, October 5.
- ALWAYS calling out for Volunteers. Please reach out to the Activities email. Do need volunteers.

**7. Finance (Heather Darling):** For full report please click [here](#)


**2023-24 Budget** (as at August 31st, 2023)

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2023-24 Budget as at August 31, 2023				
Income/Cash inflows:	2023-24 Budget	2023-24 Actual	2023-24 Variance	2022-23
Membership Fees/General Donations:	1,000	169	(831)	611
Fundraising for Events:				
Greening	1,000	716	(284)	915
Merchandise	1,000		(1,000)	139
Activities	2,000		(2,000)	983
Rink Maintenance	10,074		(10,074)	10,074
<b>Total Cash Inflow:</b>	<b>15,074</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>(14,189)</b>	<b>12,721</b>

Plant & Yard Sale  
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**2023-24 Budget** (as at August 31st, 2023)

Expenses/Outflows:	2023-24 Budget	2023-24 Actual	2023-24 Variance	2022-23
<b>Events/Committees:</b>				
Greening	750	81	669	267
Carlington Cup	200		200	
Merchandise	1,000		1,000	
Bylaw Review (legal fees)	1,000		1,000	
Potential Mural Contribution	1,000		1,000	
Activities	2,000		2,000	1,099
<b>Administration (Insurance, printing etc.):</b>	3,000	2,087	913	2,540
<b>CCA Grant (2023-24)</b>	2,000		2,000	1,000
<b>Other:</b>	500	183	317	150
Rink Maintenance	6,000		6,000	4,449
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>17,450</b>	<b>2,851</b>	<b>15,099</b>	<b>9,505</b>
<b>Net Balance</b>	<b>(2,376)</b>	<b>(1,466)</b>	<b>(3,842)</b>	<b>3,216</b>
<b>CCA Cash Balance</b>		<b>15,390</b>		
<b>Administrative Costs / Total Costs</b>	<b>17%</b>			

## 8. New Business

- Recent increase in car break-ins and vandalism:
  - A member commented on the increase in both car break-ins and vandalism in the neighborhood. Councillor Brockington is aware. CCA will post a reminder for residents to lock their cars and to reach out to authorities when any concerns arise.
  - Tiny Forests update: Want to help? Have Feedback? Fill out this survey <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1b0hoU1cwLF9NsBdmITAn0m5RL7XBCvG-LS--0QP3V6M/edit>

**Adjournment:** Move to adjourn by Annie Woo, seconded by Nelson Coyle at 9:00 p.m.