

**Minutes
Cumberland Community Association
October 6, 2016**

In Attendance:

Executive

Anda Bruinsma	Co-President
Russ Thomas	Co-President
Chris Thomas	Treasurer
Eva Lyons	Secretary

Directors

Rebecca Dufton	City Liaison Committee Chair
Lyle Fair	Trails Committee
Anne Hawley	
Clive Horne	
Donna Nuttall	
Francie Somers	Beautification
Euan Swan	
Barry Turner	
Bobbie Walker	Social Committee

Also

Philip Berthiaume	Councillor Blais' Office
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Regrets

Brent Chisholm	Ice Rink
Roger Lyons	

Agenda Items

**Actionable
Items**

<p>1. Call to Order</p> <p>Russ Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.</p>	
<p>2. Approval of the Agenda</p> <p>To accommodate Philip Berthiaume's evening schedule, his report will be moved to immediately following approval of the minutes.</p> <p>A motion to approve the Agenda as amended was made by Euan Swan, seconded by Chris Thomas. Adopted.</p>	
<p>3. Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting</p> <p>Bobbie Walker clarified that Pub Night will feature live and recorded music.</p> <p>A motion to approve the Minutes of the September 1, 2016 meeting as amended was made by Francie Somers, seconded by Barry Turner. Adopted.</p>	
<p>4. Update from the Co-Presidents</p> <p>Russ Thomas stated that despite the great work done by Anda Bruinsma and Barry Turner, the 2017 Birthday Celebration grant application did not get submitted in time. It is suggested that the committee meet again and in view of no City funding, plan the next steps.</p>	

<p>Despite the rain, the Harvest Market had over 2,000 visitors and vendors were happy, particularly the food vendors.</p> <p>The Creations Cumberland 2 fine art and craft show was also successful, with good sales.</p>	
<p>5. Committee Reports</p> <p>a) Communications: Anda Bruinsma stated that the Lamplighter is written and is now out for translation. The intent is to have it distributed to residents by October 12.</p> <p>The CCA has 516 followers on Facebook. Impressive.</p> <p>b) Social: Bobbie Walker has tickets for Pub Night on October 29, 2016.</p> <p>The CCA will need to source a Christmas Tree for the Village as Mike Scott will not be doing it this year. Anda Bruinsma has offered a tree but transportation and installation would need to be arranged.</p> <p>A cheque for \$150 was given to Bobbie Walker for the cash float for Pub Night.</p> <p>A planning meeting was held to discuss the November 26 Home Tour. A participants' meeting will take place on October 27, 2016.</p> <p>Bobbie Walker motioned for a budget of \$2,100 for the Home Tour. Seconded by Anne Hawley. Adopted</p> <p>c) Beautification: Francie Somers stated that the flowers are still impressive in the planters on the corner of Cameron and Old Montreal Road. Anne Hawley has put up scarecrows.</p> <p>Russ Thomas will obtain some cornhusks and pumpkins.</p> <p>The old flower barrels need to be retired. They will not survive another season.</p> <p>Francie reminded the board that the winter banners will need to be mounted in November. Lyle said he would look after this.</p> <p>The Secretary will follow up with Philip Berthiaume as to the status of the banners damaged by City plows that should have been remade last year.</p> <p>Luc Laplante's cedar table is promised for later this week. The benches are in Francie's garage and are waiting finishing. The plaques are done and ready for installation.</p> <p>d) Ice Rink: Brent Chisholm was absent and no report was submitted.</p> <p>e) Trails: The trail names and post marker schematics were submitted to Kevin Jones at the City of Ottawa and it is expected that the signs will be installed in the spring of 2017. Lyle said that the trails may also be used for mountain biking.</p> <p>f) City Affairs: Rebecca Dufton's stormwater information sheet was circulated and is attached as appendix 1. Also see Councillor's Report, 7g.</p>	<p>Chris</p> <p>Russ</p> <p>Lyle</p> <p>Eva</p>

status.	
<p>8. Business Arising</p> <p>a) No grant application was submitted for the 150th Birthday celebration event in 2017 and no discussion followed.</p> <p>b) Anne Hawley brought up the issue of traffic calming measures in the Village and Philip replied that statistics could be taken (as to volume and speed) on Old Montreal Road from Cameron to Dunning. Discussion would follow pending those results.</p> <p>Rebecca reported that the paved median as part of the proposed four lanes of Hwy 174 would cause more problems for the Catholic Church (located at 2571 Hwy 174) and may require relocation of the church. Currently the access in and out is problematic and many patrons park along the 174. Philip will look into current and future logistics.</p>	Philip
<p>9. New Business</p> <p>The rental invoice from the City of Ottawa for Halls A and B at the R.J. Community Centre for the Mardi Gras Dinner and Dance on February 11th will be forwarded to the Treasurer once the Secretary receives it.</p> <p>Anda Bruinsma has received the wood sign samples from Haras Mykytyn. The draft designs will need to be tweaked to balance the script and wording.</p>	Eva/Chris Anda
<p>10. Adjournment</p> <p>Barry Turner moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 pm. Seconded by Eva Lyons.</p>	
<p>11. Next Meeting</p> <p>The next Board meeting is Thursday, November 3 at 7pm in Maple Hall.</p>	

Stormwater fee proposal

Right now, all stormwater services are funded through the sewer surcharge. The creation of a separate fee for stormwater reflects the reality that stormwater costs are not related to water or water use, but are driven by rain and melt water volumes and impervious surfaces like roads, buildings and paved surfaces; not drinking water consumption.

This fee would be charged to all properties across the city (except for agricultural and forested land), rather than only those receiving water bills. The stormwater fee will be discounted for households that are not connected to the water and sewer, to recognize the fact that they receive different stormwater services at a different, and lower, standard.

Staff is recommending a stormwater fee based on property type and level of connection to City services. Urban residential properties connected to the City's water and sewer network would pay the highest fee, as these properties have the biggest impact on stormwater infrastructure.

Rural and multi-residential properties would pay the lowest fees as their impact is much smaller. **Agricultural and forested land would not pay a stormwater fee.** For rural properties that comprise both agricultural land and a residential property, the stormwater fee would apply only to the residential portion of the property.

The specific changes that staff is recommending to Council is summarized in the rest of this document. To read the full staff report, click on [Recommended Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater Rate Structure](#).

Response to Public Consultations

The City conducted consultations on options for a new structure in March and April of this year. Over 800 residents took the time to attend the consultation sessions or go online to provide feedback on what they believed was important for the City to consider with a new rate structure. The feedback has been collected into a report which can be found here: [Consultation Report \(alternative format\)](#).

Approximately two-thirds of those who provided the City with feedback are on private wells and septic systems, meaning that they do not pay water bills and would, under the proposed new structures, begin to pay for stormwater services that have been part of the water bill since amalgamation. Therefore, the majority of the feedback provided was related to the proposed establishment of a separate stormwater fee.

These residents felt strongly that creating a single flat rate for stormwater across Ottawa ignored the significant differences between properties in different parts of the city. Residents in unconnected properties are already required to fund their own private well and septic systems and drainage, as well as, in some circumstances, private stormwater systems and believe that the City should take these additional costs into consideration when establishing any new fee.

Moreover, rural stormwater services are different than those provided in the urban area, and most expressed the view that any fee should also take those differences into account. Finally, although the participants on private well and septic systems are more aware than most residents that the City's stormwater infrastructure helps protect their roads from flooding, ponding and increased icing in freeze/thaw cycles, they also asked that the City look at stormwater services and rates in the broader context of how rural issues are dealt with overall.

The City has made significant changes to what was initially proposed in order to respond directly to what the City heard through the consultation process. The new structure is more flexible and reflective of the many different kinds of properties in Ottawa, increasing fairness. It recognizes the different types of services received by those in serviced areas of the city and those who rely on private wells in urban and rural Ottawa.

Finally, it recognizes that changing the way residents and businesses pay for water, wastewater and stormwater services would affect those that are not connected to City services, and recommends a phase-in to reduce the impact on those who are not currently paying for stormwater services.

In addition, although not directly related to the Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Rate Review, staff is mindful of the feedback they received during the public consultation period with respect to related City services, in particular with ditching standards and the City's Ditch Alteration Policy. To this end, **staff is proposing to review the Ditch Alteration Policy in 2017, and make adjustments, where possible, to address a number of the concerns raised.**

Feedback and next steps

If you would like to give us feedback on this proposal, please send an email to WWSRSR-EBRE@ottawa.ca. The Environment Committee will be considering this report on **October 18th, 2016**. If you wish, you may submit your feedback to the Committee in writing or ask to speak as a public delegation by contacting the Committee Coordinator, [Christopher Zwierzchowski](#).

It is anticipated that City Council will consider the new rate structure on October 26, 2016.

Cumberland Community Association
Treasurers
Monthly Report

October 6th, 2016

Bank balance as of September 1st, 2016

\$ 10,914.51

Disbursements since September 1st 2016

Monthly fee for September, 2016	\$ (3.75)
Bank fee for deposit of \$1,195.30	\$ (0.27)
Halpenny Insurance Brokers Ltd, Directors' Ins.	\$ (670.68)

Total Disbursements

\$ (674.70)

Receipts since September 1st, 2016

Total Receipts

\$

Bank balance as of October 6th , 2016

\$ 10,239.81