

WWCA Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2009

In attendance: Peter Duschenes, David Haskins, Christine Rowsell, Christopher Duschenes, Peter Bleyer

Regrets: Jason Thomson, Ralph Wiesbrock

- 1) **Approval of minutes from Nov. 12 meeting:** Chris Duschenes moves to adopt, David Haskins seconds, Approved by Unanimous vote.
- 2) **Road Reconstruction Feedback:** HCA's request for feedback on our experience with the road reconstruction. Mr. Dickson was forwarded to the HCA BIA for road reconstruction comments.
- 3) **Hockey Helmet Drive update:** (Jason, Peter and Christopher) – Letter written to Jason Spezza to try to get help for this as he lives in our community. No response received yet.

Actions:

- a. Peter D. to phone the Senators to find out who is Jason Spezza's agent and or to follow up to with the Senators Public Relations department.
 - b. Chris D. to write to Canadian Tire to try to get donations of helmets
 - c. Jason Thomson wrote to 67s. The 67s responded and said that they couldn't help out financially but what they could do is sell us tickets for \$7 and we could resell them for \$12 and we could use the profits for the purchase of helmets. The board has decided that it is too competitive to sell 67s tickets, so it was decided that this was not an option.
 - d. Loeb – There is a sign asking local residents for donations is still up at Loeb.
 - e. St. Vincent's – Peter Bleyer – to follow up with St. Vincent's to see how many helmets could purchased from them (with \$100).
 - f. Add to the agenda of the next meeting to decide how long the WWCA will try to target this "Helmet drive activity" for this year.
- 4) **Helping out with the Fisher Park skating rink:** (Peter D. Update) – Peter wrote to Steve Potter, a volunteer who has been responsible for the maintenance of the skating rink for the past few years, and asked to if the

WWCA could do anything to help. Steve mentioned that he already needs volunteers to help with the flooding of the rink and to remove any light snow. He needs help Saturday & Sunday mornings.

- a. **Action:** Perhaps a letter could be publicized on WWCA webpage & sent out to mailing list. Peter D. to write Steve to ask who volunteers should contact and to find out more information for how this is run.
- 5) **Greening Your Home evening report:** (Peter , Christopher) – William Kemp recommended both of the speakers. Approximately 20 people attended the information session. Great feedback was received about this event and there was great interest in Geothermal Heating from the event.
 - 6) **Parkdale Market letter (Email from Philip Powell – Markets manager) –** Phillip was to provide the WWCA a response in November.

Actions:

- a. Chris D. to follow up with the City concerning a full report from Ottawa City Council concerning the Parkdale Market.
 - b. Peter D will also follow up with the Phillip Powell.
- 7) **Next WWCA Event** – WWCA hopes to plan a big event in the spring. We also realize the need to focus on a membership drive.

Ideas “Art in the Park?”, **Greening of West Wellington:** Plant Exchange/Sale (Master gardener booth, ed Lawrence? Food and plants (incorporating herbs), a tree booth, Lori Fagan, gardening with local plants, concentrated along Wellington, City of Ottawa may donate trees, horticultural society, perhaps this could be done in conjunction with the tree planting along Wellington.

Actions:

- a. Peter D. to follow up with Annie from the BIA to see if there is already an event planned in the spring and also to give her the “Greening Wellington / Plant Sale” idea.
 - b. Chris D. to ask Lori Fagan to find out if there is a horticultural society that the WWCA could work with on something like this.
- 8) **Rosemount Library event report. (David)** – A painting was unveiled that had been done by the youth in the community and is now displayed in the library. WWCA cheque was given before the event. A thank you letter from the manager of Rosemount Library was sent to WWCA for the 90th birthday celebration thanking the WWCA for a wonderful album of

Rosemount history.

- 9) **New website and streamlining of various lists. (David Haskins)** – Westwellington.ca is pointing to the new website (the blog.ca). LaneChange is our host for the website and the WWCA is signed up for 3 years. This new format is easier to manage as it can be accessed through a browser instead of coding html. This way any members of the board could maintain or add content to the website. You can subscribe by email to receive an update for every new post. Thunderbird is being used for the new mailing list. Dave is attempting to streamline the distribution list.

- a. Action: Dave to take a look at the distribution list to see if streamlining of the list is complete.

10)Development Updates (Chris D.)

- a. 119 Richmond Road Development (Old Canadian Tire site) – The major thing that the city should be preoccupied with is that if they are looking for minor variances they need to look at the cumulative effect of all the minor variances. In this case, there was a concern was about a parkette and the WWCA being involved at the last minute.

- i. Action: Peter D. to confirm if a letter was sent.

- b. Tim Horton's Rumour – Peter Bleyer Update – It seems that it is highly unlikely to have a Tim Hortons in a downtown area as they do not have a drive through.

- i. Action: Peter B. to get an update on this.

- c. City Policies on Urban Intensification - Chris to take a look to see if there have been any updates.

- 11) **Harvest Festival Update:** Sheryl Parrot from the HCA sent a thank you letter was given to the WWCA for our donation to the Harvest Festival Hay ride. The Harvest festival invoice was given as a receipt for the WWCA donation.

12)Other

- a. Future event idea: Sports equipment exchange in the fall? Peter Bleyer

- 13) **Next meeting:** Monday, Feb 9th, 2009. (Fisher Park Room 112)