

## WWCA Meeting Minutes

February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009

In attendance: Peter Duschenes, David Haskins, Christine Rowsell, Jason Thomson, Ralph Wiesbrock, John Sutton

Regrets: Christopher Duschenes, Peter Bleyer

- 1) **Approval of minutes from January 13th meeting:** Ralph Wiesbrock moves to adopt, David Haskins seconds, Approved by Unanimous vote.
- 2) **Hockey Helmet Drive update:** (Jason, Peter and Christopher) – A letter had been written in January to Jason Spezza to try to get help for this as he lives in our community. Still no response received directly from him yet. However, Peter D. contacted Chad Shallah from the Ottawa Senators Public Relations Department. Chad said that the Senators were already involved in outfitting needy kids and Jason Spezza is already involved. Although this was negative for our drive, Chad did kept the door open to see if there was anything else they could discuss.

Jason Thomson has posted signs at Loeb & the library – There is a sign asking local residents for donations is still up at Loeb. Jason had also submitted an article to the Newswest regarding the drive which included his contact information. No one has contacted him yet.

The Principal of Connaught Public School, Irene Cameron is looking for approximately 225 helmets and sees it with a long-term plan. The WWCA will get back to her with any other updates.

Actions:

- a. Peter D. to follow up with Chad Shallah again to see if there are any other opportunities.
  - b. Jason Thomson – to contact Jeff Leiper to see if the Hintonburg Community Association wants to get involved since the school is in their community association boundaries.
  - c. St. Vincent's – Peter Bleyer – to follow up with St. Vincent's to see how many helmets could be purchased from them (with \$100).
- 2) **Helping out with the Fisher Park skating rink:** (Peter D. Update) – An article was submitted to newswest to get volunteers for the maintenance of the skating rink.

- a. **Action:** Peter D. to write Steve to ask if the article generated any new volunteers.

### 3) New website and streamlining of various lists. (David Haskins)

David has removed any bounced back emails received following any email communications.

- a. **Action:** Dave continues to take a look at the distribution list to see if streamlining of the list is complete.
- b. **Action:** Dave to do a draft email for the distribution list of the following items:
  - i. Upcoming meetings, AGM & events
  - ii. Helmet drive
  - iii. Fisher Park Rink Volunteers

### 4) Development Updates

- 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 follow up with Mark Fathers to see if there has been any update following a letter that was sent.
- b. Holland Avenue Project (Behind the Table restaurant) – Although this is within the HCA boundary, the WWCA is interested in this development as it impacts our main street. In this case Domicile is trying to get planning relief for an 8 storey building across more than 1 site (2 parcels of land – Healthiest Home & next building likely have development of up to 3 storey's only). A public meeting is to be held shortly.
  - i. **Action:** Jason Thomson to follow up with Linda Hoad (HCA) to see if she is aware of an upcoming meeting.
  - ii. **Action:** Upon notice of a meeting the WWCA will send the meeting information along with comments that were submitted to the city by the HCA and further supported by the WWCA so that members of the community can attend.

- 5) **Next WWCA Spring Event** – The WWCA had been hoping to plan a big event in the spring however due to resource constraints it was discussed and decided that perhaps we should focus on participating at existing events with the BIA and HCA. Annie from the BIA had suggested that the WWCA continue with a Speaker Series. The WWCA thought that we could perhaps do this in conjunction with the BIA and it would require fewer resources than organizing a large scale event.
- a. **Action:** Peter D. to follow up with Annie from the BIA about the potential speaker series if they have any ideas for topics and about potential partnering.
  - b. **Action:** Peter D. to follow up with Peter B. & Christopher D. to see if one of them can attend the BIA AGM that is being held on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009.
  - c. **Action:** Peter D. to contact HCA to find out who is the ‘greening your neighbourhood’ contact for Hintonburg.
- 6) **Membership:** The WWCA realizes the need to focus on a membership drive. It was discussed for the WWCA to have a membership drive before the AGM. Due to volunteer constraints the WWCA could focus on getting volunteers to talk to residents on 2 streets and then send out flyers to other streets where volunteers are not found.
- a. **Action:** Ralph W. to look at google earth to look at the number of blocks in the WWCA boundary and have an estimate on the number of houses in the boundary as well.
- 7) **Federation of Community Associations (FCA):** It was reported that at the last FCA board meeting of November 27, 2008 it was agreed that the Federation would support a motion proposed by Councillors Chiarelli and Cullen which would constrain the City in seeking cost awards from civic groups. The motion is to come before the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee on Tuesday February 17. Community associations and like groups were encouraged to contact their Councillors to request their support for the motion.

A decision was passed this week and basically if the City is awarded legal fees it is proposing to not go after community associations if they lost to the city so that the democratic process continues to work as community associations would never be able to afford that.

## 8) Other

- a. **Payment for Fisher Park room bookings** – The WWCA’s past credit has run out.

- i. **Action:** Christine to follow up with Peter Bleyer to see if a lump sum is put towards payment of Fisher Park until the funds run out each year. What is the process?
- ii. **Action:** Christine to follow up with Peter Bleyer about paying the outstanding balance to Fisher Park.

9) **Next meetings:** (Suggested Dates)

- a. Tuesday, March 31st, 2009. (Fisher Park Room # 14 - Basement)
- b. Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 – AGM meeting (Fisher Park Room #14 Basement – However this will be confirmed as we get closer to the date as the City says we may be able to get the gym by then).

*Other topics from January meeting with actions that should be followed up upon (Should I keep in the minutes to not loose sight of these topics):*

**Parkdale Market letter (Email from Philip Powell – Markets manager) –**  
Phillip was to provide the WWCA a response in November.

**Actions:**

- c. Chris D. to follow up with the City concerning a full report from Ottawa City Council concerning the Parkdale Market.
- d. Peter D will also follow up with the Phillip Powell.

**Development Applications:**

**Actions:**

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.

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