

Wisteria Park Community Association Meeting
January 14, 2015
Minutes

Present: Genevieve Denis (chair), Steve Long (vice chair), Olivia Leung, Amin Amin (members at large), Sylvia Bakker (secretary), Brittany Risto (representing Councillor Diane Deans' office)

Gen opened the meeting at 7:45 p.m. The agenda was approved.

1. **Coun. Diane Deans' Report** -- Brittany gave the Councillor's Report on behalf of Diane Deans.
 - a. **Puddle Rink** – Hydro for the bunker at the puddle rink will not be connected for some time because of unforeseen problems with digging. This means the hoses for flooding cannot stay in the bunker and must stay in a resident's house, making it more difficult to share the task of flooding. Because of this, the City has offered to take over flooding of the rink, themselves, until hydro can be connected. (**UPDATE:** City staff inspected the rink and feels it is in good shape, and we should continue flooding as we have been. The second installment cheque will now be issued to the association.)
 - b. **Snowplowing** – Despite numerous efforts, Pondview Cres was missed again during the last major snowfall. It did eventually get plowed, but was not salted. Brittany assured the association that it would not be missed again and it would be salted regularly.
 - c. **Annual Budget Consultation** – Councillor Deans encourages everyone to attend the annual budget consultation meeting. For Ottawa South, the meeting will be held Feb. 9, 2015, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., City Hall's Council Chambers. Everyone is welcome. Coun. Deans also welcomes input on the budget via email or telephone.
 - d. **New Bus Shelter** -- The bus shelter for the stop on Hunt Club in front of the gas station has been approved. It should be in place within a year.
 - e. **Widening of Airport Parkway** – An environmental assessment is now being done for a proposed widening of the Airport Parkway and Lester Road to four lanes. A public meeting on the topic will be held on Jan. 27, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Jim Durrell Recreation Centre.
 - f. **Winter Carnival** – The City has some funds that we could use for a winter carnival. At the same time, Coun. Deans could officially open the Puddle Rink. Our proposed date is Sat. Feb. 14, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Brittany will check Couns. Deans' availability. (**UPDATE:** Couns. Deans is not available that day; but is available on Feb. 21st, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.)
2. **Puddle Rink** – The rink continues to improve with frequent floodings.
3. **Carnival** – Ideas for the carnival were discussed: tug of war, skating, inviting Boy Scouts to hold a bonfire and sell s'mores; invite nearby businesses to participate/sponsor.

4. **Newsletter** – Genevieve, Janet Lynn and Sylvia continue to work on the newsletter. Content has been drafted by Sylvia. Genevieve is working on the layout.
5. **Website/Facebook** – Olivia has created a web page (<http://wisteriaparkcommunityassociation.weebly.com/>) and a facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/WisteriaParkCommunityAssociation?ref=aymt_homepage_panel) to increase the visibility of the association, and to use it to communicate with residents.
6. **Bank Account** – The association will open a bank account with Desjardins.
7. **Other Business**
 - a. Entrance to Wisteria Cres needs to be salted. Cars trying to stop for the stop sign, leaving Wisteria to Paul Anka have trouble stopping, going down the slope. **ACTION: Gen will email Brittany**
 - b. Steve suggested a representative from the Hunt Club Community Association be invited to one of our meetings in the future to discuss common concerns. All agreed. **ACTION: Steve will invite a member of the Hunt Club Community Association to one of our meetings in the future.**
 - c. Sylvia requested permission to speak to the community council on Uplands Base to initiate talks about the possibility of opening the trail between the two communities. Agreed. **ACTION: Sylvia will reach out to the community council.**

Next Meeting: Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2015, 7:45 to 9:00 p.m. At Hunt Club-Riverside Community Centre. All welcome.