

Osgoode Village Community Association  
(OVCA)  
Annual General Meeting  
(AGM)

*Stuart Holmes Arena  
Tuesday February 21 2023*

1. **Opening and Meeting Welcome** 7:30 pm- Emily Dozois  
-opening of meeting at 7:36  
Motion to start the meeting (Emily)  
Seconded: AKS

**2. Introduction of the active current executive members**

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Directors</u>
President: Emily Dozois	Brian Warren
Vice President: vacant position	Sarah Cimetta (absent)
Secretary: Adriana Hulse (interim)	Pierre Decaire (interim)
Treasurer: Robert Smith	Matthew Scobie (interim)
Communications: Ashley Koning-Smith	Joseph Boushey
Past President: Rob Boughner	Ashely Warren

**3. Approval of 2022 AGM minutes**

Motion to approve the Minutes: ED  
Seconded: AKS  
All in Favour – Yes, no corrections or comments

**4. Introduction of Invitees and their reports, questions at the end.**

- MPP Goldie Ghamari (absent, remarks provided in a brief email, and read by Emily Dozois)
- No questions raised for Goldie

- Councillor George Darouze

-discussion about changes since Covid and thanks to the executive on the OVCA  
- looking forward to supporting initiatives lead by OVCA in 2023  
-budget highlights, pave Swale Road from Dalmeny Rd. to Belmeade Rd., new park in the new sub-division in South Creek Osgoode along Buckles Road, \$8 million funds for Mitch Owens/Salesbarn and a few other intersections in the ward  
-investing in the roof and gazebo in the parking lot at Osgoode arena  
-ODR looking for new side boards to reno the rink  
-culverts and widening of Leitrim Road

- Question posed:

Where is the wifi for Metcalfe and Osgoode? Response: There was a change in communication companies and now we are waiting for new install, and it will be in place by Summer 2023 in Osgoode.

**5. Election of board members**

- Voting on Interim Board Members

Adriana Hulse as secretary all in favour 20 votes 20/20

Pierre Decaire as director all in favour 20 votes 20/20

- Nominations

Rob McLellan new member, all in favour 18 votes 20/20

- Matt Scobie to remain as interim member without voting ability until next AGM if he is still available (membership must be completed in person with voting)

## 6. Updates from OVCA committees:

### Chair/Events Report - Emily Dozois

- Maintenance of website and social media accounts was ongoing
- Seasonal flag changes we completed
- Maintenance of village signs
- Hosted several virtual BINGO events
- Hosted our AGM
- Hosted our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Family Skate Night at the outdoor rink
- Hosted our annual Spring Clean-up, with the addition of free burgers from the Red Dot Cafe and live music
- Hosted a meet and greet with the new Community Police Officer, Andrew Worth
- Porch Fest: Partnered with O-YA's Block Party and Osgoode Porchfest to expand on a very successful annual event including live music, children's activities, food trucks, and a car show
- Canada Day: Hosted our annual bike decorating contest which was judged by Goldie Ghamari and first prize was a gift card for a new bike donated by Foodland, Children's entertainment provided by Full of Beans and The Zoo Crew, Magic show and Live Music on the main stage, National anthem by Kayleigh Styles, Beer Tent, Fireworks from Hands Fireworks,
- Hosted our annual BBQ to thank Volunteers
- Porch Fest 2.0 Added a kids Glow Party and Costume Contest at OYA parking lot
- Hosted an All Candidates Debate (ward Councillors) ahead of the Municipal Election
- Hosted a Spooky Home Tour for Halloween
- Hosted 2nd annual Parade of Lanterns and provided DIY lantern kits for the community, included NoGo Coffee truck on site
- Christmas in the Village: Partnered with the Red Dot Cafe to host our annual Breakfast with Santa event with free Santa Photos and Gift Wrapping by volunteer elves, Hosted an Outdoor Christmas Market with Wagon Rides down main street, partnered with the library to host Christmas Story Time and a community art project, free gingerbread decorating event thanks to NROCRC, annual parade of lights, provided Christmas hampers and gifts to over 20 children from 11 families in the Community, Raised over \$600 for the local Emergency Food Cupboard along with many non-perishable donations, 1<sup>st</sup> annual Ugly Sweater Christmas Party at the Legion as a fundraiser for the Osgoode Emergency Food Cupboard with late night snacks provided by the Red Dot and entertainment provided by Press Play, 1st annual Seniors Holiday Luncheon at the Osgoode Legion with food provided by the Red Dot Cafe and gift bags provided by George Darouze.

-No questions at the end of the report.

### B. Treasurer's Report – Robert Smith

- Feb 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023: \$21,303.31 in bank and \$16,181.97 not yet allocated but set aside for plans

-No questions at the end of the Treasury Report

## 7. Updates from Community Groups

<p>Manotick Village Community Association (Irene Staron)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Regrets, unable to attend</li> </ul>
<p>Metcalfe Community Association (Marc Sauve)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● words of thanks for the work OVCA is doing and collaboration</li> <li>● They have taken notice of what we have been doing and look forward to working with us in the future.</li> </ul>
<p>Osgoode Youth Association (Nicole McKerracher)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● So busy and doing well, lots of attendance, interest in new programs, lots of new youth showing up,</li> <li>● before school prg and after school prg for grades 2-6 as well as day camps, summer camps also popular</li> <li>● Lego club every other Monday for kids grades 5 to 8</li> <li>● bell let's talk funds for lgtbq and ally group that meets regularly at OYA (Prism),</li> <li>● Fundraising event is set for (Goode Run) May 13<sup>th</sup>. It is already off to a great start in planning and registration and is a great family event for everyone.</li> <li>● Sat June 10<sup>th</sup> block party again with glow party and porch fest partnership</li> <li>● New plans for kids and adults to attend seasonal sights in the City: Tulip Fest, Pride Parade, Summer Solitice indigenous event, fest of lights etc. (transportation and coordination)</li> <li>● Rural Mental Youth collective: 13 associations across Ottawa plus Ottawa Police Services and Ottawa Public Health: make rural youth feel more supported in their mental health by sharing what is available and create new services. Quinn, youth mental health counsellor, now in person at OYA once a week to offer youth counselling. There is a private and welcoming youth counselling room with private access through back door. There are current availabilities, and the service is free.</li> </ul>
<p>Osgoode Beavers and Cubs (Chris Davis)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Chris is the Group Commissioner for Osgoode Beavers and Cubs</li> <li>● closed in covid, 12 members in 2022, 27 beavers and 12 cubs in 2023, members are coming in from neighbouring communities because other groups are full (in demand)</li> <li>● Raymond's, fundraiser for Ukraine &gt;\$2000 bottle drive for Red Cross</li> <li>● Upcoming Art Sale-Bonnie paint night, raise funds for CHEO, partner with Vibration Studios</li> <li>● in need of volunteers in 2024 for Scouts program</li> </ul>
<p>Osgoode Outdoor Rink And Osgoode Fish and Game Club (Scott Faris)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● ODR Scott is the volunteer coordinator, lots of challenges in 2022/2023 winter</li> <li>● low volunteers, need regular volunteers</li> <li>● new boards will be upgraded (old boards are rotting)</li> <li>● Fish and Game Club (Scott is a member)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 2023 ice fishing was cancelled due to thin ice/poor weather conditions</li> <li>● family ice fishing day is usually family day weekend</li> <li>● 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the July for family fishing day, 2022 over 90 kids visited, lots of great giveaways</li> <li>● 1 fundraiser per year, normally in November a big meal (3 years cancelled due to covid and no time for getting sponsors), hoping for a Game Meal in 2023 in the Greely Community Centre</li> </ul>
<p>NROCRC (Carley Scharf)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Nepean Rideau and Osgoode Community Resource Centre provides services for all ages</li> <li>● Partners with OVCA as a community development coordinator and bringing groups together and collaborating and connected</li> <li>● has some funds to add to programs such as paying for the gingerbread cookie decorating event, the mural, etc.</li> <li>● free tax clinic for low-income seniors coming up</li> <li>● helps local people find the services they need</li> </ul>
<p>Fitness for Positive Aging (Sheila Beichler)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sheila runs an exercise group for older adults</li> <li>● previously was for walking (walkie talkies)</li> <li>● meets Monday and Thursdays from 9-10 in the hall above the Arena</li> <li>● Sheila is certified in senior (active agers) fitness</li> <li>● a variety of cardio, stretch, balance, education, and strength</li> <li>● recommendation is 150 minutes/week to get a health benefit!</li> <li>● 20 people right now participate in Osgoode</li> <li>● Offers also a great social element</li> </ul>
<p>Osgoode Outreach (Elizabeth McNee)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Elizabeth Coordinates outreach initiatives in Osgoode for all ages (adults)</li> <li>● thanks to the new members who have rejuvenated the activities and accomplished so much in the past few years despite hardships!</li> <li>● knitting, darts, pool, speakers: for example, a paramedic came and showed them how to use a defib</li> <li>● ted talks, activities, partner with NROC for the Christmas beautiful something</li> <li>● a great place for socializing and making connections and meeting the needs of neighbours</li> <li>● Tuesday 10 to 12 at the Legion weekly</li> </ul>
<p>Ottawa South Youth Choir (Jennifer Thievierge)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Jennifer started this Choir in the summer of 2022 with volunteer, Jackie Allen</li> <li>● Jennifer has been singing and teaching for 25 years</li> <li>● The choir kids are ages 7-14, and there are currently 31 kids!!</li> <li>● Concert sold out at December, and it was held at Trinity Bible Church</li> <li>● May 6<sup>th</sup> is the next concert in Kemptville for use of bigger venue</li> <li>● Participants come from Kemptville, Greely, Manotick, and Metcalfe, and Osgoode</li> <li>● May consider an adult only choir in the future</li> <li>● Hugely successful 1<sup>st</sup> year!</li> </ul>

<p>Osgoode Village Garden Club (Ron Donelley)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● library gardens were fully revamped in 2022, 13 volunteers over 6 weeks to complete the work</li> <li>● Grants for \$2200 to cover the costs to garden upgrades</li> <li>● Richmond nursery contest winners, won 100 plants, Oya, peace gardens, and at library</li> <li>● 2022 hosted 1<sup>st</sup> plant sale, sold out, \$800 raised</li> <li>● They are adding signage to the plants in library gardens to teach people what grows well in our climate and share info (education is part of their mandate)</li> <li>● Put in a sprinkler system instead of watering cans at the library (project to come)</li> <li>● Hoping to increase the membership and they have been advertising via social media and local newsletters etc.</li> <li>● Hoping to bring in more speakers to their monthly meetings and invite more community members to attend</li> </ul> <p>Question asked: is there any interest of plan for future for a community food garden? Response: so far, its not in the plans, but they are currently considering a butterfly or pollinator garden in the south creek area.</p>
<p>Osgoode-Kars United Church (Adriana Hulse)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Adriana is a Board Member of OKUC</li> <li>● Overview of Church community work and changes over the past year, amalgamation with Kars Trinity and St. James</li> <li>● Thanked the community for offering donations to keep the church open and create a plan for amalgamation and strategies</li> <li>● Discussed United Church Women (UCW) community monthly breakfasts. In Feb the donations collected were given to Ottawa Heart Institute (\$1000), food drives ongoing for food bank, various other local causes supported by weekly breakfasts and regular bake sales</li> <li>● UCW to provide pie sale at Osgoode Canada Day event</li> <li>● services at 10am weekly, and in person and available over zoom, add to minister distribution list to stay in loop or follow-on Facebook,</li> <li>● accessibility in the church via lift and Everyone is welcome at the United Church, available space for events and rentals (hall with kitchen)</li> </ul>

8. **Meeting Close:** Emily Dozois thanked everyone one for attending and sharing information and asking questions.

AGM Adjourned: 8:30 pm  
 Motion to adjourn: ED  
 Seconded: RS

9. **Next Regular Monthly Meeting:** 7:30 PM Tuesday March 21<sup>st</sup> in the Fred Alexander room at the Stuart Holmes Arena