

OSGOODE VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Minutes

OBJECT	Regular Monthly Executive Meeting		
DATE & TIME	Tuesday, June 18 th , 2024 at 7:30 P.M.		
LOCATION	Osgoode Arena		
ATTENDEES	Officers Brian Warren (BW) Wendy Mussell (WM) Ashley Koning-Smith (AS) Adriana Hulse (AH) Pierre Decaire (PD) Rob Smith (RS) Rob McLellan (RM)	Regrets Ashley Warren (AW)	Visitors Mary-Louise Purdy
Agenda Items			
1.0	Call to Order: Introductions / Welcome of Visitors	7:32 Moved: BW and 2 nd : AS Mary-Louise Purdy	
2.0	Visitors	Address Visitor's Business MLP regarding the community yard sale that she has been involved since 1995. It seems to be getting smaller and smaller and she is wondering why and had some suggestions: -maybe too hard to find, better map with street names, balloons like before or magnetic signs for the street signs, ppl with just a little bit to sell could sell from trunk with a donation to the food bank, another way to do it is to have a table by donation for a certain cause, at a boot sale you can box up leftovers to bring everything to house of Lazarus, add coffee and a BBQ, add some music to promote the porch fest and Canada Day promotions and a volunteer sign up for Canada Day/Xmas ect. Add a farmers market booth (such as Dalmeny Acres) -send ppl over to the Plant Sale at the Library, the Seniors yard sale, and the additional addresses, it could help to relook at the dates and coordinate with existing sale events. Feedback from Porch Fest: seating would be helpful at the Food Truck Alley, and white font the schedule is difficult to read,	
3.0	Approval of Minutes	Minutes from the previous meeting approved (May 2024) All in favour	
4.0	Chair's Report (RM)	Committee Wide Updates:	

		<p>-discussion about professionalism and making sure we all talk about other community groups/ppl in a professional way (everyone agreed)</p> <p>-Approved for Paint it up Grant has been delayed and interviews for teens to work on this haven't happened yet and not it's getting too close to summer. Hopefully, many interested teens will apply. The plan is do get the project done Aug 12th to 16th with a community unveiling on the 17th or 18th</p> <p>Nomination for AS to be Vice Chair: Motion to approve AS to be the OVCA Vice-Chair – All in Favour</p>
5.0	Treasurer's Report (LM)	<p>Financial Update \$34 586.73 currently in the bank</p> <p>Canada Day will include many cheques, and AS will make a list, and WM will attend the next Canada Day meeting at OYA 7:30</p>
6.0	Communications Report (AS)	<p>Communications Update</p> <p>-Athletico promo code is in the works</p> <p>-35 houses signed up for the garage sale</p>
7.0	ONGOING BUSINESS	
A.	Legal Matters	-a policy document is ready to discuss and approve regarding what OVCA supports and covers (defer to Aug for RM)
B.	OVCA calendar (AH)	-any changes or new items, none
C.	Canada Day, Mon. July 1st	-planning update from Committee Need 7 inflatables volunteers and clean up after fireworks volunteer (BW). The plans are all ready to go.
D.	Family Fun Day Sat Aug 24	-OVCA role / update (RS) Some things are in the works like OPP and Osgoode Fire might attend, full of beans, bbq, music, RS will work on it a lot after Canada Day
E.	Village Message Signs	-banner quotes, next steps Motion to spend up to \$1000 on village signs/modification. Moved: PD Seconded: RS All in favour
F.	Purchases & Rentals OVCA equipment	-Any new requests (none) -things stored at 'Raymond's -new equipment from Grant update from RM: most things have been purchased, there is still \$1000 to spend and items must fall within the approved grant description
G.	Rural Community Building Grant	-reports and new applications: not discussed
H.	Porch Fest	<p>Updates: event was \$1200, maps, port-a-potties, signage, and misc. funding from Darouze and Osgoode Pharm (\$300) raffle tickets are still being sold (currently \$345), expected that OVCA cost will be \$345</p> <p>-Survey got 50 responses: most were 4 or 5 out of 5 = high</p>

		<p>satisfaction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -issues: too much garbage at Food Truck Alley -food trucks were happy with turn out and they sold out -good response from local businesses -slow event signage was good and helped -parking is still an issue and needs to be sorted out -the signed guitar raffle went well -more volunteers needed in 2025 -David from Richmond brought a tractor and wagon to transport ppl and he will come back next year with 2 wagons if he can advertise the Richmond Fair on the wagon (yes) -bad weather didn't stop ppl from coming -want to figure out a gift for musicians and hosts (sponsored maybe) -18 booths and a radio station at the artisan market went well -car show 55 cars, Archie sold 50 bags of food for the food cupboard and additional donations -potentially access funding from City for Arts, potentially Osgoode could have an Arts hub,
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8.0		NEW BUSINESS
A.	i. Follow ups from community survey	i. Survey results showed that safe washrooms near the main park are needed. Better lighting by the park is the 2 nd highest. Lighting on signage would be doable, last meeting we motioned for 3 key items to go to George Darouze (washrooms/ lighting/com dev plan for main street)
	ii. Community Development Plan	ii. for Main Park, the Community Centre, and Main Street. Discuss next steps: we need a spear head who is not on the Board and RM suggested Matt Nesrallah. Board agrees, RM will ask him. No other people were suggested to work on this.
	iii. Osgoode Food Bank	iii. Salvation Army. AH will reach out to Gaye Pratt to see if this is possible (space is a consideration) RM suggested a mobile food bank to service the rural villages. AH to report back
	iv. Emergency Response	iv. Salvation Army and Red Cross -Salvation Army is a first responder to disasters/events in rural Ottawa – they are interested in setting up small community lead groups across rural Ottawa to achieve this. -RM would like to continue to collaborate on this with Salvation Army and Red Cross
	v. OVCA Goals and Mandate	v. RM suggesting we have a facilitated session and decide what is our real purpose and goal and what things are we doing that don't necessarily fit within our mandate. BW noted that it's become a lot of events and less people, and a lot of volunteers have left, and some things are burning people out. RM will look for a facilitator and aim for the fall. All in Favour

9.0	Adjournment
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A.	Next Meeting	Tuesday, August 20 th , 2024 at 7:30pm @ Osgoode Arena
B.	Meeting Adjourned	9:02pm Motion to adjourn: RM, seconded BW

Approved: _____
Date: _____
Secretary: _____
Chair: _____