

OSGOODE VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
**Minutes**

OBJECT	Regular Monthly Executive Meeting		
DATE & TIME	Tuesday, August 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 at 7:30 P.M.		
LOCATION	Osgoode Arena		
ATTENDEES	<b>Officers</b> Ashley Warren (AW) Wendy Mussell (WM) Ashley Koning-Smith (AS) Adriana Hulse (AH) Pierre Decaire (PD) Rob Smith (RS) Rob McLellan (RM)	<b>Regrets</b> none	<b>Visitors</b> Sheila Biechler Carley Scharf Paul Masaro Heather McLellan
<b>Agenda Items</b>			
1.0	Call to Order: Introductions / Welcome of Visitors	7:03pm moved RS and PD	
2.0	Visitors	<p>Address Visitor’s Business</p> <p>Sheila – Garden club updates along with current financials. They are doing well from fundraising and are highly active with 35 volunteer members. Yates donated significantly to the library garden. Suggestion is to convert OYA and main park gardens to cottage style to reduce weeds. RM suggested putting in native species for environmental needs.</p> <p>Sheila – Walkies (exercise club) she showed us how people sign up and the spreadsheets show the daily and total attendance and total funds collected. Typically 16 ppl attend each day. There are 33 members. \$1 a session. Total funds in the bank is \$900 this is used for fitness bands/equipment and her certification and sometimes health/wellness speakers. They have made a donation to various local charities such as to the Legion in the past.</p> <p>Insurance paperwork needs to be done for Walkies and Garden Club.</p>	

3.0	Approval of Minutes	Minutes from the previous meeting (June 2024) Moved PD Second AS
4.0	Chair's Report (RM)	Committee Wide Updates Brian Warren stepping down. This is leaving a gap in our team. We need to attract more ppl to the group. We will acknowledge Brian at the Legion event in Aug.
5.0	Treasurer's Report (LM)	Financial Update  Bank Balance is \$28 000 approximately. The updated spreadsheets and numbers have been added to the sharedrive. \$11 000 will be spent soon on the sea can.
6.0	Communications Report (AS)	Communications Update AS continues to share all items on Social.
7.0	<b>ONGOING BUSINESS</b>	
A.	Legal and Policy items (RM)	-Policy document re OVCA support of other organizations Should we add a form (RS) RM thought it was too much, but if we add it keep it separate from the policy. RM will finalize and circulate.
B.	OVCA Strategic Plan (RM)	-Next steps (hire facilitator) fall session -Purpose-what is our real purpose and goal and what things are we doing that don't necessarily fit within our mandate. RM will look for grants for this activity and report back in Sept.
C.	OVCA calendar (AH)	-Porch Fest 2025 – June 7th -Community Garage Sale 2025 May 24th -community clean up – could have ppl adopt a street or we could have the guides/scouts and local sports teams come out as teams to represent and OVCA could throw them a thank you party in the Hall after. and April after Easter and coordinate with the school and their efforts for Earth Day on April 22 <sup>nd</sup> .
D.	Paint it Up – Sea Can (RM & CS)	-Follow up It went well, it went quickly, the kids loved it. Well received by the community. The Artists used more time and paint than they expected. Positive comments by many. More painting projects in Osgoode would be well received.  Motion to request for \$500 to cover extra supplies and effort for the event. -All in Favour  Motion to start a Art subcommittee in Osgoode. Spearheaded by RM and Heather McLellan. -All in Favour They will get together to put together a mandate and some plans that would include a community consultation as well as

		some recruiting of key community arts people. NROC has some funding to support a meeting this year. An arts subcommittee would also be helpful for Porch Fest as well.
E.	Family Fun Day Sat Aug 24 (RS)	- \$1000 budget approval motion - All in Favour  RS shared there is a live band coming, he will DJ, the Legion and OVCA paid for food, axiom realty, and full of beans will be there, liquor license on entire property,
F.	Village Message Signs	- update (\$1000 was previously approved), it in the works
G.	Purchases & Rentals OVCA equipment	- Any new requests: - Things stored at Raymond's (will move after sea cans are organized) - New equipment from Grant was used to buy shelving materials for Sea Can  Policy about lending our equipment to was discussed. RM has drafted a document. This would be a community resource, not for profit. Expectations sheet to go with each borrow. There is a document about renting our OVCA equipment from the past should we want to revisit it. Review a final next meeting. Board members can borrow and use the share drive calendar to reserve equipment.
H.	Rural Community Building Grant	- reports and next application RM is checking it over and will submit the report. Proposals should be drafted in the October meeting. AH add to Oct agenda.
I.	Food Bank / Sal. Army partner (AH and RM)	- Gaye Pratt sent an update about suggestions of how to find out if this is needed in Osgoode. AH and RM can discuss. - Discussion about hampers, group pickup needs to be anonymous as possible to maintain dignity/privacy - RS is willing to help coordinate the handout at the Legion if - Lions or Salvation Army is set up to do the hampers - RM and CS attended a meeting about emergency preparedness for food needs with the Ottawa Food Bank. Why doesn't the OFB service not come to rural communities? A mobile food bank is needed. There is existing data about demographics and income to easily make an approximation of what the need is. RM will talk to George.

<b>8.0</b>	<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	
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 <sup>nd</sup> 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)

		-RM has discussed with George. -Lighting could be integrated into the Arts Subcommittee plans for a band shell.
	ii. Community Development Plan	ii. for Main Park, the Community Centre, and Main Street. Discuss next steps/ spear head nominated = Matt N Matt is not interested in spearheading this. Matt noted that new development charges will be few in Osgoode to help support funds to do improvements. There is an old document that explains a vision for the town and Rob will circulate that. A new idea needs to be sorted out for this.  Other notes: Forestry will take down some trees along the trail from Peace Park. The trail is overgrown. It would be helpful to plan a volunteer event to clear this trail.
	iii. Sea Can	-organization party RM will talk to Scott Farris and msg the group
	iv. pathways and dirt bikes	-assist community with this ongoing issue Not an issue for OVCA to solve but it keeps coming up. RS suggested passing info to police to share info. RM will reach out to Andrew.
	v. Pre-teen dances	RM and CS have discussed OYA taking on the dances. 2 staff would be able to do it. Potentially need volunteers and DJ and do it as a partnership. OYA could do registration and entrance and behaviors at the event. OYA has no capacity in Oct. Glow Dance mid November would be better. -All in Favour for Nov. 15th -RM and CS will continue to collaborate to sort this out.
	vi.	Christmas in the village short chat about smaller plan

<b>9.0</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>	
A.	Next Meeting	Tuesday, September 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 at 7:30pm @ Osgoode Arena
B.	Meeting Adjourned	9:30pm Moved: AS 2 <sup>nd</sup> : AH

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Chair: \_\_\_\_\_