



## RSCA Executive Monthly Meeting At Rideauview Community Centre

Thursday May 18, 2017  
8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Present:**

Bruce Lindsay  
Angele Lafond  
John Kitcher  
Paul Brun  
Kyle Creelman  
Kaylin Hodge  
Karen Hill  
Lynn Vanasse  
Janet Chene

**Regrets:**

Madeleine Lemaire  
Lesia Gilbert  
Michelle Rosales-  
Dugas  
John Brayman  
Tatum O'Reilly  
JoAnn McDonald  
Kevin Lu  
Dave Raganold

**Leader:**

Bruce Lindsay

**Facilitator:**

Janet Chene

**Secretary:**

**Time Keeper:**

**Guest(s):**

Mark Fisher, Ottawa  
Carleton District  
School Board Trustee

Riley Grace,  
Assistant, Councillor  
Qaqish office  
Laura Cinkant  
Gaurav Suman

## Minutes

**Start Time:**

Adoption of Agenda:

Additions to: Kyle re Community Safety meeting

As amended:

Moved: Lynne Vanasse

Second: Paul Brun

Carried

**Administrative Items:**

Minutes of the April 20, 2017 (for approval)	Moved: Kyle Creeman Second: Paul Brun Carried
Treasurer's Report No report (Leisa absent)	

**Ottawa Carleton District School Board – status on new Schools In Riverside South**

<p>Mark Fisher, School Board Trustee, Zone 7 Gloucester-South Nepean,/Osgoode/Gloucester – Southgate</p> <p>Mark provided a comprehensive update on capital priorities affecting Riverside South and surrounding communities. Highlighted were the addition to Steve McLean, building of the elementary school in Findlay Creek and the Chapman Mills Elementary Schools.</p> <p>He indicated the prospects for new schools in Riverside South are strong in the short term (potentially 3 to 4 years).</p> <p><b>High School</b></p> <p>The Western Accommodation review completed by the Ministry of Education impacted Merivale High School and there are indications that a high school for Stittsville is a high priority. However the high growth in RSS and surrounding areas and pressure on Barrhaven (will be at capacity in 3 to 4 years) provide support for placing high priority for a high school in Riverside South. St. Francis Xavier is very large and overcrowded, due in some part to the transfer of students to the Catholic Board to enable them to remain in Riverside South.</p> <p><b>Elementary school</b></p> <p>It is anticipated that a new elementary school could be within the next 4 to 5 years. There is no indication where it would be located within the community at this time. If the situation becomes critical the Ministry will be pressed to go forward sooner.</p> <p>Recently the decision was taken that students located east of Limebank (Boothfield area) will be required to attend the new school in Findlay Creek. Students currently at Steve McLean residing in that area will be allowed to remain there.</p> <p>In response to questions as to what the community can do to ensure the need for a high school and another elementary has high priority within the Board and Ministry, Mark stated that support is encouraged primarily through a letter writing</p>	<p>Received</p> <p>The presentation was well received and welcomed the support of the area trustee.</p> <p>Members are encouraged to undertake a letter writing campaign as outlined.</p>
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campaign. He noted the case is strong as Riverside South is one of the fastest growing areas in Canada, Steve McLean school is at 120% capacity and there is a strong need for a public high school in the community.

Schools are planned to build for 10 to 15 years in the future. Elementary schools are ranging from 600 to 800 students and high schools 1000 to 1200. It was noted that St Francis Xavier is at 1400 plus students.

Mark recommended that letters be individualized as letters that are from a sample letter are “ignored” when more than 5 are received as a general rule.

He recommended sending letters to the Hon. Mitzie Hunter (Minister of Education); all local MPP’s including Lisa McLeod, John Fraser, Yasir Naqvi, Bob Chiarelli, Marie France Lalonde and Nathalie Des Rosiers.

Copies should be sent to Shirley Seward School Board Chair, Councillor Qaqish and any prominent business leaders.

**Partnerships within the community**

Discussion took place on the potential for partnerships with the building of new schools and community facilities. These included partnering such facilities as libraries, day care, and community centres. These types of Hubs are becoming more prevalent and provide opportunity to provide more services to the community. It was suggested that if there is interest in partnering it is important for it to take place early in the planning process.

Riley Grace will inform Councillor Qaqish that there is some interest in exploring the potential for such partnerships.

**Amalgamation of School Boards**

The positive aspects of School Board amalgamations were briefly raised. The group, One Province, One Board was mentioned as a political lobby group for single boards.

**Before and after school child care programs**

Further discussion on interest of the Association in pursuing the potential for partnerships with the School Board and the City.

**Action Items:**

Riverside South Youth Wellness Fair Update  
Karen reported that there are 14 organizations coming to the youth Wellness Fair. It will be outside if weather is nice. Please share the event on Facebook and invite all your contacts. Word of mouth and social media are our best bets for getting kids there.

Received

<p>RSCA Flag Program Update</p> <p>The current number of subscriptions so far is 70 homes and three streets left for locates to be done.</p>	<p>Received</p>
<p>2017 Spring Clean-up Challenge</p> <p>The clean up was a success despite losing the challenge to Findlay Creek. There were many volunteers, more are always needed to complete a full clean up. Some review will be done on the method of collecting the full garbage bags to simplify the process.</p>	<p>Received</p>
<p>RSCA Little Free Library Community Project Update</p> <p>Bruce reported that work continues to be ongoing. A teacher at St Francis Xavier and students are working on a design.</p>	<p>Received</p>
<p>Status update on a coordinated Community Safety meeting</p> <p>Kyle reported that a community safety meeting would be held on Thursday May 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30. Everyone is encouraged to attend.</p>	<p>Received</p>
<p>Youth Community Mural Project Update</p> <p>Bruce reported on the Youth Community Mural Project. The mural has been designed by students and will be painted on all sides of the Spratt bunker following receipt of approval of the drawings by Councillor Qaqish.</p>	<p>Received</p>
<p>Youth Survey</p> <p>Kaylin reported that one final detail is being worked out at Merivale High School and the survey will then be distributed to students from Riverside South attending Merivale High. Erin McCracken will be publicizing the Youth Survey.</p>	<p>Received</p>
<p>RSCA Mascot Update</p> <p>Lynne reported that the choice for the mascot was the fox. She recommended purchasing the costume from a supplier in Calgary at a cost of \$110 plus tax and shipping. A motion was made to approve the expenditure of up to \$150 for the costume</p> <p>The mascot will have his first outing at the Canada Day party. Volunteers to wear the suit will be needed.</p>	<p>Moved: Lynne Vanasse Second: Paul Brun Carried</p>

<p>RSCA May Electronic Newsletter</p> <p>Lynne reported that the draft newsletter would be sent out by early next week for comments.</p>	<p>Received</p>
<p>Refreshed Website Proposal</p> <p>Angele has some remaining work and testing to complete. She is hopeful it can be completed within the next week.</p>	<p>Received</p>
<p>Seniors Group</p> <p>Janet reported on an active month for the Seniors Group. At its second meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup> a number of positions were approved and filled.</p> <p>Bruce Lindsay: Acting Chair  Susan Dionne: Drop-in coordinator  John Scrivens: Seniors Strategy Coordinator  John Herzog: Communications Coordinator  Frank Carucci: Treasurer  Helen McLaughlin: Acting Secretary</p> <p><b>Slogan and Mandate: We're Here: Keeping Suburban Seniors Healthy and Active</b></p> <p>This includes but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understanding the needs of suburban seniors and sharing this information with appropriate shareholders</li> <li>• Increasing the number of social activities for seniors to diminish social isolation</li> <li>• Sharing information such as existing service, social activities and volunteering opportunities?</li> <li>• Creating an action plan for Riverside South for Barrhaven</li> <li>• Investigating and speaking to a strategy for providing affordable housing for seniors in the suburban neighbourhood in which they are comfortably living.</li> </ul> <p>Action plans are being developed to meet those objectives.</p> <p><b>Communication</b></p> <p>An article appeared in the current weekly edition of the Ottawa South News regarding the formation of the group and its priorities.</p> <p>The group will be meeting with Marcel Denomme from Urbandale at a future meeting to assist developers with their planning to balance services and profits while meeting needs of seniors for suitable housing.</p>	<p>Moved: Janet Chene  Second: Angele Lafond  Carried</p>

Councillor Qaqish has invited representatives to attend a meeting on May 31<sup>st</sup> to discuss an affordable housing project

**Drop-in**

The drop-in is open Tuesdays from 10-12. Currently 17 residents have been attending with average of 8 to 10 per session.

The drop-in will move to the field house at Claudette Cain Park for July and August, as the community centre is not available during that time.

**Funds request**

Funding is currently available for room rental until the end of June through Councillor Qaqish. The Seniors group is requesting funds to meet needs to the end of the year of \$550.

This includes room rental of \$155.10 for Claudette Cain rental, \$294.40 for rental at community centre for September through December and supply costs of \$100.50

**Adjournment moved by: Paul Brun and seconded by Kyle Creeman**

**Time: 9:20 p.m.**

**Next meeting: June 15, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. at the Rideauview Community Centre**