



RSCA Executive Monthly Meeting At Rideauview Community Centre		Thurs January 18, 2018 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.	
Present:	Janet Chéné Chris Kingsbury Regrets Tracey Stratton Dave Bowering Kevin Lu	Leader: Secretary:	Bruce Lindsay JoAnn McDonald
Bruce Lindsay Lesia Gilbert JoAnn McDonald Mireille Focquet John Brayman Kyle Creelman Dave Raganold Paul Brun Samantha Lauzon Madeleine Lemaire Kaylin Hodge	Rosario Castanon Escobar, City Stream Watch Acting Coordinator, Rideau Valley Conservation Authority Cassidy Reaney, Stanley's Olde Maple Farm		
Minutes			

<p>Rosario Escobar, City Stream Watch Acting Coordinator, provided an overview of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority, Steam Watch Program https://www.rvca.ca/volunteer/city-stream-watch, the Mosquito Creek 2015 Summary Report https://www.rvca.ca/media/k2/attachments/CSW2015_Mosquito_FINAL.pdf and the Adopt-A-Stream Project.</p> <p>City Stream watch is a volunteer based monitoring program sampling urban and rural streams in the City of Ottawa. There are 25 streams monitored on a six year rotational basis. Mosquito Creek was officially monitored in 2004, 2009 and 2015. Adopt a Stream is an extension program where an individual or group adopts all or part of a stream. In doing so, the status of the stream is monitored between major surveys. The volunteer(s) commit to monitoring the stream at least once a year (walk, wade or boat) and reporting to the Coordinator.</p> <p>The Conservation Authority offers opportunities for enhancement – garbage cleanup, riparian plantings, and invasive species management. There is a potential riparian area near Earl Armstrong and Linebank to aid with erosion. The RSCA could approach land owners to see if they are interested in planting. RSCA volunteers would be responsible for the plantings, but the Conservation Authority would provide tools and plants.</p> <p>If the RSCA decides to adopt a portion of Mosquito Creek there is a formal agreement required in order to deal with liability issues.</p>	Received
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Administrative Items:

Adoption of Agenda: Additions to: Cassidy Reaney, Special Events Coordinator, Stanley's Maple Farm	Moved: John Brayman Second: Kyle Creelman Carried
Minutes of the December 21, 2017 (3 minutes)	Moved: Lesia Gilbert Second: Janet Chene Carried

Stanley's Olde Maple Farm is celebrating their 25 th Anniversary this year. As part of their celebrations they are looking to give back to various communities that have supported them. Cassidy Reaney presented an offer to share some of the ticket revenues to the RSCA. The 2 nd weekend of March would be a full weekend fundraiser for the RSCA. One dollar from every breakfast sold (1.50 if tickets purchased online) would be donated to the RSCA. The farm offers sleigh rides, full breakfast and a petting farm. If there is significant interest, they will also arrange a bus for transportation.	Received
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Updates:

Youth activity/project Update (Madeleine Lemaire, Kaylin Hodge) Organizing the youth dance is proving to be a challenge. St FX is not allowing any posters advertising the dance as it is not a school sanctioned event. Madeleine is still trying to determine if Student Council social media can be used. In order to cover costs, 225 tickets have to be sold. Posters will be put up around the community and an Instagram account has been created. A minimum of 15 adult volunteers are required. A Naloxone kit has been secured. St FX has insisted on Police security, but the Police are stating that a private security company can do more (ask for ID, search bags). There will be a push for advance sales – no tickets sold so far, and St FX does not want tickets sold at the door. The dance will be cancelled if there isn't at least a 150 tickets sold and 15 parent/adult volunteers one week in advance of the dance. The RSCA will cover up to \$500 of the cost to hold the dance.	Received
Seniors Group and Seniors Drop-in Update (Janet Chéné) The drop-in took a two week break and are now resuming. There are three teas' planned (Jan. 25, Feb. 22, and Mar. 29). The group has a subcommittee on housing which will include the survey results in their business case. The survey closes the end of January. The seniors' survey volunteers at Moncion's will stop January 19 th . Grant application to fund a staff person to help develop a multicultural program for seniors is due January 23 rd . Senior's Wellness Fair is booked on April 14 th at St Jerome. Janet is meeting with people with experience in organizing these types fairs. She is looking for volunteers to help with planning, communications and sponsorship.	Received
Community Development (municipal development applications, studies, reports, initiatives, bylaws) (John Brayman) Meetings: Committee of Adjustment – no applications of interest to RSS, Next YOW2038 public meeting is January 25 at 7 PM at the Minto Centre Development:	Received

<p>Phase 15 Major Development applications were submitted by Riverside South Development Corp, Claridge Homes, and Cardel Homes. The developers are seeking approval for 2601 dwelling units (approx. 600 dwelling units built per year or 5 years to build all of these dwelling). Applications are currently being reviewed by the City of Ottawa planning staff. RSCA will request feasibility of roundabouts at key intersections, complete streets, reduction of maximum road speeds, one side of street parking. We will also raise questions about preservation of mature growth trees, soil grading, types of parks, etc.</p> <p>Snow removal – the City follows a route pattern in the Ward – after a storm plows start from one end of the route working their way across to the other end. The next storm the plows start from the other end and vice versa each storm. Two units broke down is RSS during January 8th storm impeding cleanup efforts.</p>	
<p>Communications Strategy (Mireille Focquet) Paul is creating G Suite accounts for people. Mireille will send out details for the next newsletter.</p>	Received
<p>Riverside South Community Garden Project (John Brayman for Tracey Stratton) Dr Jamal Alsharif has stepped down from the Committee Urbandale has changed the formal use of land guarantee to three years from five. Their letter does indicate we should be able to use the land for longer period and would work with us to find a suitable alternative site if needed, with no guarantees. Urbandale will provide water to the site – details to be determined. The RSCA is in negotiations with Mike Quinn to purchase his water towers and various other equipment D&G are going to provide ten loads of topsoil and Dan O’Brien will till the land for us in the Spring. Format and Design of garden in planning stage. There will be three plot sizes (20x25, 15x15 and 10x10). Approximately 50% will be 10x10 Currently 30-40 gardeners are looking for new plots since the closure of the former (private) community garden. Member agreements have been developed. Each member is expected to donate volunteer hours. Applications and budgets are in process. Bruce and Tracey met with the Pavilion food cupboard who are excited to receive donations</p>	Received
<p>Strategic Planning Sessions (Dave Bowering)</p>	Deferred
<p>Outdoor Rink Program 2017-18 (Dave Raganold) Four of the five rinks are up and running. Summerhill is still closed after the thaw. There is a challenge getting volunteers for Summerhill. So far three people are helping. Another seven signed up but haven’t been out</p>	Received
<p>2018 Events (Lesia Gilbert) The 67s have offered to have an RSS night. There will be a section available at the arena for RSS people (using a promo code to buy tickets.) Four games were offered. Ticket prices can be as low as \$14 (or more and RSCA can take the difference for fundraising). Kids will have the opportunity to high-5 players. A motion was raised to accept the proposal from the 67s for February 11th at \$16 per ticket giving the RSCA a fundraiser of \$2/ticket</p>	<p>Received</p> <p>First: Lesia Gilbert Second: JoAnn McDonald Carried</p>

Treasurer's Report (Lesia Gilbert)

Lesia presented an updated financial statement and the proposed Canada Day budget. The budget will be received by the Executive and voted on at the next meeting

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Adjournment moved by: Paul Brun

Time: 10:00PM

Next meeting: February 15, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. Rideauview Community Centre at 4310 Shoreline Drive, Gloucester, ON K1V 1N4