

**Emerald Woods Residents' Association Executive Meeting
MINUTES**

Date: March 9, 2022, 7:00 pm (Zoom)

Attending: Goretto Pernitzky, Mark Vuotari, Christine Lowe, Keely Storr, Christine Guptill, Kim Tytler

Guests: Jessica Bradley, Murphy Da Rocha from Councillor Deans' Office; Luay Mustafa, Traffic Assessment Specialist, City of Ottawa

- Jessica: introduced Luay Mustafa. His responsibility includes speeding and parking.
- Neighbourhood traffic calming measures: engineered, e.g. extended curbs, speed humps; measures that go in permanently. Streets must meet certain thresholds, that are outlined in the policy. E.g. 85th percentile speed: what speed are 85 % of vehicles traveling. If it meets criteria, goes to area traffic management group.
- When a request comes in, they will look to see if they have data, and if they don't, they will collect it. Also look at average speed; width of the road; characteristics of the road and adjacent areas. Main criteria: average would be 45 km/h, 85th percentile is 55km/hour. This would send a road to the next step with the traffic management group.
- Goretto: how long before data is outdated? 3-4 years. COVID has changed traffic patterns; so data before COVID would have more volume.
- Goretto indicated that it isn't the volume, it's 'stunt' driving behaviour: gunning it down the street, scooters with no helmets, etc.
- Luay: Much of this falls under police enforcement.
- Jessica has suggested connecting with the community police officer to see if he can come to our next meeting.
- Trappers: 2021. 85th percentile: 46km/h, mean 40 km/hour. This would not be eligible, but that street is already on their list. There are some measures currently; they can review to see if they can look to see if more would be warranted. Alderwood: 2018 data. 85th percentile is 44 km/hour, mean 36 km/hour. Autumnwood: 85th percentile: 39 km/h, mean: 29 km/h. Some measures (pavement markings) have been added near Albion.
- Christine G. asked about temporary speed bumps; Luay indicated that they don't use them, as they sometimes come out of the road and they can't stay over the winter due to snow clearing.
- Jessica asked whether city ever report outliers (e.g. stunt driving speeds) to the police? Luay says no, they don't; would have to come from the residents.
- Keely: if data is pulled for 48 hours, that would be fine as long as the days are carefully selected. Luay: they try to avoid Mondays and Fridays, aim for Tues-Thurs. Keely suggests the issue is on weekends, and more concerning because people are home during these periods. Can request a weekend data set, but not sure it will make a difference, since Trappers and Alderwood are already on the list.

- Temporary measures: Pavement markings; flex sticks on the centre of the road, which essentially makes the road narrower and less comfortable to drive at high speeds. Painted bump-outs with a flex stake.
- Community safety zones: these are established where there are more pedestrians. Speeds are typically lower in these areas, and speed cameras may be located in these neighbourhoods. Our roads are already 40 km/h.
- Keely said that people had their own “please stop for us” signs. Keely agrees with painted bump-outs and flex stakes.
- Speed board on Trappers that indicates your travel speed
- Luay indicates that they can place some of these temporary measures, but indicates that the police may be needed for enforcement.
- Jessica: continuing the update from Diane Dean’s office. Public meeting April 21st at 6 pm for updates to Bank and Hunt Club Road. Registration for that meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYvdOqsqjguE9PKAOwWQHsFBxxYHgyqORr5>
- Larga Baffin construction: planning application is coming. Meeting is April 26th, 6 pm <http://dianedeans.ca/2022/04/larga-baffin-public-meeting-april-26-2022-at-600-p-m-%EF%BF%BC/>
- Solid waste master plan: Meeting for the south end councillors’ joint community meeting, May 2, 7-9 pm
- May 7th: Household hazardous waste drop-off 8-4 pm at Rideau Carleton Raceway, <https://ottawa.ca/en/garbage-and-recycling/hazardous-waste-and-special-items>
- 4th doses are being offered to those who are 60+. <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/> 1-833-943-3900
- 3776 Albion: April 25th EWRA meeting with the city planner
- Goretti asked if there is a way for us to connect with neighbouring associations? Jessica: City does have community association directory. Jessica can provide a general email.
- Goretti: Parking lot at Trappers has been discussed. Jessica: Other parks have had chains installed. Hasn’t always solved the problem, because it might be the only lit area and people might congregate there. Christine L.: People who live nearby have concerns that after ‘reporting’ not being acted upon. Jessica suggests that a drug deal in progress or public intoxication should be a 911 call. You don’t have to be ‘certain’.
- Planning re: clean-up in the park May 14th from 11-1.
- Info from the proposal for airport parkway development will be posted on the website.
- Gravel/stonedust is wearing thin on the path in Emerald Woods Park. Goretti will ask the city to address this.
- Goretti and Keely went to the bank; will need to return with Mark to get him added as a third signatory but need to make an appointment so we see someone more experienced.
- Minutes from previous two meetings were officially approved.
- Kim will remove links to minutes that are empty.
- Newsletter printing, inclusion of membership form, and distribution were discussed.
- Discussion re: Facebook rules. These will be rolled out and announced on Facebook.
- Fun Day in the Park: June 25th.
- Soccer: April 27th is the cut-off date. Proposed registration dates are May 2nd and May 4th.

- Next meeting dates: May 11th; June 8th. Meeting adjourned 9:05 pm.