

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

Date: May 11, 2022, 7:00 pm (Zoom)

Attending: Gorette Pernitzky, Mark Vuotari, Keely Storr, Christine Guptill, André Lapierre
(resident)

Regrets: Christine Lowe, Kim Tytler

Guests: Councillor Diane Deans; Murphy Da Rocha from Councillor Deans' Office; Community
police officers, Marcus Chibicino and Brad

- Community police officers were introduced in regards to recent shooting on south Autumnwood. An arrest was made and the male is still in custody; injuries were not severe. Cannot give too many details because it is before the court. Not certain if charges are public.
- Emerald Woods Parks: only 2 calls (minor nuisance during the day) since 2019. Trappers Park: more traffic here. More patrols of neighbourhood police officers and community officers; proactive calls as a result of the shooting on Albion in the fall. They did a walk-through 2 days ago. If you see something, say something. Call it in or submit online. It is easier for them to justify more pro-active patrols (vehicle or bike) if there are more calls. After the incident on Autumnwood, Brad requested additional patrols for an extended period in part because initially they were looking for the suspect. Patrols will continue through the summer.
- Stunt driving on Trappers: continue to submit reports. You can always ask either Marcus or Brad for updates on your calls.
- There was a fatal collision yesterday at Cahill and Hunt Club; 70 yo female passed away. Looking for evidence, incl. dash-cam evidence.
- Gorette asked about whether patrols will continue. She would like to see more patrols because there are more incidents of speeding and other traffic issues. More calls is still the way to increase police presence. Better to get 10 reports from different people rather than 10 reports from the same person. An incident like the person being pulled on a skateboard behind a car could have been a 911 call as the person could be killed. No detail is too small for a report of stunt driving for e.g.; even just the time of day or other patterns are helpful. E.g. every single day there is a report at the same time; that's enough info to place an officer there at that time. Second question: if you have complete information, e.g. make and model and license plate, what would be done with that info? Brad responded that absolutely an officer might visit the driver.
- Keely praised the rapid response from the Autumnwood shooting.
- Diane Deans: seasonal traffic calming measures should be coming this week.
- Larga Baffin development: Diane was not going to discuss tonight unless there were specific questions. Keely: premise is to support people who are coming in for medical treatment. Has heard the question before – why this location? Not near community supports that are

indigenous focus; not close to green space; not close to hospitals. Being so far from these can add stress to the experience.

- Larga Baffin is a for-profit to deliver medical hosteling facilities in cooperation with the Nunavut government. Population is aging and medical needs are more complex. Question that Keely raises has arisen before; but we don't get to determine the location. They do require an official plan and zoning amendments. Clients will be picked up in a van at the airport, and they and their escorts are brought to the facility; home away from home. According to the developers, this site works very well. City just passed the official plan; still awaiting provincial approval. This build does meet those requirements. Public meeting did not go well for the community. Diane feels that this will pass in some form, so she has asked them to tell her what they can't live with so they can work on those things. Keely reiterated that there isn't easy access to transit; Diane notes that there isn't a lot of land available either.
- 776 Albion Road: there are two issues that are remaining. Exterior solution for garbage storage and collection; need to increase space between two buildings to allow two-way traffic. Planners have been in touch and are working through those. Will notify EWRA when there is a planning meeting date. Arranged a meeting which Christine and Richard attended; Tracy spent a great deal of time and has a good understanding of the concerns. The site is a lot better than it was when things began. Feels that they have done everything they can do at this point.
- Rideau Valley Conservation Authority – May 15th 9-12 Sawmill Creek cleanup, parking at Kelsey's parking lot at South Keys shopping centre. Suggest wearing waterproof boots, pants, hat, water bottle; they can provide gloves. RSVP to <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/sawmill-creek-cleanup-tickets-332144151097>. Diane notes that it is surprising what ends up dumped in the creek...
- Annual Seniors' Tea at the EY Centre, 55+; June 14th 1-3 pm. If anyone would like to come, just contact her office diane.deans@ottawa.ca. People are asked to wear a mask to the event, food and beverage will be served.
- Household hazardous waste drop off: Sunday July 10 from 8-4 at 3100 Conroy Rd. <https://ottawa.ca/en/garbage-and-recycling/hazardous-waste-and-special-items>
- Keely asked about Sawmill Creek community centre and the lack of programming for the summer? Gorette noted that a resident on the FB page indicated that the roof was being replaced. Diane has advocated for expansion to the Sawmill Creek CC facility; but there is contaminated soil on that site from back when it was a sawmill; and cleanup of that site would be extremely expensive.
- Community bulletin board: city has changed the locks on the bulletin board, but they have not shared keys. Still working on it.
- We have had 11 new members join the FB group since we delivered the flyers, which is excellent.
- Memberships: somehow the address line was left off of the membership form. Keely noted there have been many new members from Gates of Albion.
- Mini-soccer: Do we want to put a last minute call out for soccer? Discussion about t-shirts; Keely will check receipts to see where t-shirts were ordered last. Gorette got some green t-

shirts with coach and whistles for the volunteers. She will drop off the newly cleaned pinneys and soccer balls off to Sylvain soon.

- Fun Day in the Park: Theme? Welcome/back? Many have approached Keely or Goretti about setting up booths. We had talked about bike safety; local businesses and artisans; community police officers; Diane Deans' office will put together a gift basket with City of Ottawa merch for a free raffle. One family has asked if they could do an environmental table. Discussed food from KS on the Keys and Ozzy's. Goretti will call the company that loans the BBQ and Ozzy's. Crafts: We will need to come up with a craft idea/table. Equipment rentals: Goretti owns two banquet tables. Don't think we need to rent any additional equipment. Discussed whether we could rent a tent; they are expensive. Association doesn't own one. Will encourage people to bring their own shelters if they wish. Entertainment: Keely will ask about ponies. Capital city garrison: Movie-themed dressup characters, could get pictures with Darth Vader etc. Consider Ray's Reptiles, which has had some financial difficulties; Junkyard Symphony, which EWRA has had in the past. Farm Boy and Giant Tiger has always given gift cards which we use to buy buns and condiments. Decorations: No helium balloons, but perhaps a "welcome back" sign? Sandwich signs with a list of activities that are happening?
- Clean-up in the park: Christine L. is the point person.
- Insurance:
- Next meeting dates: Fun Day in the park mtg – May 25th; next community meeting June 8th. Meeting adjourned 9:08 pm.