



Emerald Woods Residents Association Meeting

January 11, 2023

Attended: Kim Tytler, Mark Vuotari, Christine Guptill

Regrets: Christine Lowe, Goretti Pernitzky, Keely Storr

Called to order: 7:05 pm

- Report from community policing by Constables Marcus Cibischino and Brad Burleau. In their roles as community police officers, they also work with the neighbourhood resource team assigned to our area.
- Community Police report: Const. Cibischino requested a data analysis from Police Services analysts, and the information provided was a comparison between 2021 and 2022. Over this period:
 - Mental health calls increased
 - Vast majority of calls were in the Carousel, Saratoga and northern portions of our area
 - Disturbances: decrease quarter over quarter
 - Number of assaults was unchanged
 - Traffic calls decreased
 - Individuals in the Saratoga buildings are the largest proportion of concern in Emerald Woods – Sawmill area
 - Crime involving online sales: out of 114 neighbourhoods in Ottawa, we are in the lower end
 - Online sales that have resulted in a robbery: 1 in 2022
- Advice is to file a report with police
- Even information about cars being broken into and change stolen should be reported, as it assists them in keeping track of statistics and increasing services in our neighbourhood if warranted
- Christine Guptill asked: if a crime is reported in our area, are you informed?
- Reply: They have ongoing meetings with crime analysts to go over patterns etc. If there is a significant uptick, they will be notified.
- To report: go online or call the non-emergency number. If you call in and explain, they will triage. The report is assigned a temporary number, processed in 24 hours. Then you will get an email with the permanent number, and the report will be assigned to the appropriate team. Once you have the permanent number, you can go onto the website and add information.

- Const. Burleau will send us information “make the right call” to post on the website and Facebook.
- There was a policing priority on Trappers over the summer; there have probably been less complaints resulting in less presence
- Continue to encourage residents to call and report
- Mark Vuotari indicated that there have been some instances of teens being followed and assaulted by groups of other teens, and the victim being unwilling to report because of fear of retaliation.
- Mark also indicated that there had been vehicle break-ins and the items that were unwanted were dumped in Emerald Woods Park. Const. Cibischino indicated that this is stolen property and they would try to get it back to its owners. Const. Burleau indicated that there might be footage from doorbell cameras that would be enough to connect to someone with a crime, so very important to report.
- If you have reported something and have questions, don’t hesitate to reach out to the community police officers.
- If we feel there is a desire for the community police to attend meetings, they prefer notice of meetings a month in advance if possible.
- Discussed the possibility of planning the events for the year. There used to be an adult Christmas party; initially was a big event, \$50/person, full dinner etc.; the last time it was run, the event was more casual, drinks and snacks at KS on the Keys. Discussed a few options of locations. Discussed the possibility of a Google survey through the newsletter. Kim indicated that Spring Court and some other neighbours get together once or twice a year. There is no cost to ‘rent’ a venue; just a commitment to a minimum number of people. Discussed possibility of a food drive, which was raised by a resident at the AGM: a lot of work and challenging to collect items at a home. If a member of the community wants to champion such a drive, we can consider supporting it.
- The fact that Santa was not at the holiday party was noted with disappointment by some residents.
- Discussed posting on Facebook when minutes have been posted to the website, to generate interest.
- Plan: Mark will check with Andres whether he needs help with rink maintenance; will send email to organize events for the year; Kim will draft something for the website about reporting incidents to police.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.