

EWRA Meeting
Feb. 5, 2024, 7:00pm

Attending: Mark Vuotari, Casey Lahey, André Gignac, Christine Guptill, Christine Lowe, Lindsay Murray. Joined later: George Georganas

- Meeting began at 7:11pm. Apologies for the late start – the Zoom link is Christine Guptill's own link, and I was late to the meeting. As a result, the Councillor and her representative did not attend, and have shared their report with us via email. They are hosting a Coffee Chat at Sawmill Creek Community Centre on Feb. 8 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. They also sent us information about a vaccination clinic happening at Gabrielle-Roy for children and youth up to age 18 on Feb. 13th. This information was posted to the EWRA Facebook Page.
- Discussion re: neighbourhood rinks (Emerald Woods Park and Baden Park). Some snow clearing has occurred, but the weather has not been very conducive to ice. Casey will message someone on City staff to see if there are any updates. The person responded; don't have contracts re: liability/risk management. She is happy to set up a call.
- Financial report: Andre has received a new small business bank card, it does not allow access to the web-based services.
- Lindsay Murray introduced herself as a neighbour on the other side of Albion, and that they would be interested in joining the EWRA, since they do not have a neighbourhood association at present.
- Mark suggested that we write an introduction about ourselves and post this on the bulletin board, and also put this in the newsletter. We will circulate the newsletter on paper, and do paper once a year going forward in case people move, to catch new residents.
- New fee: \$20. Need point form, targeted messaging about what we do to circulate with that.
- Target date for newsletter circulation: March 15-18. Call for volunteers to distribute: March 4. Everyone to have bio blurb and photo to Christine G. by Feb. 20th.
- Mini soccer; clean up in the park; Fun day in the Park; yard sale; Holiday Party. Aim for mid-March, early April for newsletter printing and distribution.
- Settled on distributing the intro to the exec and the fact that this is a membership drive year via email
- New time for mini soccer: 6-7 pm. Cost: \$50, including t-shirt for association members; +\$10 for t-shirt for non-members.
- May 25 yard sale (rain date 26), May 26 spring cleanup, Fun Day in the Park Sept. 8
- Holiday Party 2024: Nov. 30th. Discussed the charge; will lower to \$10.
- George Georganas joined later, and asked about drainage in the forest – was this impacted by the addition of the raised railway for the LRT? André responded that in his 50+ years living here, the forest has sometimes seen years where it was wet all summer, and sometimes not; feels that fluctuation is normal.
- Meeting adjourned: 9:00 pm. Next meeting: Monday March 4, 7:00 pm.