



Greely Community Association

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, September 14, 2106, 7.00 pm
Greely Community Centre
1448 Meadow Dr – 821-1010

MINUTES

1.0 Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Bruce Brayman.

2.0 Adoption of Agenda – Agenda adopted.

3.0 Treasurer's Report

N/A. An update will be given at the next meeting.

4.0 Updates

4.1 Greely Loop Pathway

Kris Van Der-Pas Norenienus gave an update on the status of the Greely Loop. The Greely Loop is a pathway connecting various neighbourhoods around the Village of Greely and will be about 10K. The pathway is using existing, quiet roads and paths, with some segments being built, such as through Quinn Farm (stone dust/gravel), Andy Shields to the Community Centre (will be paved and hug the tree line at the park). The consent of some local property owners/developers was required and work is proceeding on this. There is about a 600 meter link still required to be completed.

Motorized vehicles will not be allowed and there will be barriers erected to prevent this. It is hoped to connect eventually to the Doug Thompson Multi-use Pathway.

Kris thanked her team and local business owners who have donated material and time, as well as developers who are allowing the pathway to proceed through their properties.

A map of the Loop is on the Greely Community Association web-site <http://www.greelycommunity.org/> and there is a Greely Loop Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/TheGreelyLoop/>.

4.2 President's Updates

Bruce mentioned that the \$90,000 Shields Creek restoration project is amazing to see and encouraged residents to go and check it out. The area is full of fauna and flora that people would find really interesting to see.

The Premier's Council on Youth and Opportunities wishes to schedule a meeting quickly with local youth. If anyone is interested or has ideas, please let Bruce know.

The Rural Community Building Grants from Rural Affairs and Civil Events funding is available for project-based initiatives (not operating budget), and we accessed grants in the past for the Greely Loop and Canada Day. Any ideas for funding projects, please let the GCA know.

Shadow Ridge water problems are ongoing. There is civil litigation and not much can be said about the matter.

The new City Community Park at Parkway and Bank St. is well underway with the skateboard and BMX park, basketball court, etc. The paving in the basketball court has cracked and will be fixed. Bathrooms are still an issue and we are hopeful for at least a temporary fix.

Bruce encouraged any businesses in Greely to join the Greely Business Association, and informed residents that there is an overall umbrella Osgoode Ward Business Association as well.

The Terry Fox run/walk will be starting with sign-up at the Greely Community Centre at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, September 17th, with the run/walk starting at 10:00 a.m.

With regard to a question about the OTIS commercial development at Mitch Owens and Bank St., Bruce stated they are starting service work next year and he has heard they are about 50% leased.

5.0 Canada Day

The financials from Canada Day are being finalized and will need to be signed off by the Treasurer. It looks like Canada Day made about \$100. The goal is not to make money and this was the first year that just about everything was made available for free (burgers, bouncy castle, petting, face painting, etc.).

Next year's Canada Day will be the 150th and we are hoping to make the event bigger and are planning now. **There is an urgent need for volunteers on the Committee and at the day of the event to make it a fun and safe event.** It was suggested that we contact the local schools and churches and get the word out for volunteers. There has already been work on the history of Greely, which was a toll gateway to Ottawa, and this work could be highlighted next Canada Day. We would like to get this project finished and perhaps move it to Andy Shields and possibly along the Greely Loop. Please consider joining the Canada Day Committee and volunteering your time the day of the event.

6.0 Winter Carnival

The Greely Winter Carnival was a success this year with most events above records: The Lyons breakfast was very well-attended and much higher numbers, Comedy Night also had great attendance. We are looking for volunteers and any new ideas, so please let the GCA know.

7.0 Presentations

7.1 Rural Affairs Presentation

Adam Brown, Acting Manager of Development Review, Rural Affairs, and Jeff McEwan, Planning Program, gave some information and updates on City rural grants that are available, and planning information. The Civic Events deadline is September 15th. The GCA has availed themselves of rural affairs' grants in the past and thanked Adam for his help and support.

The City communicates about rural issues through their web-site at:

<http://ottawa.ca/en/residents/social-services/rural-connections/rural-affairs-office-and-contacts> and development applications can be found at:

<http://ottawa.ca/en/city-hall/planning-and-development/whats-happening-your-neighbourhood/development-application-search>.

In response to questions about Shadow Ridge Phases II and III, they are on hold due to water issues and litigation. The matter will be going to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) for a hearing that is expected to start June 12th, 2017. Phase II of Lakeland Meadows is also on hold for the same reason as they wish to hook up to the Shadow Ridge communal system; however, Phase I of LM is on private servicing and is going forward. Some Shadow Ridge residents were concerned about the state and look of the property in the area as being unkempt, long weeds, etc. The issue, however, is that some of the site is still considered a construction site and the property standards for individual properties are not the same. However, residents could continue to contact 311 and report issues of concern. Councillor George Darouze is also fully aware of the issues.

7.2 Councillor George Darouze

In response to speeding raised by an attendee, there is a special algorithm the police use to identify hot spots, so instances should be reported to 613 232-1122, ext. 7300, or on-line to: <http://www.ottawapolice.ca/en/contact-us/Online-Reporting.asp>.

The new Greely Community Park at Parkway and Bank Street has been selected as the site for a maple grove of 150 trees to be planted next year by the City. The official opening of this park will be on Saturday, September 24th, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

The Andy Shields Park design plan is upcoming shortly.

Funding for the connection of the Doug Thompson Multi-use Pathway to Manotick has been obtained for a bike lane on Mitch Owens from near St. Mark's through to Manotick. Consideration is being given as to whether to having public consultation.

Councillor Darouze reminded residents to have their well water checked regularly. There is a drop-off Tuesdays at Foodland on Meadow Street.

With regard to Hydro One, Mr. Darouze wrote the Premier immediately when the 8% HST decrease was announced as it doesn't solve our problem and won't really make a difference to us because rates are going up, and we are already paying about 30% more for our hydro than Ottawa Hydro. He encouraged residents to sign his petition which is at various locations throughout the ward. For speed reporting and Hydro One locations for the petition, go to <http://www.georgedarouze.ca>

There will be lots of construction next year in the rural areas, such as culverts. Stagecoach and Apple Orchard will be realigned next year. There will not be a stop sign, light or roundabout, just realignment of the intersection.

Councillor Darouze is making a vision for Greely a high priority and will be moving forward with work and ideas for the Greely Community Design Plan, and will be holding an Open House.

8.0 NEXT MEETING: December 14, 2016

Chris Leblanc,
Secretary

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