

Draft Minutes - 2019 Annual General Meeting

Lowertown Community Association

June 10, 2019, Pavillion Jules Morin Park

18:00pm – 20:30pm

Meeting called to order at 6:15

1. Welcome and introductions (President Liz Bernstein)

The meeting was called to order at 18:10. Forty members of the community attended the meeting. Two LCA Committees (Planning and Heritage) set up in information tables. Four other agencies (Crime Prevention Ottawa, Lowertown Community Resource Centre, the ByWard Market BIA and Ecology Ottawa) also set up in information tables. Babysitting services were provided and five children were welcomed in a special room for them.

Each person present introduced themselves and said where they lived and indicated any particular area interest they had.

2. Greetings from invited guests

**Natalie DesRosier**, MPP for Ottawa-Vanier thanked the LCA and its members for their engagement in the community. She assured us that it was important to continue to bring issues forward and make sure that our positions are known to elected officials. She also talked about her decision to resign her seat in the House at the end of this summer. While she is excited about her new job as the first woman and the first francophone to be named Principal of Massey College at the University of Toronto, she expressed regret about leaving her role in the Ontario Legislature. She assured us however that until the end of this summer she and her office would remain active in following files of interest to the LCA. A by-election to elect a new MPP will be announced later.

**Jacques de Moissac** from MP **Mona Fortier's** constituency office expressed the regrets of Mona Fortier who was required in the House of Commons and could not attend our meeting. She remains committed to helping the LCA with all files relating to the federal government.

3. **The Formal Business Meeting:** Liz Bernstein asked Archie Campbell to assume the chair of the business portion of the meeting. He confirmed that more than the required quorum of 10 residents were present.
4. **The Agenda:** The Chair requested that the Agenda be approved. Approval was moved by Warren Waters, seconded by Andrew Waldron. The Agenda was approved.
5. **The Minutes:** The Chair requested that the minutes of the 2018 AGM be adopted. The approval was moved by John Chenier and seconded by Nancy Miller-Chenier. The Minutes were approved.
6. **The President's Report:** Liz Bernstein outlined the main preoccupations and achievements of each of the Committees of the LCA and each of the Committee Chairs added comments on key highlights. Liz indicated that a more detailed outline of the actions and outcomes of the last year could be found in the Annual Report that was circulated at the meeting.
7. **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer, Francois Giroux presented a summary of the financial statements of the Association. While expenses somewhat exceeded revenues last year the LCA remains in a good financial situation. The main revenues of the Association come from the sale of advertising in the ECHO and the receipt of government support for special activities- operating the rink at Bingham Park and hiring two summer students to do research on crime. The main areas of expenditure were the production of the ECHO, the salaries of the summer students and the AGM. The chair requested that the Treasurer's report be approved. Francois Giroux moved the approval of the Treasurer's report, seconded by Siohunn Carsily. The report was approved. approved:

8. **Election of LCA Board Members for 2019-20:** The Chair called for nominations for the following positions:

President: Norman Moyer nominated. No other nominations. Norman Moyer confirmed.

Vice-president: Peter Ferguson nominated. No other nominations. Confirmed.

Treasurer: Francois Giroux nominated. No other nominations. Confirmed.

Secretary: Catherine Hacksel nominated. No other nominations. confirmed

Director Planning: No nominations. Position to be filled as soon as a candidate is found.

Director Environment and Active Transportation: Liz Bernstein was nominated. No other nominations. Confirmed.

Director Community Safety: Sandra Milton nominated. No other nominations. Confirmed.

Director Heritage and Culture: Andrew Waldron nominated. No other nominations. Confirmed.

Co-Directors Transportation: Leah Resnick and Ana-Maria Tarres nominated. No other nominees. Confirmed.

Director Housing/Homelessness: Warren Waters nominated. No other nominations. Confirmed

Director Communications and Outreach: Kendra Hughes nominated. No other nominations. Confirmed

9. **Presentation by Councillor Fleury:** The Councillor made a presentation noting the major issues currently facing Lowertown. Included were:

- a. **LRT**-still expecting an opening this fall, followed by the reconstruction of Rideau Street between Dalhousie and Sussex.
- b. **Public Realm Study of the ByWard Market Area:** More consultations will be held over the summer. Several pilot projects creating more place for pedestrians and visitors are underway this summer on William and Clarence. Comments are invited.
- c. **Short Term Rentals:** The community is being consulted on new regulations. LCA will follow up to make sure that residents views are heard.
- d. **On street parking:** The Councillor will support new regulations to limit the use of on street parking by office employees. He is waiting to hear if we prefer a 1 hour or a 2 hour time limit.
- e. **Traffic Calming:** New measures are being designed for King Edward. New measures are being implemented in the Coburg-Wurtemberg area.

10. **Words by New President:** Norman Moyer thanked the outgoing President for her exceptional leadership and expressed his pleasure that she was staying on as Chair of the Environment and Active Transportation Committee. He thanked all the residents for coming and urged them to stay involved in the LCA and to make sure that their views were heard. Finally, he made a special plea for a volunteer to take over the position of chair of the Planning Committee. Because it looks at all new development projects it is a key position and a great place to learn about issues affecting all parts of the community.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 19:45 and people were invited to stay for food and conversation..

12. Following the formal meeting door prizes were handed out to winners. John Chenier presented handsome LCA Mugs to all retiring board members and to our guest Chairman.