



MINUTES for the Annual General Meeting

Date: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 @ 7pm Location: 7 Bayview Road

Board: L. Marlow, S. Hussain, J. Sloatsky, S. Walby, K. Brown, L. Inman, H. Cartwright, A. Arnusch, B. Enright, A. Bruni, C. Moynahan, B. Simser, C. Burke

1. Guest Speaker – Councillor Jeff Leiper – Topics:
 - Status of the Laroche Park Project - contaminated coil remediation of Laroche Park and the replacement of the Field House/Skate Shack/Playground Equipment.
 - Noise level from the LRT – results from noise level testing and any initiatives to resolve this issue.
2. Guest Speaker – Constable Neilly and Cst Christine Schulz – Update on the City Police Community Initiatives.
3. Approval of Agenda and May 8, 2018 Minutes
4. President’s Report – Lorrie Marlow
5. Board Elections – 10 Board positions open for 3 year terms. Dino Testa, Past MCA President officiated the election. Elected: L. Marlow, C. Burke, H. Cartwright, J. Sloatsky, C. Moynahan, B. Simser, A. Bruni, S, Hussain and K. Brown.
6. Other Business



Annual General Meeting (AGM) on May 14, 2019 @ 7pm @ Bayview Yards

MCA Executive: L. Marlow-President, H. Cartwright-Vice President, C. Burke-Treasurer, S. Hussain-Secretary.

Board Members: K. Brown, C. Moynahan, B. Enright, A. Bruni, S. Walby, J. Slootsky, L. Inman, A. Arnusch

Residents of Mechanicsville are encouraged to attend the AGM on May 14, 2019 at 7pm in the Training Room upstairs at Bayview Yards. Membership fee is \$10 and registered members can be nominated for one of the 10 positions on the MCA Board. Nominations with a brief bio can be sent to MechanicsvilleCA@gmail.com. Board members must attend monthly meetings, participate in committees, attend workshops with the City of Ottawa and Police Services and provide needed skills for projects that enhance our community.

Mechanicsville has had a challenging year, like other communities, we are extremely frustrated with the significant increase in crime. We continue to work with Councillor Leiper and Constable Neilly, City Police and our neighboring communities to try and find solutions. The ongoing applications for development of new homes in Mechanicsville requires us to review and provide feedback to ensure the development meets zoning requirements. The redevelopment of Laroche Park required numerous meetings, review of neighborhood feedback and preparation of a detailed formal response to the City to ensure the future Laroche Park meets all our needs. Unfortunately, the remediation of soil contaminates in Laroche Park, the most important and costly part of this project, did not receive funding. MCA intends to pursue the City to consider a smaller cleanup to accommodate the new Field House and Sens Rink.

As President, I would like to thank the current MCA board members who all bring exceptional skills and devote hours of volunteer time to undertake projects, attend meetings, participate in workshops and review material to update their knowledge on a wide variety of topics in order to improve our neighborhood. The challenges are daunting with few achievements and the disappointments are huge, yet these volunteers continue to work tirelessly for Mechanicsville and we are so lucky they find time from their busy lives to participate.

MCA Committee Reports:

Mechanicsville Community Garden at Bayview Yards

- MCA appreciates Bayview Yards providing us with our communal garden space which is maintained and enjoyed by residents. Excess produce is donated to the Parkdale Food Center. Join our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/MIGOttawa/> and for upcoming meetings and events.
- MCA received funds from the City Environmental Grants Program for mulch and manure for our garden and other local parks.
- MCA coordinated a Master Gardener 2018 event at Bayview which was well attended by 31 people.

Security Committee

- On October 29, 2018, the residents of Mechanicsville woke to a targeted shooting at a Short Term Rental property that resulted in one death on Carruthers Avenue. MCA continues to be involved in the consultation for a new bylaw for short term rentals.
- MCA, with Councillor Leiper's office and SWCHC plan, to prepare its own protocol with lessons learned from this incident. C. Moynahan, board member with MCA has attended the Post Incident Trauma Protocol training.
- MCA monitors crime statistics in Mechanicsville and those reports show that property/vehicle break-ins and trespassing continue to be our top issues.
- MCA is considering the establishment of a Neighborhood Watch Program (NWP) which includes a volunteer telephone tree and NWP signage. Any resident with questions or wish to lead this program is encouraged to email us at MechanicsvilleCA@gmail.com.
- Fire at 122 Forward Avenue, the former Riverton Hotel, on Feb 10, 2019, Salvation Army and Red Cross provided support to displaced tenants. One unit was affected and tenants have returned to their homes.

- 2 overdose deaths were reported on March 28, 2019 on Hinchey Avenue. MCA hosted a Naloxone workshop in May 2017 and the possibility of organizing another workshop will be discussed.
- MCA continues to pursue traffic enforcement and traffic calming measures for Mechanicsville with Councillor Leiper and the City. The speedboard installed on the eastbound side of Burnside in 2017 has been recalibrated to reflect the new 40km/h speed limit.

Planning and Development Committee

- Mechanicsville is eagerly awaiting the opening of the Grunt Roastery at 173 Hinchey! MCA provided support for the liquor license for Grunt Roastery with conditions concerning lighting, music and hours of operation.
- MCA did not support the rezoning of 174 Forward Avenue for additional height and variances and as a result the City Planning Committee rejected this rezoning application.
- Laroche Park – MCA has participated in 2 community consultations and additional meetings with the City for the rehabilitation and redevelopment of Laroche Park. MCA provided significant feedback on the plan which is available on our website. MCA was extremely disappointed to learn funds for the contamination cleanup was not approved in the recent budget. MCA will pursue the City to consider cleaning up a smaller area of the Park to accommodate a new Field House and Sens Rink.
- MCA continues to participate in monthly meetings on the advisory committee for the John Howard Society Enhanced Supportive Housing at 55-59 Carruthers Avenue.
- Site Plan reviews were undertaken for 107 Carruthers, 121 and 123/125 Carruthers and 185 Hinchey. MCA provided comments on minor variances regarding visual impact, green space, trees, snow storage and drainage. MCA continues to be involved in consultation for amendments to R4 zoning, Infill Development, LRT and the new Official Plan for 2020.
- 147 Forward and 148 Hinchey were identified for possible heritage recognition by the City of Ottawa Built Heritage review undertaken in Mechanicsville in spring 2018. The Prince of Wales bridge has also been identified.

Events Committee:

- John Howard Society Enhanced Supportive Housing at 55-59 Carruthers is coordinating an Open House on Wednesday, May 15th from 4:30 to 6:30pm to celebrate their one year anniversary. Everyone is welcome to attend!
- The annual Mechanicsville Winter Carnival was held in February 2019. MCA thanks to the Westboro Legion and Laroche Park Sports Association for sponsoring the horse and sleigh ride, Morning Owl for cookies, Bridgehead for coffee, SWCHC for children's activities and residents who brought baked goods.
- The Canadian Tire Jumpstart Soccer program on Friday evenings in Laroche was well attended as is the youth basketball program at Connaught School on Friday evenings until May 24th. With the planned rehabilitation of Laroche Park, no application for funding from Canadian Tire Jumpstart was undertaken so there may not be a soccer program this summer.
- MCA would like to recognize the diverse programming available this winter at Origin Arts on Lyndale Avenue, especially the free Friday night movies during Black History Month and the weekend events. We were also impressed with the number of free learning workshops at Bayview Yards this winter.
- MCA would like to thank SWCHC who coordinate the Market Mobile supplying fruits/vegetables at a reduced cost, every 2nd Thursday at the cul-de-sac on Forward Avenue from 5-6pm. All residents are encouraged to shop at the Market Mobile in order to continue this service.
- Congratulations to MCA Board Member, C. Moynahan who received the Crime Prevention Ottawa award. C. Moynahan continues to volunteer tirelessly on behalf of Mechanicsville on crime prevention initiatives and a proactive community policing model.
- Clean up Mechanicsville Day is set for Sunday, May 26th from 1pm to 3pm. MCA has applied for garbage bags, leaf bags and gloves from the City available at the Laroche Park Field House for volunteers.
- Mechanicsville Garage Sale and Give Away Day is set for Saturday, June 1st along with the rest of the Kitchissippi Ward. Residents are encouraged to hold a garage sale on their properties.

Crime Statistics May 2018-April 2019



Parent Incident Type	Incident Type Primary	2018												2019				Total
		May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr*					
Assault			1	3	1				2	1			1	2	1			12
Breaking & Entering		3				1							1			2		7
Community Policing	SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCE(S)				2	1	1	3	2							1		10
Death	DEATH (NATURAL/ACCIDENT)		1											1				2
Drugs	DRUGS OVERDOSE-NON SUICIDE													2				2
	DRUGS POSSESS SCH I, OPIOIDS					1												1
	DRUGS POSSESS SCH I, OTHER			1														1
	DRUGS POSSESS SCH II CANNABIS	1																1
Emergency	ACCIDENT INDUSTRIAL INJURY		1															1
Fire					1								1					2
Liquor	DRUNK-NO CHARGES																1	1
Liquor	DRUNK-OTHER COMPLAINTS									1								1
Property Crime	Mischief or Damage to Property	4				1	1					1		1				8
Robbery						1						1			1			3
Theft		3	6	2	1	1	1					2	1					17
Theft from Vehicle		4	4		5	6	7	4	1			4	13	5	4			57
Theft of Vehicle					1				1					1				3
Other	BREACH CONDITIONAL SENTENCE													1				1
	BREACH PROBATION					1												1
	BREACH UNDERTAKING/RECOG/FTA								1	1				1				3
	BY-LAW MUNICIPAL-NOISE/SMOKE..	1																1
	DISPUTE-CIVIL					1									1			2
	DISPUTE-DISTURBANCE		1		1		1						1					4
	DISPUTE-NEIGHBOUR		2				1											3
	DISTURBANCE CAUSING, LOITER ETC	1	1															2
	FIREARMS AMNESTY														1			1
	FRAUD -INTERNET								1									1
	FRAUD -FALSE PRETENSE													1				1
	FRAUD IDENTITY			2		1												3
	FRAUD THEFT POSS/USE CRED CARD	1					1									1		3
	FRAUD UNAUTH CREDIT CARD USE		1											1				2
	FRAUD UTTER FORGED DOC									1								1
	MHA - OTHER			1		2	1	1			1	1	2	1				10
	MHA FORM 1			1														1
	MHA FORM 2					1			1									2
	MHA HOSPITAL VOLUNTARY				1		2									1		4
	MHA SEC. 17 APPREHENSION	1	1	1			1	1							1			5
	MISSING ADULT LOCATED	2				1		1			1	1						6
	MISSING JUVENILE LOCATED											1						1
	POSSESS -STOLEN PROPERTY		1															1
	PROPERTY FOUND/RECOVERED			3		1		2				1						7
	PROPERTY LOST		2		1		1								1			5
	PROV STATUTES MISC		1											1				2
	PROV STATUTES OTHER		1															1
	REQUEST POLICE OFFICER								1									1
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON(S)	1		1	3	1	3						3	1				13
	THREATS TO PROPERTY/ANIMAL					1												1
	THREATS UTTER TO PERSON	1		1			1											3
	TRESPASS ACT							1						1				2
Other Total		8	11	10	6	10	13	7	3		3	4	12	7				94
Grand Total		23	24	16	18	21	23	16	9		11	23	21	18				223

* Statistics Gathered on Apr 28, 2019