



AGENDA for the 2020 Annual General Meeting

Date: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 @ 7pm **Location:** Zoom
Board: L. Marlow (President), H. Cartwright (V. President), S. Hussain (Secretary),
C. Burke (Treasurer), J. Sloatsky, K. Brown, C. Moynahan, B. Simser, B.
Finestone
Advisory: SWCHC and A. Bruni

1. Welcome, Introductions and Zoom protocol
2. Agenda and draft May 14, 2019 Minutes for approval
3. President's Report and Committee Reports – L. Marlow to present. Reports will also be available on the MCA website under the tab called "Association". The MCA membership application and method of payment is also on the MCA website.
<http://www.mechanicsville.ca/membership-form>
4. Finance Report – L. Marlow
5. No Board Elections this year – MCA does have open Board positions (3 year terms) for Mechanicsville residents with paid membership. For details and questions, please email MechanicsvilleCA@gmail.com.
6. Guest Speaker – Councillor Jeff Leiper – Update on Kitchissippi Ward
7. Other Business



President's Report 2019/2020

MCA Executive: L. Marlow (President), H. Cartwright (V. President) C. Burke (Treasurer), S. Hussain (Secretary) **Board Members:** K. Brown, C. Monahan, J. Slooks, B. Firestone
Advisory: A. Bruni, Somerset West Community Health Centre (SWCHC)

It's been a challenging year but we have some accomplishments to celebrate! The plans for the rehabilitation of Laroche Park are almost finalized after years of discussion and consultation. This long-awaited project consists of the remediation of contaminated soil in Laroche Park (2.5 hectares) then replacement of the Field House, basketball court, ball diamond, ultimate frisbee pitch and playground equipment. The Playground equipment will be the last area to be fenced off and replaced. The City Forestry Department undertook some tree removal this fall/winter prior to the spring bird nesting season. This project is to start once the rink season is over. See the MCA website for further details on this project.

The City of Ottawa has sold the former Forward Avenue Family Crisis Shelter at 159 Forward Avenue to the Centretown Citizens Ottawa Corporation (CCOC) for a mixed rental housing complex. The complex will contain a mix of full-market rent and affordable units. MCA requested the redevelopment of this property contain larger units to attract families and include affordable units. CCOC have also purchased the adjacent property which has some heritage features. Upon MCA request, CCOC have agreed to incorporate some of those heritage features into their building design. MCA will continue to work with CCOC on this development.

As a result of the State of Emergency, community gardens were deemed non-essential. MCA along with other community garden groups, wrote letters appealing this decision and were successful! However, there were significant conditions to be met prior to opening. MCA prepared a safety plan, reduced its number of volunteers, executed garden agreements and participated in the online safety workshop. MCA also had to obtain a Letter of Support from Bayview Yards to be allowed to operate. All that hard work was worth it as the 2020 harvest was amazing! Our garden produced about 350 Litres of produce for the Parkdale Food Centre. Garden volunteers also delivered produce to the Seniors at St. Vladimir's, residents at the John Howard residence and to local residents.

MCA continues to pursue traffic calming measures for Mechanicsville. Councillor Leiper had the City install a speedboard on the eastbound side of Burnside Avenue to track vehicle speed on Burnside. This speedboard determined that Burnside saw excessive speeds which resulted in the installation of more flexisticks. MCA also participated in the City Transportation Master Plan to address traffic congestion on Parkdale Avenue.

Both MCA and Hintonburg voiced its concern regarding the level of noise from the train. The City Transit have now implemented mitigative measures such as: rail polishing, installed rail dampeners and will be installing sound-dampening panels.

As President, I would like to thank the current MCA board members who all bring exceptional skills and devote hours of volunteer time. Board members undertake projects, attend meetings, participate in workshops, review material and update their knowledge on a wide variety of topics on behalf of our neighborhood. I appreciate the sacrifice you make as a volunteer Board Member while working fulltime from home, home schooling children and trying to have a normal life. Thank you.

MCA have many upcoming challenges with the proposed rezoning of the NCC greenspace, ongoing development applications for Mechanicsville properties, redevelopment of Laroche Park, studies to upgrade to Prince of Wales bridge, Tunneys Pasture Master Plan and ongoing consultation on City planning documents.

The MCA website and the domain and our insurance are currently our only expenses which are covered by membership fees and donations. The membership fee is \$10 per year and the application with instruction for payment is available on our website: <http://www.mechanicsville.ca> Any questions, concerns, pictures or interested in participating, please contact us at: MechanicsvilleCA@gmail.com. Also the MCA GoFundMe page for the victims of the 166 Hinchey fire will close on January 31st, please donate at: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/mechanicsville-hinchey-fire-victims>.

Lorrie Marlow (President)

Mechanicsville Community Association

Annual Financial Statement 2020

Opening balance			\$1,086.74
Revenues	Debit	Credit	
Donations		\$1,730.00	
Total revenues:		\$1,730.00	
Expenses			
Bank charges	\$23.40		
AON insurance for Errors & Omissions Liability	\$691.20		
AON insurance for General Liability	\$515.16		
Total expenses	\$1,229.76		
Year end balance			\$1,586.98

Note to financial statement:

Some expenses were covered by Board members:

Rebel.ca for domain registry \$21.46

Federation of Citizens Associations (Ottawa branch) \$35.00

SquareSpace for website maintenance \$130.86