

## **April 2005**

Present:  
Doug Beardshaw,  
David Johnson,  
Howard Keck,  
Bill Smith,  
Bruce Hill

Regrets:  
Hicham Farhat

Other Attendees:  
Erwin Dreesen,  
Bill Royds,  
(Pat Murphy),  
Maria McRae

1) Meeting called to order at 7:40.

2) Agenda

Moved by Bruce seconded by Bill that the Agenda be accepted. Approved unanimously.

3) Approval of March minutes.

Delayed until next meeting.

4) Guest Speaker

Erwin Dreesen, representing the Poet's Pathway Committee, gave a presentation on the project objectives to commemorate great Canadian poets that have resided or written about the Ottawa area. To this end the Committee would like to establish a walking path from Beechwood Cemetery, through the Southern Corridor and into West Ottawa on existing Green Spaces. The Committee wants support from the Riverside Park community to encourage the appropriate land use decisions by the City and the National Capital Commission in future development of these properties.

5) Treasurer's Report

Due to other commitments, Howard Keck had to leave before item 4 was concluded.

6) Correspondence

Checks received from City for the final installment for 2004/2005 rink operations.

Package from Erwin Dreesen on the "Save the Southern Corridor through Poetry" project.

Letter from Maria McRae - Sawmill Creek Constructed Wetland.

Package from City of Ottawa - Ottawa Ward Boundary Review.

E-mail from Fraser Thompson - Year end rink report and recommendations.

7) New Business

Tree Program - RPCRA registered with City to receive trees.

Clean up the Capital Campaign - we are waiting for an assessment by the City on the condition of the Pauline Vanier field house before proceeding with the proposed RPCRA cleanup project.

Rink Appreciation Night - reminder for 7:00 on Saturday. Moved by Dave seconded by Doug that \$300 be allotted for this event. Approved unanimously.

Victoria Day Fireworks request for \$300 donation. Moved by Bruce seconded by Doug that we request a copy of the proposed budget as well as request that the RPCRA banner be displayed for this event.

City of Ottawa Time Capsule - Councilor McRae asked the RPCRA to contribute to the ward's part in this project. Doug and Carolyn will follow up. Deadline is Dec 1 2005.

#### 8) Committee Reports.

##### Rinks

Bill observed that since the Riverside Park rinks opened on the last day of Fall 2004 and closed on the first day of spring 2005 that operations had spanned three seasons for the first time.

#### 9) Roundtable

Councilor McRae provided an update on City business, including a recent Origin/Destination study in our area. The annual Strawberry Social for Seniors will be taking place on June 24 and that, for the first time, there will be a special ceremony on Remembrance Day for Riverside Ward veterans at the Confederation Heights Community Centre. The Councilor also proposed that the community should develop an annual summer BBQ event at Mooney's Bay to celebrate this unique and special facility in our area.

#### 10) Adjournment - 9:20