


Trailwest Community Association

Meeting Minutes
Annual General Meeting
November 25 2014



On November 25, 2014, neighbours in Trailwest met at the CIBC at Terryfox & Fernbank road to discuss the current events in our community. These are the notes from this meeting.

Amir, our president of the Trailwest Community Association, greeted neighbours and thanked all those who attended. Three years after the Association began, it was great to see so many of our neighbours come together for our yearly meeting. Amir shared how the Board of Directors is proud of what we have accomplished in the last three years and are excited for our years to come together.

CIBC was the first to present and shared their banking offer with the crowd. If you haven't had a chance to take a look at their group banking offer for our community, its available on our website trailwest.ca. CIBC has been an amazing sponsor for our community and its events for the past year and a half and we are so pleased to be partnering with them.

Amir then introduced the board members and Sakshi Oberoi, director of community events, who reviewed last years community events as well as events which will be occurring in 2015. We all have a lot to look forward to. We will be kicking off our community events with SkateFest in early 2015 and we can all look forward to our annual Trailwest Summerfest that occurs every summer at our beautiful Kristina Kiss Park.

Mr. Alan Hubley was next to be introduced and the questions poured in from the crowds.

Retail Deveopment Cope & Eagleson - First that was discussed was the retail development, which will be built as the corner of Cope Drive and Eagleson road, close to First Air. This retail space will be approximately 70,000 square feet and approximately the size of Kanata's Signature Centre that is located near the Centrum. It is owned by the same development

company and will likely hold an LCBO, a specialty grocery store such as a T&T or Whole Foods, as well as restaurants and other small businesses. Currently, community associations in Kanata are showing their support for this development in order for the LCBO to confirm they will build there. When they do, others will follow and construction will begin.

Water Ponding - A water ponding issue in our community was another topic of discussion for Mr. Hubley. Community members shared areas that are a cause of concern heading into the winter months and Mr. Hubley listed to your concerns and took note of the areas, which require patching. While nothing will be able to be done before this winter, as it is just too late in the year, he promised to review it in the Spring time and get our roads into better shape.

Bus Routes - For those concerned about bus routes, our area will be reviewed in the month of April when all routes are reviewed. Changes, if any, will occur around that time.

Parking on Carronbridge – One of Mr. Hubley's main topic of discussion that evening was the parking changes, which will be taking effect very soon on Carronbridge Circle. Over the next few weeks, we will see the signs being placed. These signs are not just for the winter but will be a permanent fixture on Carronbridge circle. These signs will prohibit parking on the left side of Carronbridge circle. Over the past few winters, many concerned neighbours who live on Carronbridge has expressed their concern to councilor Hubley's office about the lack of room for plows, emergency vehicles and school busses ability to maneuver around all the cars parked on the road. What's frustrating to most is that we see empty driveways and cars parked outside these homes on the street. Once Carronbridge is complete, we can bet that other streets in our community will be reviewed as well. If anyone has concerns about their own street it is strongly encouraged that you contact councilor Hubley's office to voice your opinion so changes can be made to make our road's safer and easier to drive on for everyone.

Soccer Field - The soccer field which is located in Kristina Kiss park is currently under legal dispute and therefore not being maintained for use. It is undetermined how long it will take for the field to become up and running for community use. Some interested news we did hear about this area is that we will be being provided with outdoor fitness equipment and benches in the Spring months of 2015.

Our Neighbourhood Watch coordinator, Francine, spoke about the program at our meeting. If anyone in the community is interested in joining the neighbourhood watch, the information will be put up on our website shortly. Being a member is of no cost to you and doesn't take up any of your time. Joining simply means that you will keep your eyes and ears open when walking around in our neighbourhood and reporting anything suspicious to our watch coordinator.

Volunteer at the Rink- Our community rink is something to be very proud of. Many of you had the chance to enjoy it last year due to a few very dedicated community members who

volunteered their time several nights a week to keep it maintained. While we are eternally grateful for what they did last year, we cannot have another year where only a few volunteers are helping to maintain this outdoor space. We are still looking for volunteers who can dedicate themselves to one night a week to be available to shovel, scrape and flood the ice, if needed on that evening. Once the snow has fallen, the community is required to clear the rink in very limited about of time which is why we need a volunteer schedule. We are reaching out to all community members that if you have time in your evenings one night a week, please contact Amir –-amir@mytrailest.ca

The Rink Schedule – this year, due to the overwhelming community use of the rink, there will be schedule in place that will be posted on the rink boards. This will allow families to have skating time for younger children and hockey games to be played at designated times as well. The schedule will be a reminder to all that everyone needs to share the rink space. If people are playing hockey during designated ‘family skate’ time, they are more than happy to play on one half of the rink and have families skate on the other half.

Once again, the Board of Directors would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all who attended the meeting last Tuesday night! It is great to see so many of you interested in community events and it was nice to meet so many new neighbours.

Allison Allen

Trailwest Board of Directors
Secretary