

## Minutes of the QHCA Meeting

March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Present. Denis Vaillancourt, Daniel Kingsley, Jeanine Mader, Loretta Gammon, Randa El-Kadi, Jim Rycroft, Kim Rycroft, Tom Hermkern, Camille Bouchard, Richard Rice, Debra Dunville, Jodi Courchaine, Carolle Ouelette, Sylvie Charbonneau, France Bidal, Suzanne Clendinning and Michaël Srogosz-Bolduc

Regrets; Sue Guarda, Michel Pichette, Sherry Vaillancourt, Al Twedde and Mark Twedde

1. Meeting was called to order 1902hrs.
2. Approval of agenda by Dan Kingsley and Suzanne Clendinning as amended.
3. Minutes of the February 1st, 2023 minutes are available on our website.
4. Opening Remarks. Everyone introduced themselves. There will be much discussion about the Kennedy Lane project.

Denis reminded everyone to please be respectful of everyone.

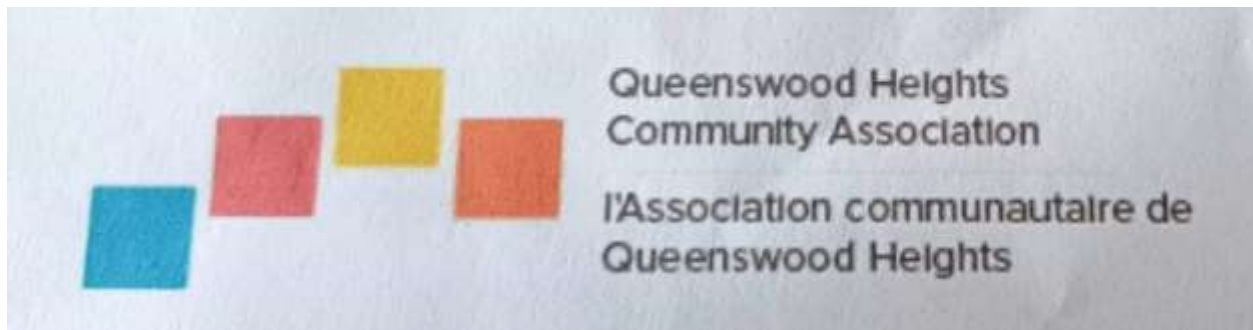
5. Treasurer Report. As Sue was absent, the total funds have not changed. Still \$ 2,099.30. It was motioned by Dan Kingsley, seconded by Jeanine Mader to add Denis Vaillancourt as a signing authority. Approved by all.

Denis visited other associations. He mentioned that Avalon was doing quite well. He is also looking into getting some sponsorship. There would be different levels. They would have their logo on our website and our Facebook page. Fees to be determined. When we have special events, we could rent tables at a small charge of about \$40.00 each.

He will be making an application for a grant that will be used for the music festival. The paperwork must be handed in my Friday, March 10th.

### 6. 360 Kennedy Lane Project

There was much discussion about the 360 Kennedy Lane Project of the building of 81 units, with 60 parking spots. There was much concern about the drainage and lack of parking spaces.



Richard Rice started a petition was started to save the green space. He mentioned that the church is money poor but land rich, Jim Rycroft has a hyperlink for more info about the project. It will be added on our website and Facebook page.

The city has to look at the safety of traffic. So far, nothing has been actually done. The risk management is blank.

Orleans does not more affordable housing so in a way this is a good project. Only 30% is for affordable housing. When they do the snow removal, where will the snow be dumped? So many unanswered questions.

People have to understand that this is a church run project and not by the city or a company. Parking does not meet city rules.

Bill 109 was mentioned.

It was unclear if a traffic study has been done. Someone mentioned that maybe university or college students can do this.

Will there be sidewalks for the safety of the citizens?

Speed bumps were mentioned as a deterrent but they are hard on vehicles.

Sidewalks were never cleared properly so what will happen when the 81 units are built.

Counters were there but only for one day. Preston hill is quite bad in the winter. How some of the elderly who move in with no vehicle will manage it?

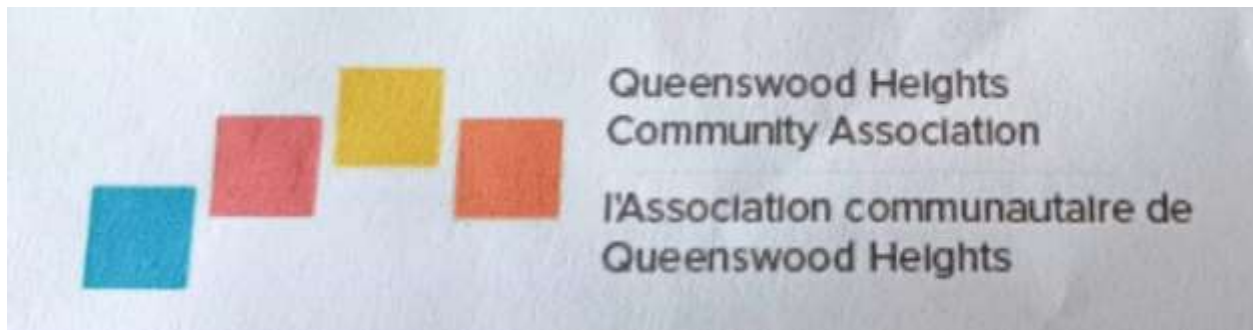
The drainage goes towards Kennedy Lane. It was hold about 250mil of water but it will be much worse once the project is opened. It is thought that there will be much blockage.

Matt's office will keep checking it.

7. Queenswood Height now and in the future. Sarah and Jodi will look at it and will work with university students to come up with a plan.

8. Facebook and Website

a) It was decided that fundraisers on our website and Facebook page will not be allowed. It is not within our goals of how to make our area better.



b) As discussed before, sponsors would be added to our website and Facebook page

9. Everyone has to realize that the rinks are run by the Recreation Association and not by Queenswood Heights Community Association.

We are hoping to have a rink with a roof in the future.

#### 10. 2023 Events

a) Winter Festival which was on February 11th 2023 at Queenswood Ridge was a huge success. There was \$120.00 collected and \$60.00 spent. We need to advertise more for next year.

b) Easter Egg Hunt will be on April 9th. There will be a colouring contest. Pictures will be placed on the Website. There will be a bike rodeo with prizes for best decorated bike, a bicycle parade and races. The dinos will be making an appearance. It would be held at QHCA and will be held indoors if it rains.

c) There will be a community wide garage sale. It will be held at QHCC and will be held indoors if it rains.

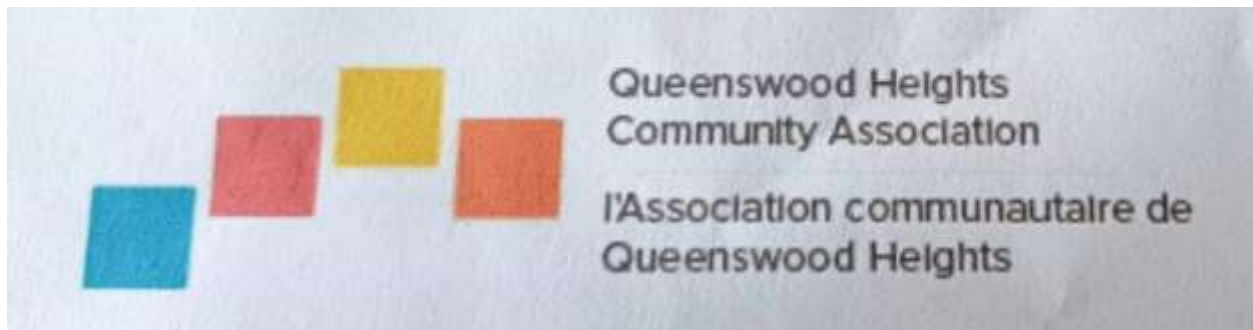
d) Movie in the park will happen again this year at the end of August. Cinestarz will be contacted.

e) Music Festival. Some of the musicians from last year have come forward to play again. Orleans School of Rock will be attending again. We are hoping to get vendors and food trucks. Tables for local vendors will be available for rent. This event will be held at Queenswood Ridge on August 19th, 2023.

#### 11. New Business:

a) It was suggested by Sylvie Charbonneau that a Free Food Kart be started. People would bring their over stock from their gardens and donated them for people who needs it this way, there would be no wastage. The items would be held in a special wagon which will be held at the center. This is a good opportunity for students to get there volunteer hours.

b) There will be a 2nd annual All Creature Race that will be held at the Carleton Race track. All Dinos are welcome to participate. It will be held either in May, June or Sept.



c) The Orleans Cumberland Community Resource Center will be holding free events during March break. Go to their website to register. For the month of February, the center has helped 724 people. There will be free income tax clinic for low income families. You must register for this. Post Incident Neighborhood Support (PINS) is there for anyone needed mental held counselling. There is also training available.

d) It was suggested that fruit trees be planted all over the city. This way, people can have access to fresh fruits.

12. Question period

a) Only one person asked a question and Dan promptly answered it.

13. Closing remarks. Denis thanked those that attend tonight's meeting and to those who attended the on line meeting, there were way more than expected who were able to watch on-line.

14. Next meeting is scheduled for April 5th 2023.

15. Meeting was adjourned at 2107hrs.