



Annual AGM Meeting April 8, 2021

Members in attendance:

Paul Poggione, Jacob Taylor, Vickie Taylor, Elli Kapsalis, Jose Vargas, Nat Elliott, Marc Sauve, Tony LaForest, Don Gargano, Chris Armstrong, Lori Brunette, Colleen Gildert, Jorgen Rasmussen

Guests in attendance: Cheryl Sullivan, Helen Porteous, George Darouze, Cheryl Copper, Doug Thompson, Amy, Jillian, Lorraine Wilson, Jane, Jeremy Hamilton, Marc Leroux, Goldie Ghamari, Angela, Christine Levicki, Kelly Dumas, Emily, Carley Scharf

7:00 Opening Remarks from Marc (current president)

Introduction to guests by each current member

Marc: Reports from directors waived, questions can be directed to Marc
Summary of past activities and upcoming initiatives provided

Election committee (Nat/Elli) explained process for virtual election

Current executive and board of directors dissolved

Elections held

Executive:

President, Marc Sauve

Vice President, Paul Poggione

Treasurer, Jorgen Rasmussen

Secretary, Don Gargano

Board of Directors:

Director of Beautification, Colleen Gildert

Director of Business Affairs, Tony Laforest

Director of Social Media, Lori Brunette

Director of Fundraising, vacant

Directors At Large:

Gabrielle Latreille, Natalie Elliott, Elli Kapsalis,

Continuing in their roles of

Operations: Jose Vargas

Youth Ambassador: Jacob Taylor



Comments from Invited Guests:

Doug Thompson (Greely Community Association)

- possibility of youth activities with the help of OYA
- working to further improve the Greely loop
- planning events for "Canada Day Week" including another drive-by parade
- organizing drive in movie night at the community centre

Emily Dozois (Osgoode Community Association)

- partnered with Foodland to donate to local food bank
- plans for a virtual Canada Day celebration
- Christmas house decorating contest
- toy and food drive for local families

Cheryl Cooper (Metcalf Jets and the Agricultural Society)

- hockey season was challenging but successful
- Jets AGM upcoming
- will continue with events
- partnered with MCA for the Christmas Parade

Jillian (Osgoode Township Museum)

- Heritage school and community garden
- Many successful virtual and home events: Harvest Fest, Camp Take Home Kits, Paint and Pixels, Virtual Museum Talks, barn quilt trail, heritage seed fundraiser
- developed a community gallery space
- many volunteer opportunities, including youth council and heritage garden

Helen Porteous (Lions)

- opening canteen when the Farmer's Market opens, possibly also on Fri nights
- drive-by pork tenderloin dinner on June 9th

Carley Scharf (Nepean Osgoode Community Resource Centre)

- many virtual events in partnership with other organizations
- highlighted services and supports available through the centre

Jeremy Hamilton (Local Fire Station)

- looking forward to building collaboration with community members for virtual education and social media

Marc Leroux (Ottawa Police Services)

- working together on crime prevention and initiatives to improve community safety



Kelly Dumas (Rural Ottawa Support Services)

- provided many new remote services this year
- delivering food hampers, frozen meals, grocery delivery throughout COVID
- run A Friendly Voice for isolated seniors, manage tablet borrowing to connect clients and provide transportation to vaccine appointments

Goldie Ghamari (MPP)

- provided links to various supports through the provincial government
- contact Goldie's office when applying for grants to request a letter of support

<https://otf.ca/our-grants>

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/available-funding-opportunities-ontario-government>

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-support-people>

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-support-students-and-parents>

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-support-workers>

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/businesses-get-help-covid-19-costs>

George Darouze (Ottawa City Councillor)

- expressed appreciation to volunteers and local essential workers and community groups
- provided vaccination update
- secured funding for infrastructure projects (paving, bridges, culverts etc)
- working together on traffic calming measures
- councillor volunteer award nominations now open

Meeting adjourned by Marc at 9:10.