



## RSCA Meeting Minutes – January 27, 2022

**Present:** Tamara Lewis, Lesia Gilbert, Lynn Vanasse, Andrew Latty, Alexander Coakley, Sacha Saroop

Community members present: Graham Irvine, Carol Anne Meehan, Mike T.

**Absent/Regrets:** Atif Rashid, Paul Brun, Kevin McGowan

### Minutes

Item	Details	Motion
1	<b>Call to order &amp; Welcome Attendees:</b> Tamara Lewis (2 min)	
2	<b>Adoption of the Agenda:</b> Tamara Lewis (2 min)	Moved: Lynn Seconded: Lesia Carried: Yes
3	<b>Approval of November 18, 2021 Meeting Minutes:</b> Tamara Lewis (2 min)	Moved: Lynn Seconded: Lesia Carried: Yes
4	<b>Treasurer's Report:</b> Atif Rashid (5 min)  Atif not in attendance	
5	<b>Events:</b> Update re Toy Mountain Drive & Christmas Lights Tour Lesia Gilbert (5 min)  <b>Toy drive</b> went well even though it was a smaller turnout than normal. Gift card winners were very appreciative.  <b>Christmas Lights tour</b> , 65 participants this year and it was nice delivering the gift cards to the draw winners.  <b>Tentative RSVA Family Day Snowfest:</b> - Provided COVID restrictions settle, we will look into possibly putting on an outdoor event at the outdoor	

	<p>rinks for ice skating and ice sculptures. We can provide hot chocolate and music. Carol Anne Meehan's office will assist with the event if we do this. Lynn will check in with Mark to coordinate booking of rinks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Andrew will contact local businesses to see if businesses are interested in donating towards the event</li> <li>- <b>Tentative date:</b> <i>Saturday February 19, 2022</i> (back up date: February 20, 2022)</li> </ul> <p><b>Canada Day</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- COVID restrictions will determine if there are any Canada Day events in parks. Plan to at least have fireworks.</li> <li>- Lesia to contact builders to see if they will donate towards the fireworks. We will need to see what the restrictions are to see if people can watch from the park</li> <li>- If we are permitted to gather, we can do a talent show and old fashioned games on relatively short notice</li> </ul>	
6	<p><b>Local Businesses &amp; Sponsorships:</b> Andrew Latty (5 min)</p> <p>Not much happening at the moment. If we do move forward with planning some events this winter, it will be easier to approach businesses to see if they can donate funds.</p>	
7	<p><b>Communications:</b> Newsletter Items, etc. Lynn Vanasse (5 min)</p> <p><b>Website:</b> Special info page added to website with coyote information</p> <p><b>Next newsletter to include:</b></p> <p>Recap has been added on Christmas Lights and Toy Mountain with a thank you to Moncion's for their donation. Information added on Transportation master plan. Information will also be added about rules around rinks.</p> <p>Can add RSVA Snowfest information and Neighbourhood Watch information once it is ready</p> <p>Carol Anne Meehan: Clubhouse at Claudette Cain. Carole Anne has reached out to facilities management to see what the purpose of the building is and why it's not being used. If it is opened, perhaps we could use it to have vendors sell small items, or use the washrooms inside for events</p>	
8	<p><b>Volunteers Update:</b> Alexander Coakley (5 min)</p>	

	<p>Toy Mountain Drive, had a good number of volunteers. We have also received a few applications from people wanting to volunteer for future events.</p>	
<p>9</p>	<p><b>New Business:</b></p> <p><b>ODR Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Thanks to the weather, rinks opened late December. Mountain Meadows had a water supply issue but it was solved relatively quickly. The weather has been great for rinks and minimal days to close.</li> <li>- Mark wants to thank all leads and the volunteers for their help so far because they have been great.</li> <li>- Carole Anne mentioned if we do have further water issues, to contact her office ASAP and they assist as well</li> </ul> <p><b>Neighbourhood Watch Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Graham Irvine, Neighbourhood Watch coordinator: started watch program late 2021, early this year. A dozen block captains so far, however they are still canvassing to get more streets signed up. Things have been slow with canvassing due to COVID. They will look into setting up more electronic information when they are a bit more established. There must be a block captain and a certain of houses signed up with Neighbourhood Watch before a sign can get added on the street</li> <li>- Carol Anne Meehan: contact Carol Anne's office if we are wanting Neighbourhood Watch signs and they can be added to her budget.</li> <li>- Questions from Mike T. asking about what the Neighbourhood Watch is and what they are about. Suggested that we share the information about investing in technology to keep an eye on what's happening in the neighbourhood.</li> </ul> <p><b>SMPS/VRPS Update (Lynn Vanasse)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lynn and Kevin attended a meeting: VRPS is at twice it's capacity so the board is proposing that next year grades 7 attend SMPS, and following year grades 7 and 8 would move to SMPS in portables. VRPS parents are not keen on bussing their kids outside of their community so in the short term they are ok with portables, but waiting until a new school is built is too long term.</li> <li>- There will be a call out to be prepared to sign petitions for Findlay Creek residents to get a new school.</li> <li>- Carol Anne: VRPS parents may opt to have their kids go straight to St. Fx for grades 7-8, rather than move to SMPS and then to highschool. With how the community is growing, schools need to be addressed earlier as new communities grow. Schools need to be considered an essential service.</li> </ul> <p><b>Open to Floor</b></p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tamara: Promoting RSCA as many people may not know we exist as the community grows <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ask Moncion's if we can set up an A-frame with our logo and web address. Perhaps door hangers and flyer/pamphlets at a table</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Carol Anne Meehan: The planning committee approved the proposed zoning bylaw at 702 Earl Armstrong for the new OCDSB secondary school</li> </ul>	
11	<b>Adjournment</b>	Moved: Lynn Seconded: Andrew Carried: yes

**Next Board of Directors Meeting:** Thursday, February 17, 2022 - Virtual

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