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# RSCA News!

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## Riverside South Community Association News

### New board, new vision, new look!

Spring is a time of renewal and with it just around the corner, the RSCA has done some renewing of its own — check out the articles below to see what we've been up to.

### New RSCA Board

We have a new Board of Directors and they're anticipating an exciting and productive 2020 with the RSCA!

Meet the team:

Graham Irvine, *President*

Kyle Creelman, *Vice President*

Prashanthi Nadarajah, *Treasurer*

Mireille Focquet, *Secretary*

Lynn Vanasse, *Communications Director*

Lesia Gilbert, *Events Director*

Filipe De Souza, *Business & Sponsors Director*

Alexander Coakley, *Volunteers Director*

[Click here for bios & contact info](#)

### New Vision

In light of the feedback we received through our recent online poll, we held a Special General Meeting on Feb 20 that passed changes to our bylaws to reflect a new vision for the RSCA's role in the community and with that a slight realignment in the Board roles and responsibilities.

The new purpose and objectives of the RSCA are to:

- Develop and foster community spirit;
- Protect and enhance the quality of life throughout the community;
- Promote organized community endeavours; and
- Keep residents informed of actions which could affect the community.

To achieve the above we have reorganized the Directorships so that no one person is responsible for Civic Affairs or RSCA Programs, but rather it will be a shared effort by the full Board based on input and support from the members of the Riverside South community.

We will be scaling back some of our programs and our involvement in initiatives that can stand alone or are more properly handled at the municipal level; this will allow us to focus on the things that the RSCA does best — hosting community events and running programs like the Outdoor Rinks and Canada Flags that make our community a great place to live!

We will continue to share news from all 3 levels of government that may affect our community and its residents and will invite your feedback before providing the RSCA's input or forming committees to act on issues of concern.

## **New Look**

As you can see, we have a new look to the newsletter and our Comms Director and Webmaster have been busy revamping the RSCA website with a fresh design and improved navigation — it's now live, be sure to check it out!  
[riversidesouth.org](http://riversidesouth.org)

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## **Thank you RSCA Rink Volunteers!**

The Outdoor Rink season has come to an end. We can't thank all the hardworking volunteers enough for their dedication, community spirit, and hours of effort put in to get the rinks going



and maintained. Mother Nature threw them some curveballs (slushballs?) this season, but they persevered and Riverside South's skaters and hockey players all appreciate it!

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## Riverside South Diversity Mural

For a third time, the RSCA has coordinated with the art program at St FX Catholic High School to create a piece of public art for display in our community. The RSCA provides the funds to cover

the cost of materials and the students do the rest!

The "Riverside South Diversity" mural was installed March 6th in Councillor Meehan's Ward 22 office located in the Rideauview Community Centre. Twelve grade 9-12 visual art students from three different high schools, with mentorship from St FX teacher and Artists of Stonebridge member Roy Ketchum, worked on this complex and challenging mural (6' x 4') for nearly four months. More than eighty per cent of the students involved in the painting were from St. Francis Xavier: Rebecca Saunders Shahad Baobaid, Sophia Fornarolo, Morgan Pleet, Vittoria Pantano, Nevada Hasbani, Rebecca Anderson, Julia Krajic, Tara Morin, Jenson Clarke, Alex Reyes-Brunhuber (John McCrae high school), and Madison Ketcheson (Elmwood school).

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## Ward Boundary Review 2020

The City of Ottawa is reviewing its ward boundaries. The last major review was completed in 2005 and established the city's 23 wards.



Since that time, Ottawa has seen considerable population growth, especially in suburban wards outside the Greenbelt. Some wards are growing twice as fast as others, creating population imbalances. Barrhaven (Ward 3)'s population is now 43 per cent above the average ward population of 44,000, and Gloucester-South Nepean (Ward 22)'s population is 23 per cent above average.

To learn more and have your say click visit: [Ward Boundary Review](#)

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## Our Community Partners

We couldn't accomplish our goals without the help of our local businesses. We thank them for their generous help and sponsorships!  
[riversidesouth.org/community-partners](https://riversidesouth.org/community-partners)

To find out how your business can become an RSCA community partner for 2020, please contact: [businessrelations@riversidesouth.org](mailto:businessrelations@riversidesouth.org)

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## Mark your Calendars!

Spring Clean Up: May 9  
Community Garage Sale: May 30

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## Feedback

The RSCA wants your input! Have ideas for our events and programs? A community issue you think the RSCA should look into? Let us know:  
[info@riversidesouth.org](mailto:info@riversidesouth.org)



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