

APPENDIX I: Riverside South Community Association (RSCA) Annual Report

Mandate

The mandate of the RSCA is 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.

2024-2025 Year in Review

Over the past year, the RSCA has proudly organized and supported a variety of events and initiatives that brought neighbours together and strengthened community connections, including:

- Badminton Program
- Halloween Tour
- Toy Mountain Parade
- Sleigh Rides
- Holiday Lights Tour
- Outdoor Rinks
- Spring Clean Up
- Spring Movie in the Park
- Student Bursary
- Community Garage Sale
- Canada Day Festival and Fireworks
- Fall Movie in the Park
- Fall Clean Up
- Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Outdoor Rinks

This winter, our dedicated Outdoor Rinks teams and Rink Coordinator will once again maintain the Mountain Meadows puddle rink, Nimiq puddle rink, Boothfield boarded rink, and both the boarded and puddle rinks at Spratt Park.

Unfortunately, due to a shortage of volunteers, we were unable to continue operating the Summerhill rink last season. The City will be consulting with the previous rink lead to determine their availability for this year. If they're unable to return, the RSCA rink team will explore opportunities to recruit new volunteers to bring this location back into operation.

Volunteer recruitment for the 2025–2026 season will begin in November. We encourage community members who enjoy skating and winter recreation to get involved—these rinks truly depend on local support to keep them running.

We would like to thank all our dedicated volunteers, community partners and generous sponsors. Your time, energy, and support make these community initiatives possible year after year.

Additional Community Endeavours

Beyond our regular programs and events, the RSCA continues to strengthen community connections and engagement through additional initiatives.

This year, the Board committed to having one of our directors participate in MPP George Darouze's Carleton Advisory Board meetings, ensuring that the voice and interests of Riverside South residents are represented. Attendance will rotate among available board members as scheduling allows. The first meeting of the term took place on September 29, 2025.

The RSCA also hosted an information table at the Steve MacLean Public School Open House on October 1, 2025, providing an opportunity to meet families, share information about our programs, and encourage greater community involvement.

Communications

The RSCA maintains multiple communication channels to keep residents connected and informed, including:

- RSCA Website
- Community Newsletter
- Facebook Page and Group
- Twitter (X) Account
- Instagram

Throughout the past year, the RSCA Communications team:

- Promoted RSCA activities and events (see *Year in Review* above); and
- Shared timely updates and information related to:
 - Outdoor rink conditions and volunteer opportunities
 - Coyote safety and awareness
 - When and how to report issues to Police or Bylaw
 - Engage Ottawa opportunities affecting Riverside South
 - LRT construction progress and detours
 - City of Ottawa events, reminders, and consultations
 - Updates from Councillor Desroches, Ottawa Public Health, Ottawa Police, Ottawa Bylaw, Parks & Recreation, the Public Library, and the Ottawa Safety Council

The RSCA remains committed to transparent, consistent, and timely communication with residents throughout the year.