



Together for Vanier Meeting
May 14, 2018
Vanier Community Service Centre (VCSC)
Minutes

Present:

Helena Arruda (Vanier Community Service Centre), Melanie Clément (City Councillor's officer), Lauren Touchant (Vanier Community Association (VCA)), Ahmed Luqman for Nancy Worsfold (Crime Prevention Ottawa), Rose Anne Leonard (Vélo-Vanier), Frederic Lorquet (Ottawa Community Housing (OCH)), Lucie Marleau (Crime Prevention Vanier (CPV)); Patrick Mayangi (Multifaith Housing Initiative); Matthieu Fleury (Councillor),

Regrets:

Nathalie Carrier (Vanier Business Improvement Area (BIA)), Cst. Jackalyn Getz (Crime Stoppers Ottawa), Cst. Vianney Calixte (Ottawa Police Services); Paul Beauchamp (Boys and Girls Club)

Minutes: Rose Anne Leonard

1. **Approval of the agenda** (moved: Frederic seconded: Melanie)
 - a. Approved
2. **Approval of past minutes** (moved: Frederic / seconded: Lauren)
 - a. Approved
3. **Follow-up from minutes** - NA

4. Varia

Status of the Resource booklet update- Jean-Michel Rousseau for CSCV

Jean-Michel thanked those who provided input to the new version of the Resource booklet.

Printed copies will be available in 10 days. The booklet will also be published online.

To promote the publication

- The link to the online version will be published on the TogetherforVanier website;
- Property managers in Vanier will receive copies;
- The Councillor's office will include an ad in their regular messaging to new property owners in Vanier, alerting them to a "Welcome to Vanier" package prepared by the Vanier Community Association and available for pickup at the CSCV. This package will include the booklet.
- Multifaith housing would like to include the booklet in their welcome package.

Together for Vanier Website

Jean-Michel Rousseau presented the updates to information and layout on the Together for Vanier website.

A discussion regarding the use of the online calendar resulted in the suggestion that either T4V partners have access to the calendar or that their own Google calendars be merged with the T4V calendar. The discussion identified a common desire for a centralized calendar for Vanier activities.

Post-incident Protocol Training

The core participants for implementing post-incident protocols are:

- Office of the Councillor (the original source of information)
- VCA,
- CPV,
- CSCV,
- Community Police Officer

A second wave of participants will be involved if the incident occurs near to them or has a particular effect on their clients. These are

- Schools,
- OCH,
- Wabano Centre for Aboriginal Health,
- Multifaith Housing Initiative,
- BIA

The Councillor's office will draft a letter describing the aims of the protocol and the responsibilities of the participants in the communication chain, so that all participants have a common understanding of the process.

The group confirmed that the Councillor's office should be the single point of contact and the source of information.

Vanier -- 50th Anniversary

Lucie reminded the committee that 2019 is the 50th anniversary of the City of Vanier. Partners agreed that this could be used as a promotional focus (e.g. 50 things to do or see in Vanier), as a focus for a medium sized initiative—e.g. and update to the brochure describing the murals in Vanier, or as the inspiration for a gala event.

Partners contributions:

- The VCA will be organizing a New Year's party to launch the 50th anniversary of Vanier;
- Lucie will begin the list of 50 things to do during Vanier's 50th;
- Lauren will liaise with the BIA and Museo-parc to determine what plans they may have;
- Helena will negotiate to have space in Perspectives Vanier throughout the year and encourage Perspective Vanier to promote the anniversary.

5. Partner's reports

Councillor Mathieu Fleury's Office

The Councillor noted that the *Clean the Capital* and the *Hallowe'en* events had fewer numbers of volunteers this year. Helena offered the explanation that connections to the youth programs, *Focus Ado* and *Franco Jeunesse* (and to the volunteers they provided) were weakened when those programs moved from *Community Development* to *Families* within the CSCV. A meeting will be organized to reconnect.

Jean-Michel in his role as liaison to the French Public School Board has been meeting with organizations in the community to promote volunteer projects for students. He will provide input into how Vanier projects can build up the numbers of volunteers.

Until July 27th, Councillor Mathieu Fleury's Office will be able to sponsor and support *Movies in the Park*. After the writ is dropped on July 27th, the office will support, but the councilor will not be named in the promotional material.

CSCV:

Velofest and *The Happening*. *Velofest* will be held June 2 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. to celebrate and promote safe cycling in Vanier. Everyone is welcome.

The Happening, a community gathering in the parking lot of Centre Francophone, will be held on four Wednesdays from July 18 to August 8 from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Zumba, music and sports will be available on site.

Vanier Community Association (VCA) Lauren Touchant

Lauren reported on her follow-up with Ginette Gratton. Her focus is now on the project to revitalize Montreal Road.

At a focus group asking what residents wanted for Montreal Road, many offered ideas. The BIA and the VCA will partner to encourage ongoing discussion. Ten residents participated in the VCA group to Clean up the Capital.

The VCA is working on these upcoming initiatives.

- Three evenings this summer for *Movies in the Park*.
- A relaunch of a "Say Hi" campaign (with buttons and t-shirts) to be implemented during many of their events.
- The celebration for St. Jean Baptiste, on the 23rd and 24th of June on the school grounds of *Ecole Horizon Jeunesse*. Le committee francophone of the VCA will be participating in the organization.
- *An End of the Year* festival – the weekend before Christmas
- A New Year' Eve party.
- An educational session on *Arsonists and Fire Prevention*
- A visioning exercise, as a component of the AGM in June, to inform the VCA's plans for next year.
- A safety forum, being planned for September.

Crime Prevention Ottawa

- 95 people attended a successful presentation from CPO's *Speaker Series*, entitled "What Happens After You Call?"
- CPO has been exploring a proposal for a project to counter stereotyping associated with crime. Some ideas from the discussions:
 - Profile successful residents from neighbourhoods in which residents are negatively stereotyped
 - Change the narrative in discussing crime: Facilitate discussion in such a way that might include input from friends and families of criminals, to broaden the scope of understanding and promote stronger solutions.

Crime Prevention Vanier / PCV

Lucie introduced a new 'tips' sheet: *How to identify and report a potential John*. She also shared copies of 7 other tips sheets prepared over the years and asked that they be shared, posted and distributed far & wide.

She provided a list of CPV activities:

- Presentation of the Community Impact Statement at John School - March 28
- A presentation before the Police Services Board at the end of the month with representatives from Lowertown and Hintonburg about their experiences with the *OPS Service Initiative Implementation Community Advisory Group*.
- A memorial for Elvira Diaz-Granados will happen on Friday at 7 p.m. at Marier Park
- The Neighbourhood Watch (NW) Program:
 - A Meet & Greet with our new CPO officer was very well attended in April. 30+ member of Vanier's NWProgram participated
 - Vanier has 11 active Watches - 9 on the North side of Montréal Rd & 2 on the South side
 - 2 new Watches (both on the south side!) are being developed
 - Residents on Vachon have joined the Marier North Watch
 - Residents on Park have joined the Frontenac/Richelieu Watch
 - Current concerns include criminal activity in the Burger King parking lot + drug house on Carillon
- VCA Safety Committee:
 - Last meeting had presentations on overdose prevention & bylaw
 - Walkabouts are starting again: 1st Saturday of the month, leaving 290 Dupuis @ 10 a.m. Everyone welcome!!!!
 - Lauren & Lucie will be working on developing an emergency plan for Vanier in collaboration with nearby communities
 - Participating in workplan activities: Welcome pkg for new residents, bringing back the Say Hi Vanier! campaign, adopt-a-garbage can, kindness cards, and a whistle project.

Ottawa Community Housing

- 300 Lacasse will be renovated.
- At the OCH site on Richelieu Street, 45 bachelor units will be converted to 15 family units. The work will happen in autumn.
- 271 Garneau received money for a shed and a BBQ.

Vélo-Vanier: Rose Anne Leonard

- Velo-Vanier has won the 2018 Bruce Timmerman's Award to an organization which promotes cycling in Ottawa.
- The loan program launched on May 9 and will run until September 28.
- The monthly tune-up workshops will be held at le Centre Francophone de Vanier, 270 Marier Ave. from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. on May 17, June 21, July 18, Aug. 8 and Sept. 13
- The program is looking for volunteer mechanics and cyclists who wish to lead short evening bike rides for Vanier residents during the summer.
- Velo-Vanier will be promoting cycling for newcomers with “learn to ride” sessions.

Ottawa Multifaith Housing:

Patrick Mayangi of Multifaith Housing Initiative introduced himself as the new representative for Multifaith Housing.

Next meeting: Sept. 17, 5 p.m. Ottawa Room at Vanier Community Service Centre.