

New Vanier Community Association

The new Vanier Community Association was launched last June 10th at the Richeleu-Vanier Community Centre with the aim of "envisioning a community that is recognized and celebrated as a diverse, inclusive and safe place where individuals and families thrive – where residents work together to maximize the inherent potential of the community and recognize Vanier's rich history."

The new Vanier Community Association of tomorrow is comprised of 15 happy residents who clearly want to encourage citizen involvement in Vanier.

"We have met again in late July and what has transpired is that we will want to develop some lines of communications with Vanier residents via the Web. In 2008, it's not a luxury to use the Web," said Michael Horne, member of the Association.

During that July meeting the New Vanier Community Association decided to reconvene in September in order to elect the Executive.

The 15 members of the Association have diverse backgrounds. A little bit of old residents who have a corporate memory of what has happen in the



"We have our eyes on the future. We will get from where we are (or where we are perceived to be) to the new Vanier Community Association by planning, recognizing our problems, initiating solutions, communicating, cultivating leadership and finally encouraging participation," said Luc Bigras, one of the 15 members.

past and a touch of newer residents who have other live experiences elsewhere. All in all they share one neighbourhood – a place they call home.

The 15 members are in alphabetical order: Luc Bigras, Eddy Chery, Yasmin Chong, Marie Cousineau, Michael Horne, Jamil Ibrahim, Justin Lambert, Elaine Léger, Andrew Leuty, Lucie Marleau, Stéphanie Plante, Val Roos, Debbie St-Aubin, Marcel Tousignant and Kimberly Yull.

Councillor Georges Bédard

"I welcome the arrival of this new Vanier Community Association," said Councillor Georges Bédard. "Congratulations! We have got 15 individuals who want to better our Vanier Quarter. My role will essential be to listen to the Association and be a link with City Hall officials and politicians. I have decided to help out the Association by giving you a \$500 start-up fund for some pressing needs. It's not always easy to find funds from the get go."