



**Together for Vanier Meeting  
February 20th, 2018  
Vanier Community Service Centre (VCSC)  
Minutes**

**Present:**

Helena Arruda (Vanier Community Service Centre), Melanie Clément (City Councillor's officer), Paul Beauchamp (Boys and Girls Club), Lauren Touchant (Vanier Community Association), Nancy Worsfold (Crime Prevention Ottawa), Cst. Jonathan Kenney (Ottawa Police Services); Rose Anne Leonard (Vélo-Vanier), Cst. Jackalyn Getz (Crime Stoppers Ottawa), Frederic Lorquet (Ottawa Community Housing)

**Regrets:**

Lucie Marleau (CPV), Tobori Anethua (Multifaith Housing Initiative); Nathalie Carrier (Vanier BIA), Matthieu Fleury (Councillor),

**Minutes:** Rose Anne Leonard

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

Lauren was not successful in contacting *Constellation Vanier* with regards to facilitating a community event to re-engage on building the spirit of Montreal Road. The VCA will follow up with Ms. Gratton to determine if she will go ahead.

**4. Varia**

**Status of the Resource booklet** update-CSCV

The updated resource booklet is almost ready for printing. Jean-Michel Rousseau has issued a final request for pictures.

**Family Day** update (Saturday February 17th/2018) –VCA

Melanie and Lauren reported on a great turnout (an estimate of 200 attendees.) Many families were present for food and fun. Youth volunteers received accolades from the organizers. The sugar shack was opened. It was suggested that in future, T4V partners be invited to participate in events like Family Day, and given the maximum advance notification possible.

Funding opportunities: (joint submission VCA/CSCV)

The community association is looking for sponsorship grants. The VCA is hoping to support two movies in the park, an end of the year event around the rink and a corn roast. Nancy suggested the United Way as a funding sources. Lauren suggested that the BIA could perhaps recommend sources for funding.

#### Post incident protocol- training-CSCV

Representatives from OCH, OPS community policing, the BIA, Multifaith Housing, Boys and Girls Club and from the councillor's office will participate in training for post-incident protocols on April 23. There was a discussion about the benefits of inviting the school boards. Helena will inquire as to the level of interest.

#### T4Vanier Website-CSCV

Updates are being made to restructure the web site. Groups will be able to have updates made, after which they will be able to edit their own sections of the site.

### 5. Partner's reports

#### **Councillor Mathieu Fleury's Office**

The working group for the Revitalization of Montreal Road has been launched. The next meeting will be March 6. There are ten block captains who are determining the process for representing and reporting to the community. City staff will meet with residents at the VCA monthly meetings. The VCA sustainability committee will coordinate the discussion among the block captains liaise with the VCA board members and the community.

Nancy suggested that some community members be invited to tour the work sites to offset public reaction to the disruption which will occur when construction begins. Melanie will raise the idea with Councillor Fleury.

Riverain Park will be updated. Plans for consultation are underway.

The Clean-up the Capital will occur in the spring. Lauren said she would raise awareness and encourage participation through the VCA.

#### **Ottawa Police** Community Police Constable Jonathan Kenney

Members are encouraged to engage volunteers from the Community Police for public events, such as the carnival.

Constable Kenney reported on a theft and shots fired at an illegal business on Montreal Road. He also encouraged community members to call in reports of crime or suspicious activity.

#### **Crime Stopper's**

Cst. Jackalyn Getz reported that Crime Stoppers had good engagement with the public at Loblaw's for an event during Crime Stoppers Month.

Crime Stoppers volunteers are available to engage with community members at events and look forward to being invited by community organizations. Lauren noted that Crime Prevention Vanier, a subcommittee of the VCA, would reach out to strengthen links with Crime Stoppers.

Cst. Getz has begun to publish an online series entitled “Crime of the week.” E.g. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uyMWjIVFq0M>  
Links to the clips are posted on Twitter [@crimestoppersOT](https://twitter.com/crimestoppersOT) and Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/CrimeStoppersCA>

T4V partners were encouraged to retweet and/or like one another’s social media messages to further broadcast messages which inform and promote the Vanier community.

### **Crime Prevention Ottawa**

CPO is working on issues related to the public’s reporting to police. CPO has been providing training to staff from the OPS Call Centre and the Comm Centre. Training has particularly addressed how to respond to callers from vulnerable communities. CPO is planning a speakers' event to serve as a platform for call center representatives to share their realities and explain their protocols. The date for this event will be published when arrangements have been made.

Paint it up projects are underway.

Promotional material on Internet safety is available on the CPO site – there are tips for parents and games for kids. There was general agreement that too many parents are not aware of the threats posed to children whose use of the Internet goes unmonitored.

There will be a speaker series held on March 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss Human Trafficking.

### **Vanier Community Association (VCA) Lauren Touchant**

The security committee has more than 20 members and has created a work plan. The next meeting will be held Feb. 21.

Board members approved the creation of a francophone ad hoc committee of the VCA. The annual Après-Snow event, associated with the Family Day winter carnival did not occur this year. The plan had been to make it a fundraiser for SOS Vanier. Due to scheduling challenges, it was postponed.

Costs for the appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board regarding Council’s approval of the proposal for the Salvation Army’s centre and shelter on Montreal Road are estimated at \$200,000. Expenditures will include consulting services to assess and present the social and economic impacts of the site and services of a planning expert. The VCA will play a role in fundraising.

Lauren reminded members that there will be a march for the “Housing First” model to prevent homelessness, on Saturday, Feb. 24. A seminar will be held after the march.

### **Crime Prevention Vanier / PCV** Lauren Touchant reporting for Lucie Marleau

CPV/ PCV is engaged in the following on-going projects and activities:

- Light Your Porch initiative
- Communication with & coordination of 11 Neighbourhood Watches
- City and OPS consultations, forums, meetings, conferences and speaking series,

- Distribution of safety material and products: e.g. prevention tips sheets on arson, theft in vehicles; problem addresses, who to call/when to call, etc.
- Working closely with Vanier community police officer.

### **Ottawa Community Housing**

OCH is applying for community capital funding. It has made two submissions – a BBQ to continue the successful tradition created in partnership with the CSCV, and another summer initiative.

### **Ottawa Boys and Girls Club** Paul Beauchamp

Every weekend is active at the Boys and Girls Club. Staff supported broomball at the Family Day event. The Canada Senators Sports and Leadership League program is now focused on ball hockey. Every weekend OBGC brings participants together for play.

### **Vélo-Vanier:** Rose Anne Leonard

Rose Anne presented a new sign created for the program by Vanier artist, Barbara Verner. The mosaic representation of the Vélo-Vanier logo has been well received to date.

Kudos were offered to Joanne Veldman of Ottawa Public Health for creating a project to assess the contribution made by Vélo -Vanier to community well-being, and for recruiting and coordinating a team of Algonquin nursing students who performed the assessment and designed a PowerPoint presentation to present the findings and promote the program.

**Next meeting:** May 14 5 p.m. Ottawa Room at Vanier Community Service Centre.