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Vanier CA sees ranks swell at AGM

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An effort to attract more members for Vanier Community Association was met with some success at the recent annual general meeting, when four new members stepped up to join the board of directors.

The meeting, held on June 14 at the Richelieu-Vanier Community Centre, marked the end of a successful year for the association and offered members an opportunity to speak about the new issues and concerns.

"This was my first meeting, but I am really interested in getting involved and I am looking forward to being on the board," Ryan Mill said.

Along with two other new members, Nick Saunders and Geoffrey Derry, Mill will meet with the existing board members in the next few weeks to vote on executive positions.

The fourth new member, Mike Bulthuis has already been involved in community projects such as the Vanier Community Garden, but felt it was time to take the next step and join the board.

"My interest in Vanier continues to grow since I moved here a little over three years ago and I am looking forward to taking a more active role on the board," Bulthuis said.

Michael Horne, president of the association, announced he would be stepping down as of June 14, but promises to continue to take part in meetings as a resident.

"We started this association to address

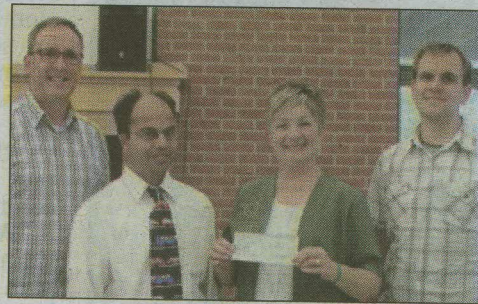


Photo by Michelle Nash

A donation from the Vanier Community Association for \$300 has given the garden committee a much needed boost for this summer's harvest. Michael Horne, president of the Vanier Community Association, left, Jevone Nicholas, Marguerite Beaulieu and Mike Bulthus, was pleased to award the committee with the money.

the issue of drugs and prostitutes in our neighbourhood, but relationships were made and have evolved and I am delighted for the continue support and creative solutions," Horne said in his end of year report.

Rideau-Vanier Coun. Mathieu Fleury, Mayor Jim Watson and Ottawa-Vanier MP Mauril Bélanger also attended the meeting, and each complemented Horne on how hard he and the board have worked, adding that his presence will be greatly missed.

"It is often a thankless task to be the president of a community association. I would like to thank you for all your hard work and dedication over the years," Watson said.