



Association communautaire
d'**OVERBROOK**
Community Association

CELEBRATING



Annual Report 2017-2018

Annual General Meeting

Thursday, 15 November 2018

Overbrook Community Centre

Website: overbrook.ca

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VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to co-create a vibrant, caring community in which our environment and everyone in it matters.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Overbrook Community Association is a volunteer group that is supported financially on a small budget from donations, fundraising events, and project grants. We serve the community, working collaboratively to create a safe place where people care about each other and enjoy beautiful surroundings.

We encourage community engagement by providing welcoming opportunities for all residents to voice their interests and concerns; organize events; participate in projects related to: environment, preserving heritage and parks; fundraising; communication, planning and development; social events; traffic and safety; and arts and culture. We invite all residents to use their gifts and actively promote social inclusion.

We collaborate on decision-making; work with other groups and communities; ensure that the voice of Overbrook is heard in municipal government; foster connection through our community newspaper, website and emails; reach out to businesses in the hope of creating a Business Improvement Association.

CORE VALUES THAT SHAPE OUR ACTIONS

Respect • Inclusion • Collaboration • Integrity
Diversity • Sustainability • Safety

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Rawlson King (Jan-Jun 2018)
Interim President: Joanne Lockyer (Jul-Nov 2018)
Treasurer: Patrick Venier
Secretary: Wendy Dennys

Directors-at-large

Heather Amys
David Behn
Monjur Chowdhury
Rawlson King
Sheila Perry
Shay Purdy
Jo Stinson

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Rawlson King (January to June)

With the closure of Rideau High School last year, the OCA advocated for the creation of a new community hub at the previous school site.

In 2016, the Overbrook Community Association petitioned the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board aggressively to keep Rideau High School open, in order to provide a local educational option for our young people.

Working in joint partnership with the Vanier Community Association and Pro-Active Education for All Children's Enrichment (PEACE), our organization formed the "Friends of Rideau High School" group to represent scores of community activists and the interests of thousands of neighbourhood residents to keep the school open.

With secondary school dropout rates higher in Vanier, Overbrook and Castle Heights than in other parts of the City of Ottawa, we believed that Rideau High School was absolutely essential for improving educational outcomes and increasing the life skills and opportunities of our youth. Unfortunately, the School Board made the wrong decision when it voted to close the school since half the children in our area live below the poverty line in social housing. Because of the school closure decision, racialized, Indigenous and immigrant youth in our neighbourhood are experiencing significant challenges.

Our organization believes that a key contributor to our children's social mobility is access to both quality local education and essential social services. Though we would have preferred the school remain open, and pursued actions to have an administrative review of the decision conducted, we are now currently committed to the transformation of the property into a community hub.

A community hub offers co-located, coordinated and integrated services such as health care and social services. Community organizations, including our association, are committed to the vision of the Rideau High School property being retained in public hands and used for the delivery of public services. A community hub will allow a number of agencies to provide social and cultural services to our neighbourhood, as well as contribute to economic development opportunities.

While community hubs are as unique as the community they serve, a key commonality is their concurrent ability to deliver both person and community-centered care. We therefore unequivocally support the efforts led by the Rideau-Rockcliffe Community Resource Centre and the Odawa Native Friendship Centre to roll out a community hub at the Rideau High School location.

We acknowledge the fact that in lieu of an operating secondary public school, a community hub will contribute tremendous value to local residents, which can be measured and demonstrated in social and economic terms. Our community looks forward to making the community hub project a success.

Rawlson King, President

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Wendy Dennys, Chair (January to April)

Website:

ACTIVITIES IN 2017-18

- Rawlson King and Wendy Dennys maintained the site, with the technical assistance of James Wisener
- New page was created for *Overbrook the Musical*
- GoFundMe account was set up and linked to site by Patrick Venier
- New followers were added
- Social media account linked to site (Facebook and Twitter)

LOOKING AHEAD

- In September 2018, Marilyn Read assumed responsibility for the website.

Nouvelles d'Overbrook News

ACTIVITIES SINCE 2013

- First issue: September 2013 with seed money from the Overbrook Community Development Framework (CDF)
- Co-editors: Wendy Dennys (manager) and Martine Joly (editor and translator)
- Graphic designers over the years: Martin Irwin, Méliza Fournier, Sasha Chama
- Accountant: Ha Tran
- Printer: Winchester Print & Stationery
- Published: three times a year (nineteen issues to date)
- Delivery: about 40 volunteers deliver to 3,400 homes, organizations and businesses
- Advertising revenues met overall expenses

LOOKING AHEAD

- Joanne Lockyer and Heather Amy have volunteered to assume leadership of the newspaper

ENVIRONMENT & PARKS COMMITTEE

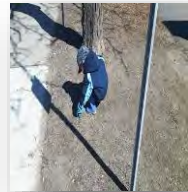
Marie-Caroline Badjeck, Chair

ACTIVITIES IN 2017-18

- More than 25 volunteers signed up for the Spring 2018 Spring Cleanup Campaign
- We continue to be grateful to the Sparks and Brownies Overbrook Girl Guides of Canada for participating in our Clean Up events since 2017

LOOKING AHEAD

- Continue to organize Clean Up events with community members
- Support community efforts to beautify Overbrook including at the corner of Lola and Queen Mary



Our volunteers Guy and Pamela cleaned the path that runs parallel to the Vanier Parkway opposite the new apartment building on Presland. "Before" picture above, "After" picture below. Thank you, Guy and Pamela!

It is never too early to start caring about the environment!

HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Joanne Lockyer, Chair



Overbrook Public School 1917 - 2002



Designated Heritage Plaque was installed in early spring 2018

Sadly, OCA was not notified as to the date of installation. I have been in touch with the Vinci School administration which now operates its private school in the former Overbrook Public School and have discussed various ways to celebrate its heritage.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Patrick Venier, Treasurer

OCA finished the 2017-2018 working year with a negative cash-flow result of **-\$953.41** ①. The working year's negative result was expected to be much higher, because project finances stretch over several working years, and a large portion of grants for **Overbrook**, the **Musical** were received before this working year - and accounted for in last year's positive results- while the performances and the incurred expenses materialised only in this 2017-2018 working year.

However, the approval of two new grant-based projects (**Overbrook Mural** and **Overbrook Diary**) made it possible to even slightly exceed last year's unprecedented grants levels. (**\$27,734** or +4% compared to the previous year ②). As a consequence, the projects-related cash-flow was less negative than expected (**-\$5,578** ③) and also the regular cash-flow increased thanks to the donations and tickets for the Musical ④, which more than offset the very limited fundraising activities or gains (no garage sales) in this working year. Also, more than ¼ of the reserves dedicated for the backlanes did –after the closure of this file - not have to be returned to the original funders and can now be used for general expenses ⑤. Like in previous working year global expenses were kept at the bare minimum ⑥. The overall negative cash-flow result is partial due to the increasing costs of the newsletter, while the revenues are at par ⑦ (outstanding unpaid bills from 2014-2015 were written off).

Overbrook Community Association			
Statement of Financial position			
Balance Sheet as of October 31st, 2018			
Assets		Liability	
Current Assets		current Liabilities	\$2,433.09
Chequeing bank Account	\$26,338.38	Total Liabilities	\$2,433.09
Nouvelles D'overbrook bank account	\$4,112.61	Equity	
Riverside memorial bank account	\$1,163.91	Reserve Back Lanes *	\$1,601.30
Total Cash	\$31,614.90	Retained earnings previous years	\$28,990.92
Total Receivables	\$457.00	Loss/profit of the year ①	-\$953.41
Total Current assets	\$32,071.90	Total owner's Equity	\$29,638.81
Capital Assets	\$0.00	Total Equity	\$29,638.81
Total Asset	\$32,071.90	Total Liability and Equity	\$32,071.90

Income statement overview		2016-2017 and % change	
for the period 1 November 2017 to 31 October 2018		\$	%
REVENUES excluding PROJECT GRANTS	\$15,862.62	\$10,652.65	+50%
GRANTS (Musical+Mural+Overbrook Diary)	\$27,734.52	\$26,590.00	② +4%
TOTAL	\$43,597.14	\$37,242.65	+17%
EXPENSES excluding PROJECT EXPENSES	\$11,237.40	\$10,028.13	+7%
project-based expenses	\$33,313.15	\$5,468.37	+509%
TOTAL	\$44,550.55	\$15,496.50	+187%
regular cash flow	\$4,625.22	\$624.52	
projects cash flow	③ -\$5,578.63	\$21,121.63	
NET CASH FLOWS	-\$953.41	\$21,746.15	

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Patrick Venier, Treasurer

Income statement Overbrook Community Association for the period 1 November 2017 to 31 October 2018

	General account ¹	Nouvelles d'Overbrook Newsletter	Riverside Park Memorial acc.	Total
Opening Bank Balance	\$26,642.42	\$4,928.60	\$1,163.91	\$32,734.93
paid costs from previous work year	\$0.00			\$0.00
received revenues from previous work year	\$0.00	\$11.75		\$11.75
Revenues				
Donations/fundraising/membership	\$91.80			\$91.80
OC Community garden revenues	\$0.00			\$0.00
Garage Day Sales	\$0.00			\$0.00
Donations/tickets for Musical ⁴	\$7,265.17			\$7,265.17
Grants for Musical	\$10,234.52			\$10,234.52
Grants for Mural project	\$7,500.00			\$7,500.00
Grants for Overbrook Diary	\$10,000.00			\$10,000.00
Advertising Revenues		\$8,505.65 ⁷		\$8,505.65
TOTAL REVENUES	\$35,091.49	\$8,505.65	\$0.00	\$43,597.14
Operating Costs ⁶				
General and Director's Liability Insurance	\$1,015.20			\$1,015.20
Other meeting expenses	\$168.27	\$222.80		\$391.07
FCA Membership	\$30.00			\$30.00
Backlanes: return of donations ⁵	\$475.00			\$475.00
Family Day expenses	\$200.00			\$200.00
Halloween expenses	\$175.94			\$175.94
Spring clean-up expenses	\$17.97			\$17.97
Musical project expenses	\$29,388.15			\$29,388.15
Mural project expenses	\$3,925.00			\$3,925.00
Newsletter printing costs		\$8,925.93 ⁷		\$8,925.93
Banking expenses (order cheques)		\$6.29		\$6.29
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$35,395.53	\$9,155.02	\$0.00	\$44,550.55
NET INCOME	-\$304.04	-\$649.37	\$0.00	-\$953.41 ¹
Opening bank balance- payable cost previous year + net income =	\$26,338.38	\$4,112.61	\$ 1,163.91	\$31,614.90
Closing bank balance 31 Oct 2017	\$26,338.38	\$4,112.61	\$1,163.91	\$31,614.90
Total receivable revenues		\$457.00		\$457.00
Total Payable costs:	-\$2,433.09			-\$2,433.09
Net balance	\$23,905.29	\$4,569.61	\$1,163.91	\$29,638.81
Of which reserved for Musical project	\$5,735.17			
Of which reserved for Mural project	\$3,575.00			
Of which reserved for Overbrook Diary	\$14,000.00			
Of which reserved for Heritage	\$543.81			
freed reserves for Back Lanes ⁵	\$1,601.30			

MUSICAL THEATRE PRODUCTIONS

Overbrook the Musical

- The idea to create a community musical first conceived in October 2016
- Core Project Team: Diewke de Haen, Patrick Venier and Wendy Dennys
- Acquired \$7,000 in seed funding
- Creative Team: Eleanor Crowder, Clémence Roy-Darisse, Adam Reid, J.T. Morris, David Magladry, Tom Lips
- Held facilitated story-gathering workshop and meetings
- Gathered cast members (45 members; aged 3 to 80; seven first languages)
- Developed script concept
- Applied for and received grants totalling \$36,000 (Community Foundation of Ottawa and Ontario Trillium Foundation)
- Raised close to \$2,000 in donations
- Held fifteen rehearsals
- Held two song writing workshops; ten original songs created
- Three performances; audiences totalled ~800
- Ticket sales of ~\$7,000
- A DVD of the production to be provided to cast and crew.
- Evaluation and feedback very positive

Looking Ahead

- The manual outlining how the musical was produced, including suggestions and lessons learned, will be printed and posted to the website.

Overbrook Diary

- Some cast members of *Overbrook the Musical* expressed a strong desire to produce another musical performance.
- Eleanor Crowder applied for and received a Neighbourhood Arts Ottawa mentorship grant of \$20,000 from Arts Network Ottawa (ANO) for two new projects: *Overbrook Diary* and *Project X*.
- Project Team formed: Alissar Hajjar, Peter Meneguzzi, Wendy Dennys
- OCA agreed to Host these two community-building musical theatre projects and will provide financial assistance of \$4,000.
- Eleanor Crowder is the Lead Artist, Megan Carty mentee, Martin Dawagne music direction, David Magladry set and lighting.
- *Overbrook Diary* features selected songs and stories which celebrate everyday life in Overbrook performed by a cast of 15 actors, aged 10 to senior.
- Rehearsals began in September and two performances take place at Rideau Community Hub on 31 November and 1 December 2018.
- Tickets can be booked at tickets@overbrook.ca and purchased at the AGM.

Looking ahead

- Working with Eleanor Crowder, ideas for *Project X* will take shape in 2019.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Steve Boyle, Stephen McNamee, Co-chairs

ACTIVITIES in 2017-18

- Continued efforts to have the City and St. Laurent Centre ensure that adequate pedestrian and cycling connections are provided from the community across those lands to the St. Laurent LRT station
- Reviewed and provided comments, when warranted, on Committee of Adjustment applications and on privately initiated planning applications (site plan control and rezonings); these at various locations including along Prince Albert, Donald, etc. Also have attended pre-consultation meetings with applicants before applications submitted. Communicated with developers.
- Monitored and provided feedback, when necessary, on city-initiated planning projects such as: R4 Zone Review, extension of area covered by Infill 1 policies, new proposed small scale industrial uses by-law provisions, etc.
- BBRN (Building Better Revitalized Neighbourhoods) Vanier South-Overbrook strategies were approved by Council. Pressuring for the implementation of those strategies in both the short and medium term. They include a parkette at Lola and Presland and efforts to revitalize the “four corners” along Lola.
- Review comments sent to Ontario Ministry of Transportation on new landscaping of northwest quadrant of the Highway 417 interchange with the Vanier Parkway
- Liaised with Vanier Community Association and others CAs and with the FCA (Federation of Communities Associations) on various matters of mutual interest

LOOKING AHEAD

- New City Council and in 2019 a new budget which will requiring lobbying to ensure adequate funding for BBRN’s implementation
- Committee seeks a Chair and new members; current activities are limited in the interim

RIVERSIDE MEMORIAL PARK AD HOC COMMITTEE

Joanne Lockyer, Chair

Our little gem continues to bring smiles to everyone involved in our vision. Each and every day there are children playing, new friendships being made.



Last Remembrance Day an Overbrook resident and myself posted an invitation for others to join us in an unofficial memorial ceremony held at the park at the same time the ceremony was being held at the War memorial downtown. We were quite please and honoured that we had over 30 people join us. We supplied coffee and cookies for all to enjoy This year we are planning on doing the same, invitations will be posted at the beginning of November.

2017 was a very difficult year for my family, in my 2016 annual summary I had a plan to organize a group of the younger families to create and install a flower garden area in the park in but had to step back due to family health issues. The project was put on hold. Earlier this year reached out to the city manager who was responsible for the park to get the project back on track. However, the manager informed me that the Parks and Rec department was going through some organizational changes and timing was in issue. I have recently been in contact with them and waiting for a call back from them to once again move forward on this project. The outstanding balance of 1163.92 will be used for this project as intended.

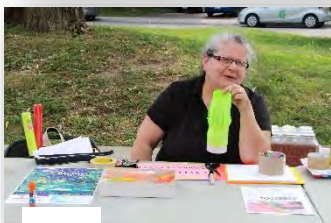
Bank Balance as at Nov.10 2017 \$ 1,163.92 There has been no activity on the account due to the intended project carried out in 2018. Bank Balance as at Oct. 12 2018 \$ 1,163.92 I am currently in contact with the city to provide the guidelines for the project.

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

Joanne Lockyer, Chair



**Family Day
Monday
19 February
2018**



**Overbrook
Community
Day
Saturday
18 August 2018**



TRANSPORTATION & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Rawlson King, Chair

Public Safety

- Public safety is a key priority: we believe Overbrook is better positioned to deal with high-severity crimes than many neighbourhoods in Ottawa.
- First, Overbrook has some of the most active and effective Neighbourhood Watches in the city.
- Second, after the most recent shooting incidents, our community rapidly initiated its post-incident neighbourhood support protocol. The protocol, adopted city-wide, was piloted in Overbrook over the past two years. When an incident occurs, the protocol calls for various City agencies and OCA to collaborate collectively in an immediate response. For example, in the wake of the latest shootings, Ward 13 Councillor Tobi Nussbaum's office coordinated meetings with Ottawa Community Housing (OCH), Ottawa Police Service (OPS), Rideau-Rockcliffe Community Resource Centre (RRCRC) and OCA to share information on actions taken. The result was increased security patrols, resident input and feedback to police and social agencies by neighbours and businesses and increased safety awareness and crime prevention efforts.
- Third, we worked with Councillor Nussbaum in March to hold a public meeting focused on community safety. Actions resulting from the meeting include a "crime prevention through environmental design" analysis of Lilas Private in April, Police Week activities that took place on 17 May at the Community Centre, and creation of a Paint-It-Up mural created by area youth at the Centre to deter gang-related graffiti.
- At this March safety meeting, a Youth Strategy for our Ward was unveiled, designed to give young people greater access to job and training opportunities, and to safe recreational activities. As part of this Strategy, the RRCRC held a youth job and entrepreneur fair in April.
- The OCA continues to advocate for more City investment in tangible initiatives designed to improve youth outcomes. In 2019, we will be participating on the OPS's Community Equity Council, whose role is to provide advice and insight to the police on ways to improve and strengthen the relationships between the OPS and the many Indigenous, faith-based and racialized communities or organizations in Ottawa. Rawlson King will represent the OCA on the Council.

Transport

- Worked closely with Ward 13 Councillor Nussbaum to examine the feasibility of installing a new pedestrian crossover on Coventry Road at the Hardy Avenue multi-use path entrance, along with painted bike lanes, continuous sidewalks, additional bike parking and enhanced lighting through the St. Laurent shopping centre parking lots to safely interconnect with Coventry Road biking and pedestrian infrastructure.
- Supported the addition of painted bike lanes along Donald Street between North River Road and Vanier Parkway, along with the redesigned Donald/St. Laurent intersection and promoted the continuation of cycling lanes along Donald for its entire length.

Rawlson King President



Thank you, Rawlson,
for your dedicated leadership
since 2015