

Minutes

Meeting of ASH Members - Monday, February 26, 2024
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm (in-person and virtual)

n.b. According to the Action Sandy Hill Bylaw, a minimum of 10 Directors is required to carry out the business of the Association. Glen Grignon resigned on February 26. As a result, the ASH Board of Directors only had 9 Directors and could not achieve quorum. These are the minutes of the unofficial meeting.

Board Members Present: Louise Lapointe (Chair), Calla Barnett (Vice-Chair), Jerry Sabin (Secretary), Megan Reilkoff (Treasurer), Marilyn Whitaker, Kendra Eyben, Michael Barnes, Bryan Dewalt

Regrets: Fernando Melo and Jessica Silburt.

Guests: There were fourteen guests.

1. Word from the Chair

The Chair thanked Calla for her work on the Community and Social Services Committee. There will be an article about Recovery Rx on Wednesday (<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/rideau-street-downtown-ottawa-drug-crime-cause-1.7126911>; <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/ottawa-safe-opioid-supply-dilaudid-hydromorphone-overdose-1.7129518>).

The Chair also provided an update on proposed changes to the Bylaw. She emphasized that changes are needed to ensure the organization can continue to work.

2. Ottawa Fire Services

A representative of the Ottawa Fire Services provided an update on the February 1 fire in the 100 block of Osgoode Street. Two individuals have been charged with arson.

3. “Rats and other vermin”

Jeff Williams presented on the City’s approach to rats and other vermin, including causes, prevention strategies, identification of infestations, and strategies to address the problem.

He mentioned that the City will be changing its approach to Bylaw enforcement and will assign Bylaw officers by ward. Two officers will be assigned to Sandy Hill and Vanier.

4. Word from the Councillor

The Councillor provided an updated on the Wurtenburg/Besserer mural and the housing project at All Saints.

The Councillor introduced a motion at the Emergency Preparedness and Protective Services Committee on problematic addresses. This motion will ask City staff to develop a definition of these properties. The Secretary will address the committee in support of the Motion on March 21.

5. Winter Carnival

The Winter Carnival enjoyed great weather and had 200 attendees. No ASH funds were required and the event came in under budget. Unspent funds will be maintained for next year.

The following local businesses donated to the Winter Carnival:

Campus Pharmacy	\$1,000
Castonguay Szerson LLP	\$500
Chartier Physio	\$300
Brooklyn Hair	\$50
SHCHC	\$500
Cox Realty	\$200
Tryumph Gymnastics	\$300
Loblaws (Rideau)	\$50
Merriam Print	Donated printing

6. In-camera items

The remaining Board members held an in-camera discussion.