



**Together for Vanier Meeting
November 20th, 2017
Vanier Community Service Centre (VCSC)
Minutes**

Present:

Helena Arruda (VCSC), Mathieu Fleury (City councillor), Paul Beauchamps (Boys and Girls Club), Lauren Touchant (VCA), Nancy Worsfold (Crime Prevention Ottawa), Matthieu Fleury (Councillor), Cst. Jonathan Kenney (Ottawa Police Services); Rose Anne Leonard (Velo-Vanier), Tobori Anethua (Multifaith Housing Initiative)

Regrets:

Lucie Marleau (CPV), Cst. Jackalyn GETZ (Crime Stoppers Ottawa), Frederic Lorquet, Ottawa Community Housing, Vanier BIA

Minutes: Rose Anne Leonard

1. **Approval of the agenda** (moved : Rose Anne Leonard seconded : Tobori Anethua)
 - a. approved
2. **Approval of past minutes** (moved : Lauren Touchant / seconded : Paul Beauchamps)
 - a. approved
3. **Follow-up from minutes**

Lauren reported that there was support for *Constellation Vanier* to facilitate a community event to re-engage on building the spirit of Montreal Road.

The VCA will invite Ginette Gratton and Ethel Côté of Constellation Vanier, to their next meeting.

4. Varia

Salvation Army –Mathieu

The councilor reported on the Planning Committee's approval of the zoning amendments requested by the Salvation Army which would allow a 350 bed combined shelter and addictions care centre, and services hub on Montreal Road. He thanked the community and the many agencies who made submissions against the proposal.

Rose Anne suggested a facilitated community debriefing session to review the effects of the community presentations. Mathieu said that such an event would be best held after the Council vote on Wednesday, Nov. 22.

Vanier Pediatric Hub -Open House November 29th, 2017- Helena

T4V members and their networks were invited to the open house for the Vanier Social Pediatric Hub, to be held on November 29. This is a major achievement for the CSCV and the community.

Helena recommended the video at this link (<https://tinyurl.com/y77ud9qb>) as a good introduction to the Hub.

Lauren asked if the Pediatric Hub would send a representative to upcoming post-incident training. The answer was that they will be represented by CSCV employees already registered.

A discussion ensued, as to how institutions with children as a major client-demographic (e.g. Schools, Ottawa Community Housing, etc.) would be engaged to implement post-incident protocols.

Reminder: Snow Flake Breakfast-Dec 1st, 2017-Helena

All were reminded of the upcoming breakfast.

Rose Anne suggested that the councilors who voted against the Salvation Army's request for amendments to planning and zoning, be invited.

The VCA board would like to serve coffee and Lauren suggested that the new Executive Director of the BIA, Nathalie Carrier also be invited to serve coffee.

Raconter Vanier -- This book, a successful Canada 2017 project capturing life in Vanier, is now available at Editions David.

Updating the Vanier Community Resource Booklet- The information in the resource booklet is to be updated. Attendees were given the current version, and asked to send updates to Helena.

Next Steps for T4V

There was a discussion on what other concrete services T4V could contribute to Vanier, which would benefit all members? Helena pointed out that the Hallowe'en Safe Zones, the Winter Carnival, the Community Resource booklet and support for the VCA and its Security committee were concrete services already in place.

Rose Anne suggested a formalized distribution system for hardcopy information, or providing drop-off locations for same.

Nancy suggested promoting the use of Perspectives Vanier to maximum advantage.

The ongoing general approach is to identify gaps in services; be alert to funding sources and support from partners in other areas of the city; support events and initiatives; publicize the work of T4V in the Perspective and be open to feedback from the community.

5. Updates from partners:

Crime stoppers

Crime Stoppers volunteers had a great time participating in the Hallowe'en Safe

Zones again this year and appreciated the opportunity to get out and connect with the kids in the community, and to see Councillor Fleury in costume.

Crime Stoppers offers to give presentations to any agencies, boards or organizations that feel their members could benefit from learning about Crime Stoppers and how it can be used for safely reporting crime. The organization is prepared to come out for "safety fairs" "community safety nights" or any other public event where they will give out swag and talk about the program and its benefits.

Requests can be made to Jackalyn Getz GetzJ@ottawapolice.ca

Vanier Community Association-Lauren Touchant

Lauren presented the following update:

- A Safety Committee was relaunched in November, with 12 members to date.
- The turnout of residents at Board meetings has been good.
- Montreal revitalization-sustainability committee members will participate as block captains in the public consultation process.
- The Christmas party will be held the December 12 (2nd Tuesday of December) at El Toucan. All members welcome.
- The VCA participated in running two Hallowe'en Safe Zones sites (at Par tage Vanier and Centre Francophone)
- Great turnout for Remembrance Day event at the cenotaph; VCA partnered with the Legion
- Current Goals and Objectives
 - Increase the number of board members and the membership in general
 - Rejuvenate the Beautification Committee

The VCA is recruiting volunteers to support these initiatives. T4V members were encouraged to inform their networks.

• **Crime Prevention Ottawa**

- CPO sponsored a public presentation of the results of their gang strategy research.
- They have promoted Post-incident training, and are organizing another training session for Vanier.
- CPO hosted their annual Awards night

• **Crime Prevention Vanier (CPV/PCV)**

The safety committee is underway. Lauren handed out information sheets related to safe practices for communities, and asked those present to share with their networks. The "light your porch" initiative is currently underway. Vanier South is proving more challenging to reach than Vanier North. Help in outreach to this area would be appreciated.

- **Multifaith Housing--Tobori Anethua**

Sixty plus people attended a barbecue at Blake House this summer organized in partnership with CSCV. It was hugely successful and participants were thrilled.

Capacity crowd at a city hall event to celebrate multi-faith housing

Eight families are housed at HFH and a new project is underway to address the needs of Veterans.

The organization is looking for French – speaking volunteers. Lauren offered to advertise via the VCA channels.

- **Ottawa Police Services (OPS)**

Community Police Constable Jonathan Kenney is present at the CSCV reception desk from 10:30-12:30 the 2nd Monday of every month. T4V members agreed to promote this information so that Vanier residents could take maximum advantage of this service. CSCV will design a handout encouraging residents to meet with him to discuss their issues and ask their questions.

Boy's and girl's club

Paul reported “lots of action” at the Club this year:

There are members participating in "Overbrook, the Musical" to be held

November 24, 25 and 26, at the Ottawa Technical School

On Dec. 8th member artists will be featured in the annual invitation-only art show at the Lone Star Café on St Laurent

The Club is in the midst of coordinating a Holiday Hamper give-away

There will be a Christmas party with an angel tree gift program

Next meeting: January 15, 2018 5 p.m. Ottawa Room at Vanier Community Service Centre.