

OVERBROOK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION - AGM MEETING MINUTES

OCA AGM

15 April 2025 / 7:00 PM / Overbrook Community Centre

ATTENDEES

OCA Board:	OCA President	Danika Brisson	Present
	OCA Vice-President	Mélanie Stafford	Present
	OCA Vice-President	Ismael Awaleh	Present
	OCA Vice-President	Pamella Mubeza	Present
	Recording Secretary	Amanda Vyce	Present
	Treasurer	John Hiemstra	Present
	Board Directors	Christine Ford	Present
		David Behn	Present
		David Ferguson	Present

MEETING MINUTES

ITEM 1	Key Points
Housekeeping Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The meeting was chaired by Troy Winters, who welcomed attendees to the meeting.• Troy gave the land and waters acknowledgement.• Danika recognized special guests in the room and those joining us virtually.• Motion to approve the agenda was moved and passed without amendment.• Motion to approve the 2023 AGM minutes was moved and passed without amendment.• Heather Amys asked that the 2024 AGM minutes be amended to reflect that she asked about a \$2,000 transfer of funds to the kiosk project in 2023 at the 2024 AGM.• Motion to approve the 2024 AGM minutes as amended was moved and approved.

ITEM 2	Key Points
Financial Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OCA Treasurer John Hiemstra reviewed the 2024 financial report. • David Ferguson acknowledged the hard work of the ice rink volunteers. • Deborah Doherty asked what the honorarium for the ice rink covers. • A question was raised regarding insurance coverage for the rink. • Heather Amys asked what the OCA’s policy is on the levy applied to grants and why it wasn’t applied to 2 previous grants. She also asked why the OCA now has 1 bank account when previously there were 3. • A motion to approve the financial report was moved and approved.

ITEM 3	Key Points
Donation Request	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John asked attendees to consider donating to the OCA if they’re able to, to help support the work of the association. • The kiosk donation button on the OCA website is active, but the OCA donation button is currently not working.

ITEM 4	Key Points
<p>Elections</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Troy reviewed the elections process. • The following individuals were nominated/applied to sit on the Board in 2025-2026: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Nouredine Ilkem ➢ Elizabeth Lancaster ➢ Shekinah Manning ➢ Jennifer Moroziuk ➢ Selma Wannes ➢ Ismael Awaleh ➢ David Behn ➢ David Ferguson ➢ Pamella Mubeza ➢ Anne Martin ➢ Margarite Marlin ➢ Steven Boyle • Elections were paused to allow Lucille Collard and Rawlson King to speak. • When elections resumed, each nominee spoke to the room about why they want to get involved in the Board. • Margarite withdrew her nomination, but would like to volunteer to support events. • All candidates are elected as a slate. Members of the executive are selected at the new Board's first meeting. • A motion to vote in support of all candidates was moved and passed.

ITEM 5	Key Points
<p>Lucille Collard, MPP Ottawa-Vanier</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lucille joined the meeting virtually. She encouraged participation on the Board and in the association, and she encouraged residents of the riding to reach out to her with any community concerns.

ITEM 6	Key Points
<p>Rawlson King, City Councillor, Rideau-Rockcliffe</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rawlson expressed that he shares Lucille’s sentiments regarding volunteerism and involvement in association activities. ● He meets regularly with Lucille and MP Mona Fortier to discuss community concerns. ● Rawlson highlighted infrastructure and social investments in the neighbourhood: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ 2 new benches installed along Donald Street ➢ Gil O. Julien Park fieldhouse improvements ➢ Road, sewer, and water main improvements on Vincent Massey Avenue and Queen Mary ➢ Protected intersection at Vanier Parkway and Donald Street (construction to start 2026) ➢ The city’s anti-racism strategy and initiative ● Rawlson expressed his heartfelt gratitude towards all community volunteers, and noted that collective efforts are the backbone of the community’s success. ● A certificate of appreciation for its volunteer efforts was presented to the Board. ● Attendees made comments or asked Rawlson questions about the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Cycling safety on the recreation pathway ➢ Drivers ignoring signage on Donald Street and parking in the bike lane where it’s prohibited ➢ Wearing of bike lane paint lines along Donald Street ➢ The RFP process for the redevelopment of Queen Mary Street ➢ The development of rooming houses on Prince Albert Street in an area that isn’t zoned for that type of housing

ITEM 7	Key Points
AGM Annual Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Danika provided a brief summary of the contents of the AGM annual report and acknowledged OCA volunteers in the room. • A motion to accept the report was moved and passed.

ITEM 8	Key Points
OCA Gardening Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deborah Doherty encouraged anyone interested in volunteering in support of the gardening project to contact her. • She has acquired 1 and possibly a second, new garden. • Deborah performed winter planting. The plants are ready to be transferred to outdoor gardens. • She is working with the technical school on Donald Street on planting initiatives. It's a great opportunity to partner with the school.

ITEM 9	Key Points
Rideau River 150th Anniversary Kiosk Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steven Boyle shared the details of the Kiosk project 150th anniversary party, which is scheduled to take place May 24, 2025. Everyone is invited. • Steven shared the program of events and asked for volunteers to help support the event.

ITEM 10	Key Points
Ice Rink	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John shared updates about the 2024-2025 winter skating season, which was very successful. • It's a popular amenity among community members, and people came from outside the neighbourhood to use the rink as well because it was kept in such good shape by volunteers this year. • The rink is a very large ice pad. More volunteers to help maintain it next winter would be appreciated.

ITEM 11	Key Points
CAWI Community Walk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melanie shared information on the upcoming CAWI community walk, taking place May 10, 2025, from 2-4 pm. • The walk will involve a live 311 call-in to identify and address city issues in the neighbourhood.

ITEM 12	Key Points
Overbrook Day Video	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Overbrook Day video created by Ismael Awaleh was screened at the conclusion of the meeting. Afterwards, the meeting was adjourned.