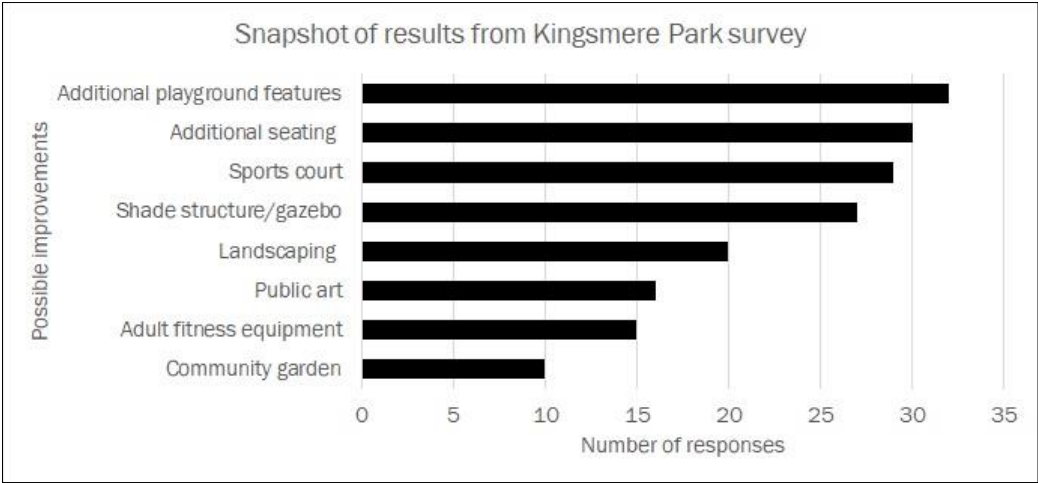


Survey solicits feedback for improving park


Additional seating and a shade structure are among the top suggestions for Kingsmere Park improvements, according to a recent survey by the Alliance. Residents are in favour of more picnic tables, a gazebo and other features that would make the park friendlier to all age groups. Better landscaping, including pathways for walkers and cyclists and more trees to thicken the sound barrier between the park and highway, also received wide support.

While many would like to see upgrades to the current play structures and the addition of a small sports court (pickle ball, tennis or basketball), several comments advised against anything that would take away space from the boarded ice and puddle rinks in the winter.

The Alliance will present results to Bay Ward Councillor Theresa Kavanagh, who plans to put some discretionary spending aside for park improvements. At this time, changes to the fieldhouse are not being considered. Kingsmere Park is on a city-wide list for upgrades to its existing structures based on age and safety, but it will not reach the top of that list for another few years.



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Save the date

All events are subject to public health guidance. Please check glabarpark.ca closer to the date for confirmation and cancellation notices.

Great Glabar Giveaway Day

Sunday, September 26
(Rain date: Sunday, Oct. 3)

Glabar Park Community Alliance Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2021
7pm to 9pm — Online

Winter Fun Day (TBC)

Saturday, Jan. 29, 2022
Kingsmere Park

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What we can do, how you can help

A message from your Glabar Park Community Alliance

The last 18 months may have felt frozen in time, but activity around Glabar Park hardly stood still. Development of commercial and residential properties continued, as did consultations around the City of Ottawa's New Official Plan. Stuck at home, we became more acutely aware of what's happening along our own streets and, in some cases, on our own front yards.

Residents have reached out to the Alliance in recent months on a number of issues. Whether it's a public notice about a new cannabis store at 2200 Carling Avenue, proposals for multi-unit residences that replace or share single-family lots along Woodroffe, Carling

and Riddell, or growing issues with parking, we have been struck by the passion residents have for the well-being of this neighbourhood and their neighbours.

As a Board, we are in a position to amplify resident concerns through posts on glabarpark.ca, stories in the Gazette and shares on Facebook. We can bring them to the attention of developers, property managers and city officials at meetings and via email. But we also encourage residents to coordinate with their neighbours and put concerns directly before the decision-makers and decision-owners. This includes emailing our councillor, calling 311, registering comments on various proposals before City committees and participating in public

consultations. Many who have reached out to us are already doing that. Data collected through regular and widespread reporting can drive more attention to the issue.

Lastly, we invite residents to consider becoming a director on our Board and focusing on an immediate or ongoing issue they believe has important implications for our community. As a volunteer-driven association, we are always looking for directors who can tackle files such as creating guiding principles for developments in the neighbourhood or organizing community events like summer and winter Fun Days. Be sure to join our Annual General Meeting on October 5th to make suggestions and learn more about how you can get involved.

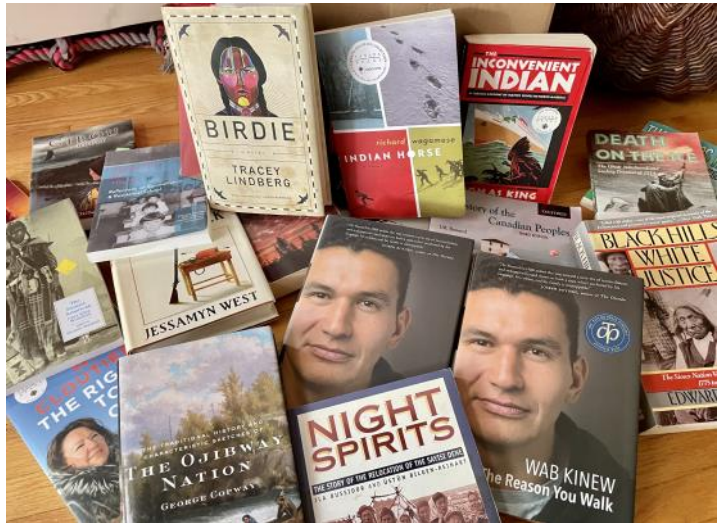
Annual general meeting will be held online

Current vacancies for vice president, director positions

As we navigate a fourth wave of COVID-19, the Glabar Park Community Alliance has elected to host its 2021 Annual General Meeting via Zoom. Holding a virtual event allows residents to stay informed while respecting public health advice around in-person

gatherings and physical distancing. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 5, from 7pm to 9pm, and include presentations on community activities, reports on the Alliance's financial statements, and an election of members to

the Board of Directors for 2021-2022. Bay Ward City Councillor Theresa Kavanagh will also give an update on municipal business, with a question and answer period to follow. Visit www.glabarpark.ca for further details on how to connect to the meeting.



July 1st activities balance revelry with respect

Mindful of the prominent, nation-wide discussions around reconciliation and the legacy of residential schools, organizers of the Alliance’s 2021 Canada Day activities in Glabar Park made a point of celebrating Indigenous voices.

Kyrstin Dumont, an Indigenous Youth Activist and traditional knowledge keeper, led a sunrise ceremony in Lorry Greenberg Park that drew 25 residents. Pre-registration was required to accommodate physical distancing and gathering guidelines, and participants were positive in their feedback.

“Chi-Miigwech to everyone who came out this morning to participate,” Dumont later wrote in a post on the Glabarhood Facebook group. “Everyone there today truly holds a special space within my heart, I feel

connected with you all in one way or another.”

Dumont described the event as an opportunity to have deeper conversations, share stories and educate each other. Following the ceremony, she was presented with cookies, a tobacco tie and a hand-picked bouquet.

The Free Little Library on Lenester was stocked with more than 80 books by Canadian and Indigenous authors, including Thomas King, Richard Wagamese and Wab Kinew. More than 20 of the books in the collection were donated by Algonquin Elder Barbara Dumont-Hill. Others were purchased from Barely Bruised Books, an Indigenous-owned bookstore in Ottawa.

A scavenger hunt drew more than 40

participants, and the search for answers to Glabar-Park-centric clues took families around the neighbourhood, pencils in hand. Everyone who completed the hunt was awarded a medal and entered into a draw for a Canadian-themed gift basket. The basket, made possible by a donation from Bill Meyer, contained \$200 worth of Canadian-themed goodies such as ketchup chips, maple syrup and books by Ottawa-area authors.

Throughout the day, local sound technician Arien Villegas filled Kingsmere Park with the music of A Tribe Called Red, Tanya Tagaq, Northern Cree drum group, Justin Bieber, The Weeknd, Joni Mitchell, the Tragically Hip and other Canadian and Indigenous artists. The finale was a live performance by Glabar Park’s own rock band,

Driven Away, that drew a physically-distanced crowd of about 75 residents.

A special thanks to all of the organizers and volunteers who helped make the day a success!



Seeking volunteers for the 2022 rink season

Rink at Kingsmere Park includes both boarded ice for hockey players and “puddle” ice for pleasure skaters

Each winter, volunteers from Glabar Park build and maintain the Kingsmere Park community rink — a treasured, cold-weather amenity for residents of all ages. Following a successful 2021 season that overcame the many challenges posed by COVID-19, planning for 2022 is underway.

“We’re still waiting for direction from the City of Ottawa about the exact protocols that will be in place,” rink organizer Adam Norman

said. “But given we went ahead as scheduled last year, it seems reasonable to expect this year’s rink season to be only slightly modified from normal.”

Please take a look at the various roles (listed in the table to the right) and contact Adam about how you can help out: kingsmererink@gmail.com or call/text 613-552-5615. This is a particularly great opportunity for students looking for community service hours.

Stay connected to your community

To keep up on the latest community news, you can bookmark the Glabar Park Community Alliance website, www.glabarpark.ca, and like the Glabar Park Community Alliance page on Facebook. Bay Ward’s city councillor, Theresa Kavanagh, publishes a weekly newsletter of local news at www.baywardbulletin.ca. You can also request to join The Glabarhood group on Facebook—a central place to post

relevant neighbourhood-related messages.

2020/2021 Board of Directors: Trent Gray-Donald (President), Adam Norman (Past President), Robert Sladden (Secretary), Steve Aubry (Treasurer), Ben Dennerley, Berny Latreille, Christine Colverson, Curtis Thorne, Janice Vriend, Rebecca Spence, Rocio Lopez, Siobhan Quinlan-Steele.

Maintenance team

Volunteers clear and flood the ice surface daily between mid-December and late-February (typically in the evenings after skating closes but can be during the day, too, depending on snowfall and other weather conditions).

Supervision team

Volunteers keep the fieldhouse open so that skaters have a place to lace up, warm up or use the wash-room. Supervised skating hours that log the number of skaters per hour are a requirement for the City of Ottawa to provide the boards, lights and other equipment for the rink.

Ice-building team

Volunteers are needed at the end of December to build the base ice, packing down snow with sleds or other tools and then flooding regularly for 10-14 days.



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