

Street speeds in Glabar Park reduced as “Gateway Community” measures take effect

At the Glabar Park Community Alliance Annual General Meeting on October 5th, 2021, Bay Ward Councillor Theresa Kavanagh announced that Glabar Park – and the adjacent neighbourhoods of Woodpark and Carlingwood – would be designated as Gateway Communities. This designation is for roadways within residential areas that have speed limits below 50 km/h.

In November 2021, signs indicating a 40 km/hr limit were installed at every entry point into Glabar Park from Maitland, Woodroffe and Carling. This is one more traffic calming measure being taken by the City of Ottawa to address the many complaints about speeding traffic made by residents.

City shares data from Lenester speed board

In the fall of 2021, the Alliance requested data from the speed board located on Lenester, just west of Aaron. For the year to October 19, 2021, more than 278,000 vehicles were observed. As the board records for one direction only, Lenester likely saw traffic of about 1,500 vehicles per day.

96% of those trips were below the old speed limit of 50 km/hr, and 56% were already travelling under the new speed limit of 40 km/hr. The vast majority of the remaining vehicles were travelling in the 50-60 km/hr range.

Residents can take action

Changes to speed limits, and other road measures such as parking and traffic calming, can be implemented with ward councillor support and a clear, favourable consensus of 66% of residents on the entire street.

To initiate a change in speed limit on a local residential roadway, or request a change to existing parking regulations, residents can contact 3-1-1 (TTY: 613-580-2401) or email 311@ottawa.ca.

To request enforcement of speed or report speeding issues, residents can call the Ottawa Police Service at 613-236-1222 x 7300, or report online at www.ottawapolice.ca



A speed camera in front of D. Roy Kennedy School will be one of 15 installed across Ottawa in 2022. According to its Traffic Service Catalogue, the City receives more than a thousand inquiries each year from across Ottawa requesting that action be taken to address speeding.



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Great Glabar Giveaway Day & Garage Sale

Saturday, June 4, 2022

Street Party on Benjamin Ave

Saturday, June 25, 2022

A Company of Fools

Shakespeare's *The Tempest* in Glabar Park
June 28, 2022 at 7pm

Canada Day in Glabar Park

Friday, July 1, 2022

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Decision points in 2022

A message from your Glabar Park Community Alliance

As we inch our way closer to a post-pandemic world, it's important to reflect on all we have learned these past two years. From the earliest days of the COVID response to the very recent occupation of our downtown core, a lot has happened in a short period of time.

Many of our routine interactions have become virtual – the Alliance continues to hold its monthly board meetings via Zoom – and some of us may never

return to traditional office environments. We've come to understand the necessity of our communal outdoor spaces, like streets, trails and parks, because for so long they've been the safest places to meet. We've also watched housing become a top issue across Canada, and we've read about how the City of Ottawa intends to shape it as part its Official Plan.

We've used this space in past issues to talk about what we, as an Alliance, can do for Glabar Park

residents. But voting in upcoming elections is an important action we can each take towards building the kind of community we want to see. **The provincial election is Thursday, June 2, 2022; the municipal election is Monday, October 24, 2022.** We encourage you to take the time to consider all that has happened and how we have been represented by our elected officials through these challenging times. Let's make our voices heard.

Mark your calendars for Giveaway Day and July 1st

Giveaway Day is back in Glabar Park and will take place on Saturday, June 4. This year's event will coincide with community garage sales in the nearby neighbourhoods of Woodpark, Whitehaven and Carlingwood.

In 2021, Glabar Park's community garage sale changed to a giveaway day to respect physical distancing guidelines and reduce in-person transactions. For 2022, residents of Glabar Park can choose to either

- leave their items at the end of their properties with a sign marked “free” (please do not obstruct sidewalks in doing so) and/or
- sell their items, as in past years, by marking prices clearly and supervising them accordingly.

Several community alliances coordinated to set this date and draw in more traffic to the area, so start assembling your items and be sure to get an early start if you're on

the hunt.

Celebrate July 1st in Kingsmere Park

DJ Ariens will be back to play some great Canadian music throughout the day and the wading pool will be open. Planning will evolve over the coming months, so please check www.glabarpark.ca and the Glabarhood Facebook group for updates. Those interested in helping to organize this event, or volunteer on the day of, are encouraged to email glabarparkca@gmail.com.

Residents highlight concerns with development site at 1940 Carling

Glabar Park residents have reviewed the development plans for a new building near the corner of Carling Avenue and Dunlevie Avenue, and recently outlined their concerns in a letter to Bay Ward Councillor Theresa Kavanagh.

Residents in the northeast end of the neighbourhood will be most implicated by the proposed seven-storey apartment building at 1940 Carling. They have asked for the enforcement of the Right of Way on Carling Avenue – a protection described in the City’s Official Plan, but not reflected in the developer’s application.

With a 44.5m Right of Way between Richmond Road and Bronson Avenue, the City can eventually transform Carling into a “complete street” – a term used for street design that offers safety and mobility for all users regardless of age, ability, or mode of transportation.

Residents also raised concerns about protecting the root zones of trees and hedges adjacent to the site, and noted the potential for drainage issues at nearby properties if the finished grade above the proposed underground parking garage does not

match the existing ground elevation.

In an email responding to the letter, Councillor Kavanagh wrote that she has asked for the site plan application to be reviewed and voted on by Planning Committee members, although this step would not normally be needed for a project that respects zoning requirements.

“This adjustment to the process will give residents and other stakeholders the opportunity to make up to 5-minute presentations to committee members to convince them to vote

against or in support of the site plan application,” she wrote. “Although I am not a member of the Planning Committee, I will be present to support you and ask questions directly to developer and staff.”

A review by the Planning Committee is in addition to two meetings hosted by Councillor Kavanagh before the application was filed. She has confirmed that residents who have submitted feedback on the project will be notified should the developer change something in their application and submit new documents. She will also note in her weekly Bay Ward Bulletin that the application was updated.

As the pace and scale of residential construction accelerates across the city, a committee of the Alliance is looking at creating guiding principles to present to developers interested in building in Glabar Park. These principles would articulate features of the neighbourhood that residents would like to see preserved, such as tree canopy and accessibility. As it evolves, the Board will report on this work via the Gazette and www.glabarpark.ca.

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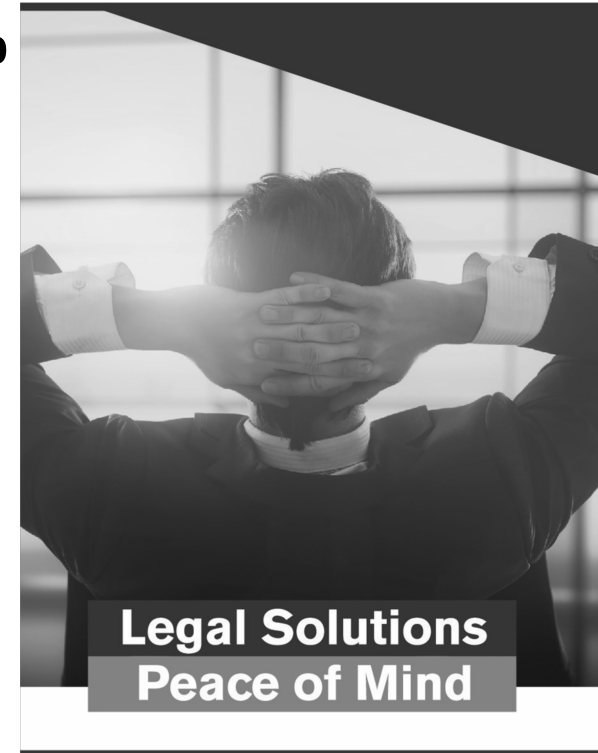
Here is the 2021/2022 Board of Directors: Trent Gray-Donald (President), James Richenhaller (Vice-President), Berny Latreille (Secretary), Steve Aubry (Treasurer), Adam Norman, Curtis Thorne, Janice Vriend, Rebecca Spence, Rocio Lopez and Sara Lee.

Rink recap by the numbers

Days that the rink was open for skating (up from 51 in 2021) **59**

Dedicated volunteers maintaining the ice (down from 7 last season): **6**

Individuals helping with supervision and maintenance on ad-hoc basis (down from 12 last season): **2**



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Outdoor rink season got an early start

The community rink at Kingsmere Park was open for 59 days of skating this season – one of the longest on record. It opened December 24, 2021 and closed March 4, 2022. Volunteers

created the base ice between December 19 and December 24, 2021, allowing the rink to open more than a week earlier than last season, which ran from January 3 to February 28, 2021.

Cold temperatures, as well as the hard work of six very dedicated volunteers on ice maintenance, kept conditions good for skating until the first week of March. A special thank you to Adam, Curtis, Andy, Doug, Josh and David, and others who helped supervise and maintain the rink on an ad hoc basis.

There were fewer volunteers than usual in 2022 and their time and participation were greatly appreciated. Throughout the season, residents expressed their gratitude and shared their compliments for the excellent quality of the ice on the Glabarhood Facebook group.

To allow the community to continue to enjoy this fantastic winter amenity, please consider signing up to help next season. Send an email to kingsmererink@gmail.com or visit www.glabarpark.ca for more information.