

Community rink roles and responsibilities—volunteer today!

Help secure a 2025-26 rink season at Kingsmere Park by emailing glabarparkca@gmail.com.

A reminder that the Alliance has earmarked funds to pay contractors to clear the ice surfaces following heavy snowfalls, which frees up maintenance volunteers to focus on flooding. And current volunteers will be available to show you what to do, and be reachable for questions after you start.

Rink coordinator (administration)
This season-long role involves communicating with the City, recruiting volunteers and scheduling shifts. No knowledge of ice building or rink maintenance is required—this work could even be done remotely. This position needs to be filled by October 29 to proceed with a rink this season.
Supervision team
Supervisors keep the fieldhouse open so that skaters have a place to change and use the washroom. They also count the number of skaters they see during their shift. No need to skate if you don't want to – bring a book and keep warm indoors. Supervisors are really needed on weekends, when many families use the rink.
Ice-building team
Volunteers are needed at the start of the season when the weather is favourable to building the rink's base ice. The work involves packing down snow with sleds or other tools, then flooding regularly for 10-14 days.
Maintenance team
Volunteers work in the evenings after skating closes to smooth and flood the ice. This can also be done during the day, depending on snowfall or other weather conditions.
Can't commit to a shift? You can still help!
Before starting or ending your skate, grab a shovel and clear any snow dusting the ice surfaces. And always respect the signage: don't walk across the rink when it's closed.

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Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, October 28
7:30pm, St. Paul's
Presbyterian Church
971 Woodroffe Ave

Winter Fun Day

January 31, 2026
Kingsmere Park
11am – 1pm

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Time is running out for a community rink this winter

A message from your Glabar Park Community Alliance

The future of the community rink at Kingsmere Park remains in limbo. The City of Ottawa has sent out the rink agreement and renewal package, and the Alliance's Board of Directors has until **October 29** to respond with the name of a coordinator and primary contact.

If no one comes forward to take on the coordinator job, there will be no rink at Kingsmere Park this winter. Full stop.

We dedicated the Spring 2025 issue of the Gazette to the urgent call for volunteers, in order to keep the community rink going. And we have spent the intervening months talking to as many

residents as we can about its operations.

Here's a quick reminder:

- The ice surfaces at Kingsmere Park are built and maintained 100% by volunteers.
- The number of skating days in a season depends on how often volunteers are available to flood the ice surfaces and supervise the field house.
- The City of Ottawa gives a stipend to the Alliance to operate the rink throughout the season, but that money has not been enough to replace rink volunteers with a paid contractor.
- The rink won't be able to continue with the level of volunteer support we have today.

If you or your family have enjoyed using the rink in past winters, please consider contributing to its continued presence in Glabar Park.

Here is what you can do:

- Review the roles at the rink (page 4) and sign up for one by emailing glabarparkca@gmail.com by October 29, 2025.

- Commit to just 1 or 2 hours a week – no experience necessary!
- Sign up for a role/shift as a household, then split the season among parents, kids, roommates, etc.
- Get community service hours toward your diploma if you are an Ontario high school student.

We as a Board are mindful of the demographic makeup of this neighbourhood; it's been reflected in our own directorship in recent years. Glabar Park is home to older residents, residents with accessibility needs, young families, newcomers, households working multiple jobs and juggling myriad schedules. We know that life is busy. This is why we are adjusting the requirements of the coordinator role, shortening supervision shifts and earmarking money to pay for snow removal and good equipment. We are asking in return for just a little bit of your time. Please sign up today!



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Thank you to the office of Councillor Kavanagh for printing this edition.

Let's repeat last year's strong attendance at this year's AGM

The 2025 Annual General Meeting of the Glabar Park Community Alliance will take place Tuesday, October 28, at 7:30pm at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church (971 Woodroffe Avenue). The future of the community rink at Kingsmere Park and an update to the Alliance's community by-laws will top the agenda.

Already planning to attend? Please bring a neighbour with you so that there is broad representation at the

meeting. You are also encouraged to nominate yourself for a position on the board of directors, especially if there is a community event or issue you'd like the Alliance to get behind.

Following presentations by the Board of Directors, including reports on recent activities and the Alliance's financial statements, Bay Ward City Councillor Theresa Kavanagh will give an update on municipal business and take questions.

The agenda, financial records, and by-laws will be available at www.glabarpark.ca in the coming days.

Stay connected

To keep up on the latest community news, bookmark the Alliance website, www.glabarpark.ca, and request to join The Glabarhood group on Facebook. To participate in any of the Alliance's monthly meetings, send an email to glabarparkca@gmail.com

Here is the 2024/2025 Board of Directors: Trent Gray-Donald (President), Rebecca Spence (Vice-President), Angela Prescott (Secretary), Steve Aubry (Treasurer), Dale Taylor, Gordon Robinson, Holly Bair-Marshall, Holly Hampson, Janice Vriend, Sara Lee and Susan Fortin.

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SPOTLIGHT: Proposed changes to the Alliance's by-laws

The Board of Directors is proposing minor amendments to the by-laws that govern the Glabar Park Community Alliance. They will be submitted for approval at the Annual General Meeting on October 28, and require a two-thirds

majority vote by members present in order to pass:

- Reduce the number of directors required from 15 to no less than 5 (in recent years, the number of directors has been ~10).

- Re-define quorum from a fixed 6 directors to 50% of directors plus 1 (as the Alliance is a volunteer-driven association, this allows more flexibility to proceed with meetings when schedules are tight).

- Add the ability to remove a director from the Board for chronic absenteeism (related to the amendment above, a director who has failed to attend consecutive meetings and/or stopped communicating with the Alliance can be removed, without adversely affecting quorum).

- Allow the Treasurer to process payments via electronic funds transfers (the current by-law stipulates payments by cheque).



Board members present at the 2024 AGM. By-law changes will make it easier for the Alliance to continue operating in years when volunteer participation is low, as well as modernize the way it does business.



DID YOU KNOW?

The funding that the Alliance receives through its rink agreement with the City, along with people willing to plan, book and/or supervise activities, determine what can be offered at winter and summer events. Volunteer today at glabarparkca@gmail.com.



Kids explore a fire truck at Summer Fun Day. More volunteers + continued financial support through community rink operations = even better neighbourhood Fun Days.

Summer Fun Day Recap

The Alliance hosted close to 100 people at its annual Summer Fun Day on August 9 in Kingsmere Park. Activities included a fire truck visit, face painting courtesy of Angela Prescott Homes, Royal LePage, and a barbecue. Kids also walked away with some beautiful crocheted hedgehogs and bookworms, donated by Glabar Park resident, Elaine Torontow.

While a change to the timing of this year's event—to 11am-1pm, from 1-3pm previously—was well-received by young families, it did have an unintended consequence: the duel draw on the park's water system by both the fire truck hose and the wading pool flushed brown water into the latter, delaying swimming time.

So, thanks to the lifeguards for working extra hard that shift; to MPP Chandra Pasma and MP Anita Vandenberg for visiting with constituents; and to everyone for finishing off the hot dogs and freezies!