

# General Burns Community Association Annual General Meeting

May 09, 2023  
Minutes

**Attendees:** Coun. Sean Devine, Alex Harris, Margaret Sambol, Kathryn Shaver, Samy Kourdes, Peter Melvin, Carolyn Hebert, Alex McAulay, Jeff Seaman

**Regrets:** Jason Stanley, Alexandra Kealey-Morin, Suyin Lee, Kristina Proulx

Meeting called to order at 7:40

## Councillor's report - Sean Devine

General Burns Pool - when will it be open and when will it close this summer?

Electric buses - council is pushing more info, will be delays, attempting to ensure mistakes of LRT will not be repeated

Future long-term power failures - will diesel buses be available if electric buses are brought in? Fleet will include both diesel and e-buses. 2036 expect to have full fleet.

Hydrogen fuel cell / electric hybrid buses - tests in Ottawa were flawed - will follow up on whether the City is still considering other technologies.

Ice storm - tons of tree debris - residents were instructed to cut and pile debris. Still not collected. Talking to Forestry Services for an update. Being diverted to flooding. Coming to ward 9 in the next 1 to 2 weeks. Tell Councillor if not being picked up.

Garbage policy - bag and tag. What to do after Trail Road Landfill is full in 13 to 15 years? Options are new landfill or incineration. Both are very expensive. Attempting to extend life of Trail Road. 55 tags a year for a can of garbage or a large item (like rolled carpet). Purchase additional tags at \$3 a tag.  
Loose items allowed?

Q: Can regs be changed to prevent dog waste in plastic bags in the compost to prevent plastic to organic waste? Will follow up.

Multi-unit buildings need to be included in garbage policy? Curbside pickup is the largest portion of waste, so City is starting with curbside. Larger policy in the fall will address multi-unit buildings.

Packaging industry? City is pursuing to put the onus on the producer, not the consumer, but also provincial and national.

Can the municipality set up a deposit system for bottles? Set up by province, not municipality. (PEI, Alberta and British Columbia do this.)

Tennis update  
In good shape

Samy  
Web is updated

Alex

Boundary of General Burns - how to reach people on outer edges? Signage up, word of mouth

Margaret

New volunteer will help with watering the garden

Student is organizing a cleanup of Nepean Pond Park on May 13.

Carolyn - CAFES

There is another group to which I belong CAFES Community Associations for Environmental Sustainability [https://cafesottawa.ca/?doing\\_wp\\_cron=1683745768.5222349166870117187500](https://cafesottawa.ca/?doing_wp_cron=1683745768.5222349166870117187500)  
10 workshops are being planned and co-hosted with community associations for Wards 8 and 9, the group is working with Bel Air.

The goal of the dialogues is to foster discussion around what climate impacts residents and communities are most concerned about, how prepared they feel, and what strategies can mitigate these impacts. One benefit among others is the workshops could raise our CA profile in the community, bring together community members and possibly lead to new members and initiatives. Clearly General Burns is meeting the needs of the young families. Now perhaps we need to look beyond the immediate and ensure the youth have a viable future.

Election

	2022-2023	2023-2024
P r e s i d e n t	Jeff Seaman	Jeff Seaman
V i c e - p r e s i d e n t	Karl Marszowski	Karl Marszowski
S e	VACANT	VACANT

c r e t a r y		
T r e a s u r e r	Jason Stanley	Jason Stanley
P r o g r a m c o o r d i n a t o r	Suyin Lee	Suyin Lee
E v e n t s c o o r d i n a t o r	Kristina Shaver	Kristina Shaver
B o o k i n	Alexandra Kealey-Morin	Alexandra Kealey-Morin

g c o o r d i n a t o r		
W e b s i t e c o o r d i n a t o r	Samy Kourdes	Samy Kourdes
E n v i r o n m e n t a l p r o j e c t s c o o r d i n a t o r	Margaret Sambol	Margaret Sambol

d i n a t o r		
C o m m u n i c a t i o n s c o o r d i n a t o r	Kathryn Shaver	Kathryn Shaver
D i r e c t o r s - a t - l a r g e	Alex McAuley	Alex McAuley

T e n n i s c l u b r e p r e s e n t a t i v e	Peter Melvin	Peter Melvin
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Next executive meeting - Sept 26, 2023 -7:30 pm

Next AGM - May 14, 2024