

GBCA meeting minutes - April 1,2025

In attendance: Margaret Sambol, Alexandra Kealey-Morin, Alex McCauley, Kristina Proulx, Suyin Lee,

Regrets: Samy Kourdes, Karl Marszowski, Jason Stanley

Wifi

Andrew from National Capital Wi-Fi followed up to say that he is going to get us the quote soon.
(Follow-up after meeting: Margaret spoke to City representative at Carleton Heights on April 10th who said the City might be able to help with installing Wi-Fi.)

Rentals

Following multiple instances of damage and the lodge being left a mess, the CA voted not to extend the rental contract for a Bible study group. They were asked to be out by the end of March. Margaret will follow up with them to ask for keys back and to remove the piano.
(Follow-up after meeting: Group asked for an emergency community association meeting on April 8 to request a rental extension. CA voted unanimously not to extend the contract. Group has not paid the rental fee from November to March of \$800. Keys have been returned and piano has been removed. Group has filed a complaint with the City.)

Sprucing up the lodge

Alex KM will email the councillor re: getting new tables and chairs.

Brody from the City will get contractor in to look at the floors on Monday or Tuesday.

Alex M. got an estimate of 20 to 50,000 to redo the outside of the building

Alex M. will look at options to redo the wood inside the lodge.

Alex KM will discuss updating the kitchen with new cupboards and countertop with the councillor.

Paint day is all set for April 5.

(Follow-up after meeting: Councillor says the City may be able to help with kitchen repair, but not with replacing tables and chairs. Floors may be done in the fall. During paint day, about a dozen volunteers put two coats on in the mirror room and one coat in the basement. Margaret will send out a poll on scheduling a day to finish the doors, trim and second coat downstairs.)

Environmental projects

Margaret will set up a volunteer sign-up for the garden.

Margaret will put up vinyl signs for the AGM and Fun Day.

Margaret to send out save the date for the plant exchange

Margaret has Spring clean up set for April 12. *(Follow-up after meeting: 9 volunteers collected 6 bags of trash. A second clean-up may be needed after the fields dry out.)*

AGM is May 13 at 7:30 p.m. Jason is working on the financial statements.

Website

Samy is renewing and added the insurance document to the room rental section.

Tennis

Early bird registration is underway and Kathryn promoted on Facebook. There will be a new president this year.

Fun Day

Waiting for magician Scott McDonald to confirm *(Follow-up after meeting: Now confirmed.)*

Kristina found another place to do bouncy castle -\$3000 - PTI amusements
Grant is due tomorrow, April 2.
Save the date is out on Facebook.
Kathryn requested firefighters.
Ottawa Police Service is not available.
Kathryn will send out the request for toy donations as prizes, plus donations of bags for parents to help carry prizes.
Kathryn to print mailbox signs.
Margaret hasn't heard back from Barrhaven Lions yet and will follow up.
Kristina will share a tracking document
Donations will only be collected for the food bank, not the CA this year because of the demand for food.
Alex, Suyin and Kristina to do the shopping together on May 23. This year, we need more veggie options, and more chips and fruit roll-ups. No granola bars this year.
Kathryn to remind on FB to bring your own water bottle to reduce waste.

Knoxdale-Merivale Council

Alex KM will attend on April 9 and go to building manager meeting. Alex will ask about cleaning community buildings and pest management.

Insurance

Margaret will submit the insurance application for June 2025 to May 2026. (*Follow-up after meeting: Now done.*)

Infrastructure

Alex M went to city meeting. Fire hydrants in our neighbourhood don't meet the new standard.
Traffic calming coming to our neighbourhood including Chesterton.
Speed cameras and speed bumps will be added.
The City is designing for 30 km/h streets.
A sewer study is starting soon.
Insurance claims from our neighbourhood were among the highest in the city following the heavy rain last August.