

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

**WATERIDGE
VILLAGE**

ASSOCIATION COMMUNAUTAIRE DU

**VILLAGE DES
RIVERAINS**

Annual Report 2022



Who we Are

Our Vision

A safe, healthy, caring, vibrant and proud community where all people can thrive.

Our Mission

To enhance, engage and represent our diverse neighbourhood, where we live, work and play, by facilitating partnerships, collaboration and cooperation.

Our Values

Respect: We are considerate and treat others with care and respect

Diversity: We strive to engage all those who live, work and play in our community

Safety: We seek to create a safe environment for everyone

Pride: We are proud of our community and our successes

Innovation: We are creative, pro-active and visionary

Sustainability: We are stable, growing and nurturing

Accountability: We are accountable to the community and are responsible for doing what we say we will do

Online Presence

Web: wateridgeassociation.ca

FB: Wateridge Village Community (private group)

Who we Are

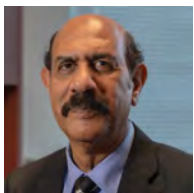
Board of Directors



President: Roxanne Field



Vice President & Membership: Daphne Jaques



Treasurer: Zul Nanji



Secretary: Alasdair Stuart-Bell



Planning & Development: Jane Thompson



Events & Fundraising: Vita Sgardello



Traffic & Transit: Arthur Quant



Safety: Max Brownfield



President's Report

Roxanne Field

Your board of Directors have been hard at work making a difference and representing the community in many ways. I'd like to start by thanking each of them for their hard work and devotion for the betterment of Wateridge Village.

In addition to our board members, I'd like to thank the committee members and other volunteers who've contributed their time and talent throughout the year. This team really personifies what one would expect in a "village" community. A devoted group of people who work tirelessly to help their community. Thank you.

It's been another challenging year but our team of volunteers managed to connect the community through various events and initiatives in spite of the Covid 19 pandemic.

We've held several fun events but on a more serious note, the work of our Planning and Development committee led by architect Jane Thompson has been ongoing and in depth. They have had countless meetings with city planners, CLC, Councillor King and various developers to ensure the Wateridge Village community vision that was set by CLC and that we all bought into becomes a reality.

The Traffic and Transit team is also making headway and discussing with CLC and OC Transpo to bring more regular bus service to our community.

We have appreciated your participation with petitions and surveys. They have helped us in our work to hold developers accountable and to communicate that we, the residents of Wateridge, have a strong, loud, unified voice. This has served us well.

This coming year, we are looking beyond our community and keeping abreast of issues like the Kettle Island bridge so that we can keep you informed and work with other associations to ensure the best possible outcome for Wateridge.

We hope to hold more events this year (following all Covid 19 protocols) which will help us to connect and bring our community together and to help grow the Association and raise much needed funds. Watch for them!

President's Report

Roxanne Field

We ask that you consider becoming a member of the WVCA if you haven't done so already. A two year membership is 30.00. We respectfully ask for your help in volunteering with the Association. We are looking for two new board positions, Communications and Membership as well as individuals who are able to volunteer on committees. Please contact us at info@wateridge.ca . We can talk about how you would like to contribute.

If you are able, we ask that you make a donation to the Wateridge Village Community Association. Some of our board members have been paying operating expenses out of their pocket to keep the Association in existence during these difficult times. The pandemic has limited our opportunity to fundraise and to garner more members since we've not been able to hold large gatherings like bbq's, pot-lucks or fairs.

I'm proud of the work our Association has done to date. The contributions such a small group of people (less than 20) have made to ensure this place we call home grows into a beautiful community. We hope more of you will see the value in participating and join our group of volunteers!

Roxanne Field
President, WVCA

The power of one, if fearless and focused, is formidable, but the power of many working together is better.

Gloria Macapagal Arroyo



Who we are and what we do

Chair – Jane Thompson; Members – Amie Baker, Lorenzo Bonera, Graham Field, Chantal Gingras, Darren Kipp, Jennifer Koussaya-Kent, Joffre LeBlanc, Dragos Popa, Arthur Quang

Our main goal is to ensure that the unique vision of our community is realized as roads, buildings, and parks grow up around us. We are dedicated to assisting with creating a diverse community that includes local commercial services, employment, and recreation within walking and biking distance, and all types of housing including affordable and supportive housing.

We continued to hold virtual committee meetings this past year in addition to meetings with City Planners, Developers, Canada Lands Company, and our City, Provincial and Federal representatives.

Key Activities and Accomplishments

Development

- 681 Mikinak - Our hard work over the previous year, circulating a neighbourhood survey and collaborating with planners, politicians and Mattamy Homes, bore fruit with approvals granted and construction underway for the first development in our mixed-use centre. It promises to bring a wide range of commercial services to the community.
- 101 Vedette – At an early consultation with city planners and Mattamy Homes suggestions were made to improve the relationship of buildings to the street, communal landscaped space and screening of parking. We were very pleased to see these suggestions adopted by the developer and will continue working with them as this project for 176 stacked townhouses moves forward.

- 715 Mikinak – This second project in the mixed-use centre by Ottawa Community Housing required much effort by our Committee this past year, in an attempt to increase the non-residential uses and clear glazing along key street fronts, and to ensure adequate parking was provided for residents and visitors. While we welcome 271 units of affordable housing into the community, we encountered many issues with the consultation process and commitment to the Wateridge Village Secondary Plan that we will continue to address in the coming year with the City of Ottawa, Canada Lands, and our political representatives.

Communication

Many thanks to Arthur Quang for preparation of a community survey which provided vital information on community services of most interest to residents, and background information on parking issues that we used in our consultations.

Thanks also to Darren Kipp for communication updates on planning and development issues through our Facebook page and e-mail list.

Ideas for positive communication techniques brought forward by Jennifer Koussaya-Kent will be explored further as we work to build collaborative relationships with the many groups we interact with.

Traffic & Transit

In 2021 transportation issues took on an even greater importance as public transportation deteriorated, truck traffic, snow storage, speeding and parking issues persisted, and a development proposal came forward with less parking than required under the City By-law. Realization of the vision of Wateridge Village as a complete, pedestrian focused, transit oriented, 15 minute community will require much better public transit and transportation planning than has been evident in the past year. We continue to advocate for improvements.

A separate Transportation Committee has been created to deal with these many issues, led by Arthur Quang.

Working with Condominium Board OCCECC 1056, CLC and the City of Ottawa and Joffre LeBlanc, some additional winter street parking was permitted and arrangements made for off street construction parking.

Collaboration on provincial bridge crossing options continues, and outreach to community members via a Kettle Island information sheet prepared by Graham Field.

Parks, Community Gardens and Community Services

The application process for community gardens adjacent to Alliance Park continues, through Arthur Quang and community volunteers, with the goal of gardens in place for the next growing season.

Park design and tree clearing is being monitored with the goal of preserving mature trees and natural landscapes wherever possible. Collaboration with local tree expert Iola Price provided excellent background information and advice.

We look forward to ongoing work on our large community park in the spring and the many amenities it will provide.

We've been working with Councilor King for inclusion of community services such as field house, community room, and library in our park and mixed-use core.

Schools

While one school site has been purchased by the French Public Board, funding for a school has not yet been approved. Two other available sites have not yet been spoken for.

Deadlines are approaching for these sites over the next few years at which time they will revert to residential use if they are not required by school boards. Amie Baker and Chantal Gingras continue to monitor developments.



Membership Report

Daphne Jaques

The Wateridge Village Community Association continues to grow slowly and we are now sitting at 67 Member households. The pandemic continues to make membership drives and events a challenge but we are hopeful that 2022 will include some additional opportunities for community activities.

Our membership promotion continues to rely entirely on word-of-mouth, Facebook and the WVCA newsletter, resulting in slower than anticipated growth of the Association. As circumstances allow, membership to the WVCA will be actively promoted and a planned membership drive will be initiated.

Fees for membership remain as follows:

- \$20.00 per household for one year
- \$30.00 per household for two years
- Donations also accepted for any amount

The Board also recognizes that for many, this may prove a barrier for joining and provisions have been made for those circumstances.

Current Membership

Two year households 63

One year householdse 4

Membership anniversaries are tracked in the WVCA database and members are contacted to renew their memberships in advance of membership expiration. We have a number of two year anniversaries coming up in summer of 2022 and hope that all current members will be renewing.

Only through an active and engaged membership, can the mandate of the WVCA be continued.

Thank you to all of the residents who, to-date, recognize the value in belonging to the Association – your commitment (and membership dues) are much appreciated!

The mandate of the communications committee is to keep residents up to date with the activities of the WVCA via our private Facebook Group and e-blasts to our mailing list.

In 2020 we saw the Facebook Group grow by 100 members (to 421 at the end of the year), while our mailing list reaches 260 individuals. The Facebook Group continues to serve as a digital meeting space for our growing community. A small group of volunteers monitors the group to ensure it remains a safe and respectful forum to share information, opportunities, and news related to Wateridge Village.

Sharing Planning & Development News

In 2021 the decision was made to no longer act as intermediaries between the community and Canada Lands Company on issues pertaining to planning and development, residents are encouraged to reach out directly to CLC for information and updates. Instead, the Planning & Development Committee have been using the Facebook Group to notify and divulge reports on development plans, which seem to be very well received by the group's members.

Highlights

Despite the pandemic, we were able to organize a rain barrel fundraiser, which raised a total of \$475 for our association. Our Planning & Development Committee lead, Jane Thompson, also organized a seedling sale of plants grown in her garden, which has also contributed to our association. In a challenging year we are thankful for the community's support!

Bilingualism

Our association is committed to communicating in both official languages. However our capacity to do so depends on having volunteers who can write in or translate into both languages. In 2021 we welcomed several volunteers who continue to help us translate our information where Possible.

Volunteers

A huge thank you to the communication committee volunteers who provided their ongoing support in 2021: Adria Moore, Julien Redelsperger, Mireille Piche. And to our translator volunteers Benoit & Caro Seguin, Yan Zawisza.



Photo courtesy of Conor Dobson

Wateridge Village Community Association
Balance Sheet
As of August 31, 2021

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Current Assets		Accounts Payable	
Cash	\$ 2,313.27	Loan - Daphne Jaques	550.00
Uncashed cheque		2021-2022 Memberships	\$ 130.00
		Payables	\$ 770.62
Current Assets	\$ 2,313.27	Current Liabilities	\$ 1,450.62
		Liabilities Prior to 2020-2021	\$ 79.17
		2020-2021 Net Revenue	<u>783.48</u>
		Net Assets	\$ 862.65
		Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 2,313.27

**Wateridge Village Community Association
Income Statement
September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021**

REVENUES	
2020-2021 Membership fees	\$ 240.00
2021-2022 Prepaid Memberships	
Donations	<u>1,339.00</u>
	<u>\$ 1,579.00</u>
EXPENSES	
Website	-\$ 237.72
Banking	- 24.90
Insurance	
Mailbox	- 485.90
Membership	<u>- 47.00</u>
	<u>-\$ 795.52</u>
Net Revenues	<u><u>\$ 783.48</u></u>

**Wateridge Village Community Association
Budgeted Income Statement
September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2022**

REVENUES

2020-2021 Membership fees	\$	600.00
2021-2022 Prepaid Memberships		200.00
Donations		400.00
	\$	<u>1,200.00</u>

EXPENSES

Website	\$	240.00
Banking		30.00
Insurance		500.00
Mailbox		250.00
FCA Membership		50.00
	\$	<u>1,070.00</u>

Net Revenues

	\$	<u><u>130.00</u></u>
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Wateridge Village Community Association
Balance Sheet
As of August 31, 2022
Upto February 15, 2022

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Current Assets		Accounts Payable	
Cash	\$ 3,198.52	Loan - Daphne Jaques	550.00
Uncashed cheque		2022-2023 Memberships	\$ 60.00
		Payables	\$ 817.62
Current Assets	\$ 3,198.52	Current Liabilities	\$ 1,427.62
		Net Revenue 2020-2021	\$ 862.65
		2021-2022 Net Revenue	908.25
		Net Assets	\$ 1,770.90
		Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 3,198.52
Bank Balance	3198.52	Accts Payable	
O/S Chqa		Zul -Mailbox 2020	242.95
		Zul Mailbox 2021	242.95
		Zul-Industry Canada 2020	12.00
		Adria Website	203.88
Bank Statement	3198.52	Vita Webpage	33.84
		Daphne Fca Membership2021	35.00
		Zul-Industry Canada 2021	12.00
		Daphne Fca Membership2022	35.00
			<u>817.62</u>

Wateridge Village Community Association
Income Statement
September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2022
Upto February 15, 2022

REVENUES	
2021-2022 Membership fees	\$ 270.00
Donations	695.00
	<u>\$ 965.00</u>
EXPENSES	
Website	\$ -
Banking	- 9.75
Insurance	
Mailbox	-
Govt Filings	- 12.00
Membership	- 35.00
	<u>-\$ 56.75</u>
Net Revenues	<u><u>\$ 908.25</u></u>



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