

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
**WATERIDGE
VILLAGE**

ASSOCIATION COMMUNAUTAIRE DU
**VILLAGE DES
RIVERAINS**

Annual Report Fiscal Year 2023-24

Special thanks to Kathrin Köhler, [2kpho.tography](https://www.instagram.com/2kpho.tography) on Instagram, for her amazing photos of the community!

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

Current Board of Directors

- **President:** Roxanne Field
- **Vice President:** Daphne Jaques
- **Treasurer:** Vanessa Noelville
- **Secretary:** Neelam Merchant
- **Planning & Development:** Jane Thompson
- **Communications:** Darren Kipp
- **Members at Large/Subcommittees:** Seanna Kreagar, Zeinab Mohamed, Mireille Piché, Tao Wan

The Board wishes to thank Michael Marryatt for his contribution as Treasurer and a big thanks to Alasdair Stuart-Bell who has been with the Association since before it was an Association and was instrumental in our formation!



The Association is celebrating its 5th anniversary. Time sure flies by!

The members of the Board and its subcommittees would like to thank all past Board members and volunteers who have contributed their time and talents over the years. They have helped us get to where we are today so—Thank you!

As you may know, a membership to the Wateridge Village Community Association is free. If you are not yet a member or aren't sure if you are a member (if you receive emails from us on occasion, you are a member), we encourage you to become one and here's why. We are working on many important files that will impact life in our community, like:

- Working with the City of Ottawa's Planning and Zoning departments, Canada Lands Company, the land developer and various Builders to bring the vision for Wateridge to realization;
- Keeping in contact with OC Transpo regarding the need for better transit;
- Developing strategies to help keep our community safe and clean;
- Creating fun events for all to enjoy.

In order for us to advocate for Wateridge on various issues, numbers matter and we need to show that we have an engaged community and a strong Association. Please consider becoming a member today. Click on this link: <https://www.wateridgeassociation.ca/join/> Help us in our efforts to make Wateridge a great place to live, work, play and learn!

You'll also benefit from:

- Regular emails (but not too many) with updates about everything from Transit, schools to events;
- A dynamic newsletter full of great information;
- Opportunities to participate and come together for the betterment of our Village.

Things to look forward to...

We hope to have a small Farmer's Market coming in the spring of 2025. We have secured a vendor and are working through permits, insurance and a place to have it. Stay tuned,

President's Report

Roxanne Field

The ice rink is well underway. We have signed a contract with the City of Ottawa for funding to help us maintain the ice. Thank you to the many volunteers who have offered to help with the maintenance. Without you we wouldn't have an ice rink. There will be an opening celebration so watch for more details.

We are looking forward to welcoming new retail in the community and the Association would like to thank **Pharmasave** who is supporting us financially by advertising on our website. Watch for more information on new retailers.

If you own a business in Wateridge, and would like to advertise in Wateridge please contact me for more details on how you can connect your business with our community president@wateridgeassociation.ca

We are starting a **Neighbourhood Watch** program and if you are interested in participating follow the link below.

We are waiting for approvals from the City and for the installation of our soccer nets. We hope to have a **Soccer Program** in 2025. Contact us if you can help.

We will be hosting our annual **Community Clean Up** in the spring and our **Garage Sale** in June. If you can volunteer for those events please let us know at info@wateridgeassociation.ca

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Wateridge Village Community Association, thank you to all of you who have helped in some way to make our community better.

To the Board of Directors and Subcommittee members, thank you so very much for your continued participation and willingness to give your experience and time for the betterment of Wateridge. Thank you.

With appreciation,

Roxanne Field
WVCA President

president@wateridgeassociation.ca



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Who we are and what we do

Chair – Jane Thompson

Members – Amie Baker, Vincent Cameron Trudel, Chase Ferguson, Graham Field, John Grant, Darren Kipp, Jennifer Koussaya-Kent, Zeinab Mohamed, Tao Wan.

Mission – To ensure that the unique vision of our community is realized as roads, buildings, and parks grow up around us. We are dedicated to advocating for 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 held virtual committee meetings this past year in addition to attending meetings with City Planners, Developers, Canada Lands Company, and our City, Provincial and Federal representatives.

Key Activities and Accomplishments

- Our committee once again focused on advocating for adherence to the vision and regulations supporting a mixed-use, transit-oriented, inclusive, “15-minute community”
- Results of previous advocacy efforts bore fruit this year with the commercial spaces in the core selling well, and many of the projects we had provided comments on completing construction and welcoming new residents.
- Our previous efforts related to improving transit have resulted in some service improvements that will come in the spring, but also some disappointments that will require further advocacy. Route 27 will be replaced with Route 17 which will run west along Montreal Road with connections to Rideau Station, and, thanks to a request from our community association, also to Parliament Station. Route 25 will be extended to Wateridge, with service to Blair and Millennium stations, providing our first taste of frequent all day service on weekdays. Areas for further advocacy include extension of service on Route 25 to weekends, and opening up of Hemlock as quickly as possible to support a transit route that provides access to schools and frequently used services.
- With the assistance of committee member Zeinab Mohamed, accessibility of sidewalks and streets, bus stops, and park facilities was reviewed and suggestions made to Canada Lands for improvements.

- Our participation in the Sir George-Etienne Cartier Park consultation resulted in a safe crossing of the parkway being added to the plan, creating a connection to Wateridge Village. Further work is required to ensure that the pathway up the hill is designed at a safe and comfortable grade.
- The opening of Hemlock Road appears to be finally moving forward for approval, resulting in an important connection for Wateridge residents and future businesses. The latest published date for the opening of Hemlock is 2025/2026.
- Issues continue with lack of parking, construction traffic, narrow street widths preventing two lanes of traffic and parking, and snow clearing.

Consultations on Development Proposals

- **1255 Hemlock** – We were part of pre-consultation and site plan control review of a 4 storey 89 unit apartment building by Rohit (northwest of Alliance Park). We were pleased that some of our initial comments were implemented in the latest scheme.
- **375 Codd's Road** – The previously approved application was redesigned by a new architectural team, but with generally the same height (6 stories), number of units (119), parking and building location. While we feel the building design is appropriate, we continue to be concerned with aspects of the Secondary Design Plan that are not being respected, such as the absence of commercial space in a key location adjacent to the town square, and poor connection of the ground level to Codd's Road and the town square. Elements in the secondary plan that are not being followed include proximity to the street, 50% glazing, active entrances, and landscaping connections. The developer has promised to do better on two future buildings facing Hemlock, and we will remind them of this when the future buildings go forward for approval.
- **Planning for Phases 6, 7 and 8** continues in the northeast section of Wateridge. A residential area known as the "Forest Neighbourhood" promises to be very interesting with large sections of mature trees preserved and an indigenous themed public pathway system through the centre of the development.
- **Public Lands for Homes Plan** – As announced in the latest Federal Budget, Wateridge will be the site of an additional 500 affordable homes under a land lease rather than sale approach, now out for requests for proposals

- **681 Mikinak** – Mattamy is proceeding with construction of the remaining two buildings on the block after completing the first two. They approached the Community Association with a revised design that increased the amount of commercial space, and made other revisions to adapt to higher construction costs. We were pleased that our recommendation with respect to balconies, seconded by Canada Lands, was adopted, and that commercial uses are being increased.

Communication

- Thanks to Darren Kipp for communication updates on planning and development issues through our Facebook page and e-mail list.
- If you'd like to contact our committee about any development related issues you can reach us at planning@wateridgeassociation.ca

Parks, Community Gardens and Community Services

- An off leash dog park and community garden have been included in future parks with necessary water infrastructure.
- Thanks to Councilor King, a field house is in the works at the very popular Eugene Martineau Park, with soil testing underway. This facility will include washrooms and a space where the community can meet.
- The skating rink will operate this winter, and the soccer field will open as soon as grass is well enough established, next spring we hope.
- The Veterans Park unfortunately was built with incorrect grades for the splash pad and cannot open until this is corrected.
- The town square with aviation theme was opened with great fanfare this fall.

Schools

- While two school sites have been purchased by the French and English Public boards on Wanaki Rd., funding for construction of schools on these sites has not yet been approved. The purchase rights held by the French Catholic board to a parcel of land on the south side of Hemlock Rd. expired, and this land has recently been purchased for residential development. An alternate site has been reserved for the French Catholic board on the north side of Hemlock. We are waiting to hear whether this property will be purchased by the board.

Priorities for 2025

- The City of Ottawa has prepared a new draft Zoning By-law which our committee is reviewing and commenting on in conjunction with Canada Lands
- There are a number of elements in the first draft that are of concern –

Many features of the Secondary Plan that set out the vision for Wateridge have been lost in the current draft.

Some areas have been rezoned in ways that don't match the existing context or secondary plan, generally allowing greater heights and density.

The draft By-law proposes to eliminate minimum parking requirements for dwelling units and commercial uses altogether, leaving this to the discretion of the developer, and to reduce visitor parking requirements. Based on current issues with lack of parking, poor bus service, and distance from light rail, we believe this would result in problems for our community.



Membership Report

Daphne Jaques

As reported in previous years, growing the VWCA Membership has continued to be a challenge for the Association, despite Membership being free!

We continue to promote through our own Facebook Page, Newsletters, Events and through our Councillor—Rawlson King.

We encourage all of our residents to join the association through our website:
wateridgeassociation.ca.

Communications Report

Darren Kipp

The communications committee exists to keep residents of our growing neighbourhood up to date with activities organized by the WVCA and relevant news and information. We use our private Facebook group and e-mailing list as the main channels of communication. Sign ups for membership and newsletters are available on the [WVCA website](#).

In 2024, we saw the Facebook Group grow by 91 members to 760. Our mailing list reaches 309 individuals - an increase of 24 this year. The Facebook Group continues to serve – as intended – as a digital meeting space for our community. A small group of volunteers monitors the conversations to ensure it remains a safe, respectful, and spam-free forum to share information, opportunities, and news related to Wateridge Village.

This past year the new Wateridge Village Community Association Newsletter published 4 quarterly issues and received positive feedback from readers.

Spring of 2024 brought considerable improvements to the WVCA website. We wish to extend a huge thanks to Ryan Jaques for his efforts in modernizing the look and feel of our site. These improvements set the foundation for continual improvements going forward as our association matures.

A huge thank you to the communication committee volunteers who provided their ongoing support in 2024: Daphne Jaques, Ryan Jaques, and Mireille Piché



Financial Report: Balance Sheet

Vanessa Noelville

As of August 31, 2024

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash \$ 2,875.13

Prepaid Expenses

Prepaid Insurance \$ 810.00

Current Assets \$ 3,685.13

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable

Account Payables \$ 1,080.00

Current Liabilities \$ 1,080.00

Net Revenue
Previous Years \$ 3,168.53
2023-2024 Net
Revenue - 563.40
Net Assets \$ 2,605.13

**Total Liabilities and
Net Assets \$ 3,685.13**

Financial Report: Income Statement

Vanessa Noelville

September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024

REVENUES

2023-2024 Membership fees	\$ 70.00
Donations	648.99
Advertising revenue	500.00
Total - Income	\$ 1,218.99

EVENT INCOME

Book sales	703.85
Vendor Fee Revenue	235.00
Silent Auction Revenue	180.00
Total - EVENT INCOME	\$ 1,118.85

EXPENSES

Event Expenses	\$ 528.62
Insurance Expense	1,350.00
Bank charges	37.15
Stationery, Supplies & Equipment	77.97
Rental of room	300.00
Misc. Expenses	607.50
Total Expenses	\$ 2,901.24

Net Profit/Loss	<u><u>-\$ 563.40</u></u>
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Financial Report: Budget

Vanessa Noelville

September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025

Income

Advertising	\$1,500.00
City of Ottawa Grant	\$2,370.00
Donations	\$500.00
Total Income	\$4,370.00

Expenses

Insurance	\$1,188.00
Government Filing	\$20.00
Membership at FCA	\$35.00
Bank Charges	\$40.00
Stationary, Supplies & Equipment	\$80.00
Mailbox and Postage	\$300.00
Website Expenses	\$240.00
Rink Expenses	\$1,000.00
Event Expenses	\$500.00
Total Expenses	\$3,403.00

Net Income	\$967.00
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