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Minutes of the Vars Community Association (VCA) Meeting

Meeting Date	October 24, 2023 – 7:00
Attendees	Gary Larocque Ivan Tanner Wayne Redsell Patrick Jobin Matthew Bowman Danielle Vendette Lindsay Cholette Corey Cholette

Item	Summary of discussions / decisions	Actions
1	Meeting Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">Greetings to members and guestsNew members: Lindsay and Corey Cholette	
2	Bat Houses <ul style="list-style-type: none">The City of Ottawa has approved the installation of Bat Houses to be installed at both extremities of the park. This will help control the Vars mosquito population. The bat houses will be installed in the Spring 2024. A message will be posted on Vars.Ca to advise the residents of the installation.	
3	AGM / Movie Night <ul style="list-style-type: none">Our AGM / Movie Night on September 22 2023 was a success. Its always nice to see the Village come together for a community activity.	
4	Multi-Usage Pad <ul style="list-style-type: none">The multi-usage pad is in discussion with our city Counsellor George Darouze.A plan has been drawn up to have an asphalt pad laid at the park. The pad would be 65x165 feet and	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The VCA is working on getting quotes for the asphalt.The baseball dugout at the park will be

	would include a tennis court, a pickleball court and a basketball court.	repaired.
5	Park Paving <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A follow up is required with George Darouze regarding paving the various paths at Alcide Trudeau Park. • 6) The Vars Remembrance Day Ceremony plans are well under way. Our ceremony will take place at the Vars Cenotaph on Sunday, November 5 at 2:00pm 	
6	Vars Rink <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Vars Rink at Alcide Trudeau Park will be under new management: a team consisting of the VCA and the Optimist Club will be working to build and maintain our ice rink. 	
7	Remembrance Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Vars Remembrance Day Ceremony plans are well under way. Our ceremony will take place at the Vars Cenotaph on Sunday, November 5 at 2:00pm 	
8	Next Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next VCA meeting will be on December 12 2023 at 7pm at the Alice Trudeau Park Fieldhouse. • All are welcome! 	



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Minutes of the Vars Community Association (VCA) Annual General Meeting

Meeting Date	Sept 22, 2023 – 7:00
Attendees	Danielle Vendette Jacques Legault Serge Potvin Alicia Roque Patrick Jobin Gary Larocque

Item	Summary of discussions / decisions	Actions
1	Meeting Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">Speech from the President Gary Larocque	
2	Nomination for new members and positions <ul style="list-style-type: none">Everyone staying in their current positions	
3	New Members Joining <ul style="list-style-type: none">Corey CholetteLindsay Cholette	



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Minutes of the Vars Community Association (VCA) Meeting

Meeting Date	June 6, 2023 – 7:00
Attendees	Gary Larocque Ivan Tanner Wayne Redsell Patrick Jobin Jacques Legault Danielle Vendette

Item	Summary of discussions / decisions	Actions
1	Meeting Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">Greetings to members and guests	
2	Bat Houses <ul style="list-style-type: none">The City of Ottawa has approved the installation of Bat Houses to be installed at both extremities of the park. This will help control the Vars mosquito population, since 1 bat can eat 1000 mosquitos per hour!	
3	St Guillaume Parish <ul style="list-style-type: none">The St-Guillaume parish is looking for ideas and volunteers to raise money for the parish. The church has had water damage in the basement community room which will need to be repaired. Furthermore, in 2022, the Diocese ordered a review of the structural conditions of its churches, including St-Guillaume. The report from the engineering company that performed our review highlighted several issues that need corrections / modifications to our 100-year-old church. The church and the VCA is looking for ideas on how to raise money to keep our church strong. Some ideas that have been suggested:	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A) Closing off the living quarters and finding a tenant to rent the apartment. ○ B) Opening a “used goods” store in the church basement, where all items donated will be sold, with the money going to the Church ○ C) Hosting a Community Garage Sale in the Spring and Fall, renting tables for 20.00 for the day ○ D) Golf Tournament 	
4	New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The walking paths in the Alcide Trudeau Park have been re-paved. ● A section of Devine Road (east of the Railroad track will be re-paved ● The baseball dugout at the park will be repaired. 	
5	Next Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The next VCA meeting will be the AGM (Annual General Meeting) It will be held on Friday September 22nd, 2023 at the Alcide Trudeau Park. As Always, everyone is welcome! ● Meeting concluded at 8:30 	



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Minutes of the Vars Community Association (VCA) Meeting

Meeting Date	April 18, 2023 – 7:00
Attendees	Gary Larocque Ivan Tanner Danielle Vendette Chris Nooyen Serge Potvin
Absent	Alicia Roque Wayne Redsell Patrick Jobin Jacques Legault

Item	Summary of discussions / decisions	Actions
1	Meeting minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greetings to members and guests 	
2	Bat Houses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The VCA will have Bat Houses installed at both extremities of the park. This will help control the Vars mosquito population, since 1 bat can eat 1000 mosquitoes per hour! 	
3	Rink Wrap-up 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Osgoode Ward Association Committee had a meeting to discuss the budget and future plans for our community. The meeting was hosted by the Councillor for our Ward: George Darouze . At this meeting, it was confirmed that the paved paths at Alcide Trudeau Park will be repaired this spring / summer and Devine Road will also be repaved. 	
4	Community Wish List <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The VCA would like to have a “Community Wish 	

	List" started to have suggestions from the residents on ways to improve our Village. It was suggested to install a drinking fountain at Alcide Trudeau Park.	
5	Ecole St Guillaume Equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A one time donation of 2000.00 has been made to Ecole St Guillaume to purchase gym equipment. 	
6	Volunteers Needed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The VCA is looking for volunteers to keep the cenotaph clean, by picking up the garbage and weeding the flower beds around the cenotaph. 	
7	Next Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next VCA meeting will be held on June 6 2023 at the Alcide Trudeau Park club house. As Always, everyone is welcome! • Meeting concluded at 8:30 	



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Meeting Date	February 8, 2023 – 7:00
Attendees	Gary Larocque Alicia Roque Jacques Legault Serge Potvin Matthew Bowman Patrick Jobin Wayne Redsell

Item	Summary of discussions / decisions	Actions
1	Meeting Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greetings to members and guests 	
2	Heritage Public School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was voted on to donate hockey helmets to Heritage Public school for (619.13\$) 	
3	VCA Business Cards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VCA put business card in St.Guillaume flyer (200\$) 	
4	Bearbrook Rentals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gary will look into taking over rentals from the city of Bearbrook Community Centre and Fieldhouse in Alcide Trudeau Park 	
5	Rink Duties <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The VCA is looking for someone to take over rink for 2023 and future years. 	
6	Partnership Agreement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A partnership agreement has been signed with councillor Darouze for VCA events. 	

7	Bat House <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serge will be approaching the city to have a bat house installed at Alcide Trudeau park to help with rid of mosquitos. 	
8	Paroisse Saint Guillaume <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The parish will have a new priest: Father Diego Rebeles will be joining our community starting August 1, serving Vars and Limoges. 	
9	Next Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next meeting May 18th, 2023 at fieldhouse 	