

Cardinal Creek Community Association Highlights of Accomplishments To-date

2006 - Incorporation and Speed Limit Reduction

The Cardinal Creek Community Association (CCCA) was incorporated as an Ontario Not-for-profit corporation and its first board of directors was elected in May 2006. In the same year, the CCCA managed to convince the City of Ottawa to lower the speed limit on Trim Road (from 80 to 60 km/hr), and successfully worked with the City to install fences to protect children from snowmobiles.

2007 - First Ever Clean-up Day

The CCCA organized the first ever cleanup day in order to clean large amount of fill material from Glandriel Park to make room for park development. The CCCA cleanup day has been held every year for nine consecutive years.

2008 - Rain Barrel Program and Outdoor Rinks

The Cardinal Creek and Queenswood Heights Community Association introduced a joint rain barrel program. In just five days, 150 rain barrels were sold. (See article attached). The CCCA also initiated the outdoor ice rink program in 2008. Richcraft and Ashcroft Homes Ltd. provided the rink boards to build the outdoor ice rink. A second ice rink was also introduced in the community and the CCCA manages both of outdoor rinks every winter with dedicated volunteers. Each winter over 5,000 children use the CCCA outdoor rinks.

2009 - Cardinal Creek Karst, Cardinal Creek Village, Family Fun Day BBQ and Ecosystem

The CCCA was successful in obtaining a special status for the Cardinal Creek karst as it was officially recognized as a geological Area of Natural and Scientific Interest by the Ministry of Natural Resources of Ontario. It is the 12th longest karst in the Province of Ontario and it is now protected for future generations. (See article attached). In addition, the CCCA negotiated with Tamarack Homes/Taggart to secure 16 pre-conditions for developing the Cardinal Creek Village development. An agreement was signed (east of Orleans, west of Cumberland Village) by Tamarack Homes Ltd and the CCCA to protect the karst, to support the widening of Trim Road, to protect tree land areas and to protect endangered tree species, to build a walking path connection between Petrie Island and Cardinal Creek Village, special measures to protect wildlife, aquatic life and the natural environment, and Taggart's participation in construction of a sports complex to help our kids stay active. The CCCA also organized the Glandriel Park official opening. It was celebrated with a Family Fun Day BBQ community event with over 2,500 people. We raised \$20,000 in cash and \$5,000 in kind in order to make this event a huge success. The CCCA also worked in partnership with the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority to educate kids about water quality, aquatic life and the Cardinal Creek ecosystem.

2009 to 2014 - Hockey Day in Canada

Between 2009 and 2014, the CCCA held six annual Hockey Day in Canada-Winter Classic Hockey games with children and seniors from the community to celebrate Canada's game. (See attached article). During the 2009 and 2014 events, the CCCA donated \$500 to both the Cumberland Resource Centre and the Canadian Cancer Society.

2011 - Neighbourhood Watch Program

The CCCA Neighbourhood Watch Program was successfully introduced to the community with over 350 members bringing residents closer together for the protection of their homes and neighborhood. This program has been running for the last four years and there have been several arrests by police, making our community safer.

2012 - Splash Pad, Soccer Field, Royal Ridge Park and Geo-Heritage Day

The Park 18-B splash pad was officially opened by Councilor Bob Monette and MPP Grant Crack and members of the CCCA. The CCCA worked with the City of Ottawa to save \$140,000 by joining the Cardinal Creek Park parking lot with the Trim Road realignment project. These savings are being invested in another park and advancing development by two years. Park 18-A's soccer field is being developed ahead of schedule with early grading and seeding due to continued follow up with city officials. The Royal Ridge Park is also being developed two years ahead of schedule due to continued lobby efforts with city officials. In 2012, the Cardinal Creek Karts become part of the CCCA-University of Carleton Geo-heritage day tour and was the most visited site in the National Capital region with nearly 200 visitors.

2012 - Cardinal Creek Business Alliance, Sprucing up Springridge and Roundabouts

The CCCA facilitated the creation of the Cardinal Creek Business Alliance (CCBA) by organizing the first launch meeting - 35 businesses attended. The CCCA also organized the Sprucing up Springridge event. Thanks to partnerships with Laporte Flowers and Nursery, Perry the Painter and Councilor Monette, the CCCA had a successful event. The CCCA also donated \$500 to the Cumberland Resource Centre as a result of these partnerships. We also successfully lobbied the City of Ottawa to not build roundabouts in the residential area of Trim Road in order to protect pedestrians as over 500 kids cross Trim Road every day.

2006 to 2013 - Tree Planting

Over 6500 trees were planted in the Cardinal Creek sub-water shed and in the Cardinal Creek area via the CCCA and with assistance from the City of Ottawa and Rideau Valley Conservation Authority tree planting grants. In September 2013, the CCCA planted 200 trees in the Cardinal Creek Community Park by working in partnership with the Orleans Army Cadets and the Royal Bank.

The CCCA has also produced over 25 newsletters since its inception to educate and inform 6,600 Cardinal Creek homes owners about community events, activities and developments in order to make our community a better place to live, work and play.

2014 - CIBC Partnership

The CCCA became the 2nd community association in Canada and first in Orleans to sign a partnership with the CIBC (Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce) to make our community a better place.



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Cardinal Creek Family Fun Day – Glandriel Park Grand Opening



Good times with good neighbours

Orléans Ward City Councilor Bob Monette, along with Cardinal Creek Community Association (CCCA) President Jean-François Claude, announced that the name-unveiling and official opening of the newest City of Ottawa park will take place as part of the inaugural “TD Canada Trust Family Fun Day in Cardinal Creek” festivities this Saturday, June 13, 2009.

The park is located at 2148 Valin Street, at Glandriel Crescent in Cardinal Creek’s East Village / Oakridge Gate subdivision of Orléans. The winning entry of the “Name-the-Park” contest will be revealed during the opening ceremonies, scheduled from 2:00 to 2:30 p.m.

“Thanks to the efforts and persistence of the Cardinal Creek Community Association, residents are able to enjoy today, and for many years to come, everything this new park has to offer,” said Councilor Monette.

“Councilor Monette played a key role in soliciting residents’ input into developing this park and all its features, and ensuring

the park was built ahead of schedule,” stated Mr. Claude. “Working in concert with our Association, local builders and City staff, Bob Monette delivered for our residents on what promises to be a focal point for neighborhood gatherings and community events like our TD Canada Trust Family Fun Day,” he added.

The “TD Canada Trust Family Fun Day in Cardinal Creek” features a host of activities such as children’s face painting, a Kiddy Korner activities tent, inflatable play structures, Little Ray’s Reptiles, as well as live entertainment by local recording artist Brant Pethick and The Swampwater Jazz Band. A free BBQ dinner for Cardinal Creek residents will be served, while quantities last.

“On behalf of our residents, I want to thank our Platinum Sponsor TD Canada Trust, and in particular Matt Woodworth, Mobile Mortgage Specialist, and Alan Bradley, Watters Road Branch Manager, for their generous support and commitment to our Family Fun Day and to the Cardinal Creek community,” said Mr. Claude.

“TD Canada Trust is proud to be the Platinum Sponsor of this exciting inaugural event. It really brings us closer to the people, communities and businesses that we deal with every day. It’s our way of giving back,” said Mr. Woodworth.

The Cardinal Creek Community Association also acknowledges and thanks the following event sponsors: Gold – Claridge Homes, Enbridge, and Valecraft Homes; Silver – Ashcroft Homes, Gabriel Pizza, The Orléans Star, Richcraft Group of Companies and

Sobeys Orléans; Bronze – Cheddar Et Cetera, Councilor Bob Monette, Crown Pointe Animal Hospital, Délice Royale Bakery, Denis Rocque, Marc Payeur et Roger Millette Chartered Accountants, Jonny Canuck's Bar & Grill, MEWS Chevrolet, Portobello Manor, Pure Joy

Sushi & Bubble Tea, and Yalla Yalla Bakery.

The full event programme and list of additional event supporters are available at http://www.cardinalcreek.org/index.php?pr=BBQ_2009.

Easy being green for east-end group



Laura Cummings
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Two east-end community associations are calling their recent push to put environmentally-friendly rain barrels in their neighborhoods a massive success, after selling out of the “green” containers in less than a week.

“It was a huge success,” says Jean-Francois Claude, president of the Cardinal Creek Community Association (CCCA), one of two groups that partnered in the initiative. “We sold out in the equivalent of five business days ... and we’re still receiving requests.”

The rain barrel project – completed in co-operation with the CCCA and the Queenswood Heights Community Association (QHCA) last month – saw residents of both neighborhoods purchase more than 150 significantly marked-

down barrels for their properties with the help of city funding.

After the CCCA approached their east-end colleagues about partnering in the project, the group applied through the city’s environmental grant process for \$2,000 worth of funding, explains Philip Berthiaume, acting president of the QHCA. Instead, they were given \$3,000 for the project, he recounts, with the grant money used to slash the wholesale price of each barrel – purchased through the Arbour Environmental Shoppe – by half. Regularly priced at \$99, residents ended up paying \$42.72 for their barrels, Berthiaume explains, with 153 ordered via the initiative.

The project’s success was “completely unexpected,” he says, with 75 per cent of the barrels headed to Queenswood Heights and the other 25 per cent to be shipped off to Cardinal Creek this summer. “I expected to be pushing rain barrels at the (Queenswood Heights) Family Fun Day.”

Pickup of the barrels by residents will be staggered throughout the summer – the first are expected this week and the rest scheduled to be handed out by early August, continues Claude. Though participant feedback has yet to trickle in, as part of the city’s grant process both community associations will provide resident comment on the initiative this fall using questionnaires, he adds.

As for the barrels in question, the plastic

containers hold up to 230 litres of water, come with a mosquito cover to keep away pests and are childproof, Berthiaume explains. Water from a home's eaves troughs can flow directly into the barrels, with special features equipped to deal with overflow as well, he says.

The rain barrel project is "positive from several points of view," Claude continues. In terms of environmental impact, residents involved with the initiative will use less tap water for things like watering their garden and collecting rainwater will decrease runoffs into nearby streams, which can impact aquatic wildlife, he adds.

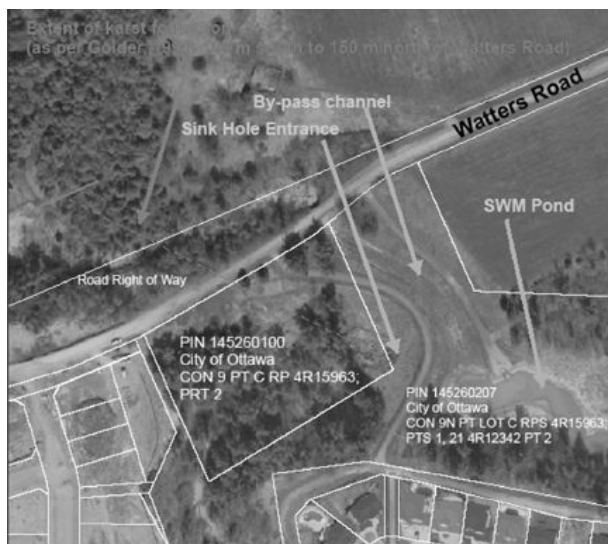
Though it's the first time the QHCA has attempted an environmentally-focused project, according to Berthiaume, the CCCA has made green initiative a focus of their mandate – most recently with their fifth tree-planting venture

and a partnership with the city's Stream watch program.

Since the CCCA is volunteer-driven, with several members on the board "very keen on environmental initiatives" the result has been numerous projects with a green edge, Claude explains, especially since Cardinal Creek is a new area affected by recent development. "There's a number of things we can do in order to mitigate that impact," he adds.

Looking ahead to next year, inquiries received about the barrels from neighborhoods outside of Queenswood Heights and Cardinal Creek means a new component may be reaching out to even more community associations to participate, Claude says, adding that the group will determine whether the initiative will be pursued again after handing out the barrels and receiving feedback.

Province boosts Cardinal Creek protection



Laura Cummings
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<http://www.orelansstar.ca/Living/Community/2009-06-12/article-642751/Province-boosts-Cardinal-Creek-protection/1>

A natural feature located in Cardinal Creek has been granted provincial safeguards against development following a two-year campaign by a local community association.

The southern section of the Cardinal Creek karst – a geological formation established when water runs over or through rocks and sediment for a long period of time, creating openings – has officially been recognized as an area of natural and scientific interest by Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR). "We're delighted it's been finally recognized," says Sean Crossan, the Cardinal Creek Community Association's (CCCA) planning director. "We're hoping to teach kids in the community and use it as a teaching tool to show kids different types of earth science features that are there."

News of the designation came late last month,

he recounts, noting MNR officials also indicated the karst is home to the province's 12th-longest cave, measuring roughly 340 metres.

After first writing the province at the beginning of last year, the community association met with MNR staff last April, Crossan continues, who visited the karst throughout last summer before making the official announcement in recent weeks.

According to ministry staff, there are two different classifications for ANSIs – earth science and life science – that can be considered significant on a local, regional or provincial level.

Cardinal Creek's karst, which is comprised of caves and streams and is likely the remnants of the former Champlain Sea, was originally taken on for a provincially-significant designation given its size and location. The area has been on the map for several years, with reports dating back to 1991 from the former township of Cumberland expressing the value of the area. "We're pleased to see the first portion, the southern portion, of the karst has been designated," continues Crossan, explaining the next step will be MNR liaising with the city and private landowners to extend that protection to the feature's northern section. "It's a two-step process."

As for the necessity of having the provincial label in place, he points to one section of east-end lands where the karst "goes into and under" that is proposed for inclusion in the urban boundary. With the boundary debate ongoing, "we believe city staff have considered that" and will potentially add a buffer area of at least 150 metres, Crossan suggests. "Any planning authority, for example the City of Ottawa, has the mandate to be consistent with provincial policies," continues Jolanta Kowalski, MNR spokesperson, of what the protection means. In the future, she explains, any site-specific development will have to adhere to the designation.

While Kowalski couldn't confirm what prompted the timing of the designation's announcement, she adds that "it usually takes around two years for the development of something like this, so I believe this one has been happening much more quickly."

After two years of work by the CCCA on the file, receiving the designation "is long-awaited good news," adds Crossan, extending his thanks to the Wright family for their long-term protection of the feature, as well as other members of the community association for their commitment to the initiative. "It was truly a team effort. Everybody did something to contribute, to make this happen."

Cardinal Creek clean-up nets 20 used tires

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On April 24, the Cardinal Creek Community Association held its sixth-annual Spring Clean-up. About 25 volunteers helped clean east-end parks, pathways and public spaces.

The focus of the event, though, was the ravine behind the homes in Springridge North, off Watters Road near the Cardinal Creek karst.

Volunteers worked diligently to haul out 20 tires, a lawn mower, a discarded barrel, orange

roadway cones, construction materials, assorted machinery and equipment as well as bags filled with two-year-old newspapers.

A water tank and some type of farm equipment – possibly a manure spreader – were left behind because volunteers didn't have the means to haul them out, according to Cardinal Creek Community Association president Jean-Francois Claude.

The tires, meanwhile, were trucked away by an employee of the Innes Road Canadian Tire. Claude sent out a special thanks to Jérôme Bernard, manger of the Canadian Tire, for ensuring the tires were properly disposed.

Cardinal Creek Business Alliance holds inaugural meeting



Brier Dodge, Metroland

There was a great turnout at the first meeting of the Cardinal Creek Business Alliance at Jonny Canuck's in Orleans on April 24.

Business owners and managers from the Cardinal Creek and Taylor Creek areas joined together on April 24 for the first meeting of the Cardinal Creek Business Alliance.

The meeting was co-ordinated by the Cardinal Creek Community Association at Jonny Canuck's in Orleans.

Over 30 businesses were at the event, ranging from banks to restaurants. The goal of the alliance is to represent a collective voice for issues such as the Trim Road realignment.

The group is a non-profit organization, which will include Taylor Creek businesses once re-incorporated in December.

Some businesses in the area have been in their locations for decades, while new developments mean there are many business owners who are new to Orleans.

The alliance gives them a chance to network and come up with common solutions.

Volunteers at the meeting set up a working group to organize the next meeting, which will be held at Portobello Manor at 691 Valin Street on Sept. 6 at 8 a.m.

Anyone looking for more information on the Cardinal Creek Business Alliance can contact Sean Crossan at president@cardinalcreek.org. They will be building a website at the address www.cardinalcreek.biz.

Community Associations to face off in Hockey Battle

Two Orléans community associations are taking to the rink to decide which has the best hockey skills.



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Community association board members from Chapel Hill and Cardinal Creek join Cardinal Creek Trim Road Gabriel Pizza owner Joe Hannah, centre, as he holds the trophy for the winner of the upcoming Winter Classic hockey game on Feb. 9.

Two Orléans community associations are taking to the rink to decide which has the best hockey skills. The Cardinal Creek Community Association and the Chapel Hill South Community Association will play their annual Winter Classic hockey game on Feb. 9 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Glandriel Park outdoor rink.

“This not only recognizes Hockey Day in Canada but the outdoor rink program and

volunteers that we have,” said Cardinal Creek president Sean Crossan. “They volunteer to keep the rinks open for thousands of kids.” It’s the fifth time the community associations have played in the friendly match. In 2012, Chapel Hill won the title, but Cardinal Creek took the game in 2011 – so it could be anyone’s game.

Crossan estimated a turnout of 100 to 200 fans for the game, which is free and open to all who want to participate. “Anyone in Cardinal Creek can play as long as they sign up,” Crossan said.

Local singer Brant Pethick will sing O Canada. The first game will be for youth ages four to 14, with the second half of the game for the older teens and adults.

In between games will be a small soapbox derby, hot chocolate and pizza donated by sponsor Gabriel Pizza. The community association has invited the mayor, local councilors and politicians to join in on the game. Crossan said they’re hoping that Chapel Hill doesn’t bring any secret weapons – NHL player Erik Gudbranson’s mom is on the Chapel Hill board of directors.

“We’re hoping he’s out of town,” Crossan said with a laugh. “But it doesn’t matter who wins, it’s all about community spirit, it’s all about Canada’s game.” To register to play in the Winter Classic, visit www.cardinalcreek.org.