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Fallingbrook Community Association ~ Association communautaire de Fallingbrook

Municipal Restructuring in Ottawa-Carleton

On August 23 1999, the provincial government announced its intention to restructure municipal governments in Ottawa-Carleton. With the help of a special advisor appointed by the provincial government, the region has a 90 day timeframe to come up with a simpler way of providing municipal services. Before the end of the year, the Province will make a decision on the best model of government for Ottawa-Carleton. The following are some of the options being considered for a new form of municipal government in Ottawa-Carleton.

ONE CITY WITH BOROUGHES

Involves combining all eleven municipal governments and the regional government into a new single city while establishing community boroughs to provide local input.

ONE URBAN CITY

Assumes a single city that would combine the seven urban municipalities and regional government, while the four rural townships remain separate entities.

TRI-CITY

Involves the creation of three cities, plus a tri-city authority which would provide some cross-boundary services. The three cities would include one made-up of Ottawa, Rockcliffe and Vanier, one created by the amalgamation of Kanata and Nepean, and one created by the amalgamation of Cumberland and Gloucester. The rural townships would remain separate entities.

Check out the www.restructuringinfo.com website for more information.

Restructuration municipale à Ottawa-Carleton

Le 23 août 1999, le gouvernement provincial a annoncé son intention de restructurer les administrations municipales dans Ottawa-Carleton. Avec l'aide d'un conseiller spécial nommé par le gouvernement provincial, la région a un délai de 90 jours pour trouver une façon plus simple de fournir des services municipaux. Avant la fin de l'année, la Province prendra une décision quant au meilleur modèle de gouvernement pour Ottawa-Carleton. Les options suivantes représentent quelques-unes des options envisagées comme nouvelle forme d'administration municipale dans Ottawa-Carleton.

VILLE UNIQUE

Implique la fusion des onze administrations municipales et du gouvernement régional en une ville unique nouvelle tout en créant des faubourgs communautaires qui auront voix au chapitre.

VILLE URBAINE

Suppose l'existence d'une ville unique qui combinerait les sept municipalités urbaines et le gouvernement régional alors que les quatre cantons ruraux demeureraient des entités distinctes.

TROIS VILLES

Suppose la création de trois villes, plus une autorité trimunicipale qui fournirait certains des services au delà de ses frontières. Les trois villes comporteraient une ville formée d'Ottawa, de Rockcliffe et de Vanier, une autre qui résulterait de la fusion de Kanata et de Nepean ainsi qu'une dernière qui découlerait de la fusion de Cumberland et de Gloucester. Les cantons ruraux demeureraient des entités distinctes.

Consultez www.restructuringinfo.com pour plus détails.

Canada Day in Fallingbrook 1999

By David Villeneuve

July 1 started off as a perfect day, with thousands of people taking part in the games and enjoying the entertainment. We had bands, magicians, dancers, singers, food, midway rides, cake, kids games, a pet parade, a 10 km race, a soccer tournament, a dog show, beer tent, and lots of other things for families to do. Unfortunately the steady rain in the evening put a damper on the fireworks display.

We are especially grateful to our sponsors, without whom this entirely free event would not be possible.



Citizenship Judge Pinel leads local politicians and the Canada Day crowd in an Oath of Allegiance reaffirmation.

The volunteer committee that puts in hundreds of hours to organize this annual event is composed of:

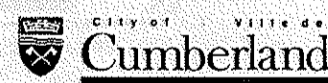
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Francois Gravelle
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Paul Pelletier
Don Pottier
Zybina Richards
Rick Snell
David Villeneuve (chair)
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See page 4 for more photo memories of this year's Canada Day!



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**L'exécutif de l'Association communautaire
Fallingbrook pour l'année 1999-00**

**Fallingbrook Community Association
1999-00 Executive List**

L'Association communautaire Fallingbrook aimerait vous souhaiter la bienvenue dans notre communauté. Nous invitons toute personne intéressée à une de nos réunions. Les réunions ont habituellement lieu le troisième lundi du mois au centre Ray Friel.

The Fallingbrook Community Association would like to welcome you to the neighborhood. If you would like to attend one of our executive meetings, they are normally held the third Monday of the month at the Ray Friel Centre.

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President's Word



As 1999 comes near a close, I think it's important to reflect on the past 15 years of the Fallingbrook Community Association. There have certainly been many events and community milestones since 1985. Our Association has seen several of its members turn to politics, while others remain active community volunteers. Mr. Herb Kreling, who was once our President, is now the Regional Councillor for R6 and Chairman of the Police Services Board. Mr. Frank Dugal, who was once our Vice-President, is now the Fallingbrook Ward Municipal Councillor. Both of these gentlemen have won consecutive terms in office and will lead our community into the next millennium.

The year 2000 has many important tasks ahead, such as implementation of the new level of local governance. You can find your Association's comments in the upcoming workshops and discussion groups on our website. As an active participant in regional reform, the Association will continue to ensure that Fallingbrook's concerns for the following areas are expressed: Planning and Rezoning, Bylaws, Recreation, Environment, Agricultural and many others (see the article regarding local governance on page 3 of this Newsletter). It will be the responsibility

of every resident in the community, however, to attend as many workshops and open forums available throughout the region to present a strong Fallingbrook voice. Many of you may have already given up and feel that our voices will not be heard, but with the extensive press coverage from television, radio or newspaper, your concerns will be heard, read and shared by others. We must not let anyone take away or take advantage of all the things that we, the residents, have built over the last 15 years of Fallingbrook's existence.

When you decided to move to Cumberland, you saw something here that stuck out amongst all other areas. Was it the warmth; was it the development; whatever it was, let us know. I don't think anyone that moved here realized how good it was to be here until recently, and I don't think anyone would want to give it up either. Let's keep our community the way it has grown to be. Make sure you come out to the forums. Make your point clear. If you can't attend the meetings, send your comments to any member of the community association or to a local politician. We will ensure that your voice is heard for you. As you know, we can also be reached by e-mail at president@fallingbrook.com.

Let's continue what was started back in 1985 when the founding members held the first FCA meeting. Let's continue building Fallingbrook as the best place to live. Let's stand together at the regional forums and say that we care what happens, and not be forgotten in the shuffle to save money or overlook the price we will pay as a community for things that we don't like.

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TWO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The first of these meetings is planned for October 27 to hear presentations from rural residents. The second is currently scheduled to take place in the City of Ottawa on November 3.

The Special Advisor's report will be submitted to the Minister on November 26. It will recommend a specific reform model and implementation plan.

The various restructuring studies can be found at www.restructuringinfo.com



WANTED: Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator

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Regional Reform and Local Governance



This document represents the views of the following Community Associations:

*Cumberland Village
Navan
Queenswood Heights
Vars
The Villages
Fallingbrook*

Our Community Associations represent the Cumberland population of approximately 52000 residents. This document has been prepared by the Presidents of Community Associations for use in the current governance debate.

PURPOSE:

To identify for the benefit of the Community Associations and its residents, the issues associated with any future level of governance presented that will be considered worthy for review, comments and consultation.

BACKGROUND:

Given that we will have a different form of Governance in Ottawa-Carleton before the end of the century, there is a need for local communities to have or know the following:

The need to have easy access to our elected officials for quick decisions as well as informative discussion on concerns;

The need to be able to maintain the present level of control over selected local activities that community associations are now or have in the past been involved in either through our comments or by working with our elected officials;

The need to be assured that the funding for these selected local activities will be, as a guaranteed minimum, kept at the current level and pushed higher if justified;

The need to be assured that there will be flexibility in the allocation of funds which recognizes the rapid population growth and needs of the community;

The need to be assured that the use of volunteers for community level activities will not have a negative impact on funding or grants; and

The need to be assured that all Community Associations will continue to be kept fully and timely informed as well as given the opportunity to debate and/or comment on future plans as per our current responsibilities and relationship with our municipal representatives.

ISSUES OF LOCAL CONCERN REQUIRING LOCAL INPUT

The following topics have been identified as community Issues of Concern.

Local Roads and Traffic

The new governance model must insure that maintenance, quality and service will continue at its present level and when justified be increased. This includes sidewalks, curbs, walkways, streetlights and traffic calming functions. Justification includes community growth and newly identified safety concerns. Seasonal responsibilities must be maintained at current levels.

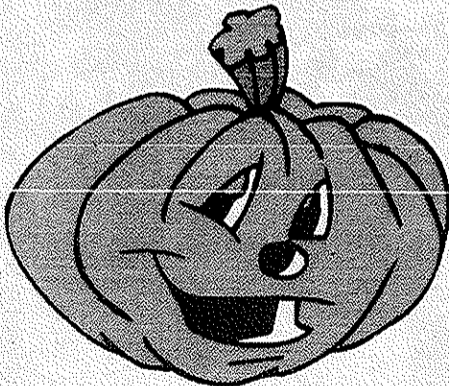
Fire Services

The new governance model must permit volunteer fire departments in suburban as well as rural areas and retain or improve the existing level of service. Locally purchased or funded equipment must be retained in the community.

Arts & Culture

The new governance model must ensure that funding is retained at existing levels and that the capability to influence the growth of arts and culture activities and provide programming for the needs of the community needs remains within the existing community. In particular local ethnic programs must continue at their current level. New communities must be afforded the same opportunity

Be Safe!



Soyez prudent!

Recreation

The new governance model must ensure that funding is retained at its current level. The capability must be inherent to allow as new requirements are identified for delivery at the local level. Community representation as regards facilities, equipment and programs to the decision making body is essential and necessary.

Signage and Street Names

The new governance model must allow for participation by community associations on behalf of the residents in the naming and signing of the community. This would include community centre signage and community identification signage (Neighbourhood Watch, Block Parent, etc...) Appropriate funding needs to be provided to initially install signage and then to properly maintain it.

Local Zoning, Planning & Inspection and Adjustment

The new governance model must ensure the formal participation of the residents and the Community Associations.

By- Laws

The new governance model shall provide for a process of implementing local by- laws as well as adopting existing by-laws which are now in place to the betterment of existing communities.

ISSUES OF CONCERN FOR CENTRAL MANAGEMENT

A central authority should manage, preferably fully accountable for the following functions:

Land Use Planning & Environmental Conservation

The specialized technical aspects and the need for a common overall policy justify central control with local implementation.

Economic Development & Tourism

To sell the area as one voice central promotion is required with the equal distribution of benefits and obligations.

Transportation

The greater need is for an area wide traffic grid with an entrenched, clearly defined means of accommodating local recommendations.

Police

A centralized policing service, adequately funded, is essential with service levels negotiated with local community associations or through public meetings.

Health and Social Services, Sewer Water and Electricity, Ambulance Service, Library Service, Garbage and Re-cycling, Human Resources, General Government

Centralized services provide greater efficiencies and cost savings. Flexibility must be inherent to ensure local needs.

ISSUES OF CONCERN WHERE NO CONSENSUS MET

The community associations agreed that there should be no decision on local levy or taxation at this time as there is a lack of detailed information available. The transition period for the implementation of the new governance model should permit the opportunity for consultation on the benefits and drawbacks of local levy and/or taxation for local services and seek comments on potential possibilities from the community Associations affected.

CLOSING REMARKS

The City of Cumberland and our community associations are extremely active in all processes that affect our local communities. We interact with our elected representatives who attend our monthly meetings as well as our volunteer activities. On behalf of our residents we comment on, and participate in development plans and actively promote our economy. We are now, and desire to continue to be, that important link to the quality of life of our residents. A new governance model for Cumberland must include an active community association role. We as Community Association Representatives are still seeking and encourage the comments from our residents.

We
Need You !!!

The Fallingbrook Community Association is recruiting new committee members. We have openings on:

- Social Committee
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Recreation Committee

We also need to fill two key Director positions next May:

- Vice President
- President

To volunteer contact Ron Hamelin at
834-1760, by e-mail to
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forward your interest to :

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1999 Canada Day Memories

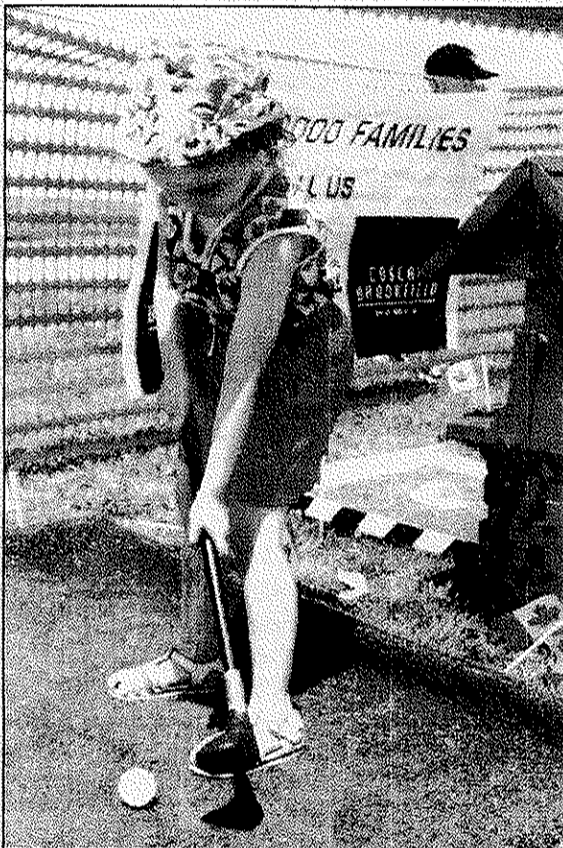


Above, committee members serve the delicious Canada Day cake.



Above, Canada Day was off to a quick start with the addition of the "Mews Run on July 1" to this year's activities.

Below, the Kid's Fair was full of fun activities, and prizes.



Below, a girl's best friend enters the Pet Show contest.



Below, the amusement rides are always a big hit.



The Newcomers Club of Orléans ...

... welcomes families who are new to the Orléans area. The Club offers the opportunity to meet friendly, supportive individuals who will immediately make newcomers feel welcome and at home while enjoying our many activities. These include:



- Welcome Coffee
- Supper Club
- Bridge Club
- Baby-sitting co-op
- Crafts
- Recipe Exchange
- Tennis
- Bowling
- Book Club
- Ladies night out
- Men's Poker night
- Ladies luncheon
- Children's playgroup
- Golf
- Family Walk

We also print a Monthly Newsletter with special events each month.

We are established as a non-profit organization, open to anyone new to the Orléans area within the last three years, and have a nominal \$25 annual membership fee.

Call 841-8348 for more information or to join !