



2017 Annual Report to the Community

The Friends of the Village of Rockcliffe Park Foundation

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The “Friends of the Village of Rockcliffe Park Foundation” is a registered charity established at the time of the amalgamation with the City of Ottawa. It safeguards and manages an endowment fund, encourages residents to build the endowment and provides grants for programs and services to benefit the community. Its mandate areas are: **conservation of the environment; preservation of the heritage character of the village; and promotion of a sense of community for all residents.**

The Board conducted the annual review of the endowment fund’s investment performance and the Foundation’s Investment Policy on June 21, 2016. Mark Ellis from RBC Dominion Securities, a Rockcliffe resident and the fund’s investment advisor, assisted the Board in this review. The endowed fund was \$753,833 as of December 31, 2016.

The Foundation works primarily with the **Rockcliffe Park Residents Association (RPRA)** which plans and implements projects and activities in the community. The RPRA requested total grants of \$41,680 for use in 2017. Based on their proposals and using the Foundation’s **Granting of Funds Guidelines**, the Foundation provided **\$26,380** in grants for 2017 for projects and activities.

Environment

Pond Water Testing	\$ 680
Maintenance of Jubilee Lawn and Gardens	\$ 6,000

Heritage

Restoration of the Village Green	\$ 5,000
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Community Building

Community Events <i>(The Speakers Program, Rockcliffe News, Carol Sing, Tree Lighting and Children’s Party.)</i>	\$ 9,550
Soccer Field Maintenance	\$ 2,750

Included in the total grant, the Foundation also provided an amount of \$2,400 for the RPRA to use as an investment in future projects. In addition, as requests for grants always exceed what we can fund, we asked the RPRA to identify revenue generating opportunities to offset operating expenses. One example is advertising in the *Rockcliffe News*, a common practice of community newsletters.

Consistent with the Foundation’s policy requirements, the RPRA provided an accounting of funds received from the Foundation and dispersed in 2016. In this regard, the RPRA requested a rollover of some funds to 2017 to complete projects as follows.

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Heritage - The Heritage Management Plan – \$4,675, Welcome to Rockcliffe Booklet Update - \$1,500 and Drawings for the Stone Circle in the Village Green - \$1,500
Community Building - Website - \$1,000

The November 2015 **Community Appeal** raised \$19,430. This past November, letters were sent to residents to request their continued financial support in 2016. If you have not yet made your donation, please do so online at www.rockcliffeparkfoundation.org or by mail to the “Friends of the Village of Rockcliffe Park Foundation” to the attention of Jane Newcombe, 25 Westward Way Rockcliffe Park K1L 5A8. Donors will be recognized in the April edition of the *Rockcliffe News*.

Our community is a designated **Heritage Conservation District**. In recognition of our important stewardship responsibility, we will launch a **Legacy Gift** program in 2017 to encourage residents to make provision for a charitable gift to the Foundation in their wills. Brochures with details will be distributed to all residents this year.

In 2015, the Board implemented a **Board Self-Assessment Process** to identify ways to increase our effectiveness. Improvements were identified and implemented in 2016 in the area of orientation of new board members.

In 2017, we will again host the very popular fundraising event “**Dining with Ambassadors**” It will be held on Friday, April 28th. Tickets are limited and can only be secured by payment. For information please contact Sarah Baxter at sarah@sarahbaxter.ca or 613 746 2822.

The **150th Anniversary of Canada in 2017** is a significant milestone for the country. The history of our community is linked with the history of Canada. To mark this milestone, the Foundation is sponsoring a community initiative to design and install interpretive plaques in public spaces in Rockcliffe Park. The plaques will recognize noteworthy places, events and/or people considered significant in the development of Rockcliffe Park and/or the country. Tom d’Aquino, a founding member and inaugural chair of the Foundation, has agreed to lead a residents’ panel to make recommendations.

The **Nominating Committee**, a standing committee of the Board responsible for identifying and recommending members for the Foundation Board, consists of Ryan Kilger (Chair), Dr. Aly Abdulla and Mike McIntyre. We all appreciate their work.

I would like to commend fellow board member, Dr. Aly Abdulla. He led the team of fellow residents which organized the very successful 90th Anniversary Village Fete.

Dr. Aly Abdulla, Chris Denison, Elaine Nadeau and longtime member and Treasurer Grant McDonald are departing from the Board. I would like to acknowledge their efforts and those of other members of the Board on behalf of the residents of the community.

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