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**The Portobello South Community Development Association Annual General Meeting:
Board Members Return for a Second Year, Appoint New Directors and Expand Program of Activities**

OTTAWA, Ontario (November, 18, 2011) The Portobello South Community Development Association (PSCDA), the body representing the interests of area residents along the Portobello Boulevard, including the neighbourhoods of Avalon, Notting Gate and Notting Hill in Orleans, held its annual general meeting November 15th at the South Fallingbrook Community Centre. Over 30 area residents engaged in an animated discussion of projects and issues facing the east-Ottawa community, notably the Habitat for Humanity and eco-park projects slated for development along the North side of Nantes Street.

President Steven Sauve and board Vice-President Pamela Moss summarized key achievements from the prior year emphasizing the attendance of 1,200 residents at its annual barbeque, speed limit study and speed board along Aquaview Drive, and introduction of a four-way stop at the intersection of Montmere Avenue and Linaria Walk. Plans for the coming year were presented including investigating a neighbourhood watch program and working with the Committee on Re-zoning of 2129 Nantes Street struck by residents of Nantes.

Stephen Blais, Ottawa City Councillor for Cumberland, delivered reports on transportation and development such as the future widening of Highway 174 and construction of up to five traffic circles along Trim Road. Mr. Blais updated residents that other major building projects, including a pool and recreation facility planned at the intersection of Portobello and Brian Coburn Boulevards, are moving forward with small delays.

Mr. Blais highlighted the unusually large catchment area represented by the PSCDA and a discussion of how to better serve and engage the community followed. There was support for an attempt to revamp communications, intensify participation in city planning projects and increase resident participation in the association while looking into the development of a winter festival and increased funding.

All members of the board elected to continue into the second year of two year-terms. New directors, Anik Couturier and Rachelle Lecours were elected to vacant positions as well as (non-voting) members at large: Annick Gauvin-Fleurant for planning and development and Patricia Joyce for communications. The board also agreed to shift the roles of Secretary and Treasurer.

The current board members are:

President, Steven Sauve

Vice-President, Pamela Moss

Past-President, Pierre Letendre

Treasurer, André Arseneault

Director, Danick Lafrance

Secretary, Rachelle Lecours

Director, Anik Couturier

Director, Paul Cadieux

Member-at-large, Annick Gauvin-Fleurant

Member-at-large, Patricia Joyce

The assembly passed several other resolutions such as the proposal to incorporate the association as a not-for-profit in order to better access funding and address liability issues.

Formed in 2007, the Portobello South Community Development Association represents 20,000 residents along the Portobello Boulevard in the catchment area between Innes Road to the North and Brian Coburn Road to the south, Trim Road to the east and Tenth Line Road to the west.

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