

2019 AGM of the RVBIA

Properties & Maintenance Committee Report



Planting & Watering

The gardens are being watered three days per week. The hot weather demanded more watering, so we had to increase the time per shift somewhat; and we will increase it further for 2020.

Gardens & Pollinator Corridor

Our 23 gardens continue to be planted and maintained by dedicated RoncyWorks volunteers. These gardens are part of a pollinator corridor in the area supported by the Horticultural Society, the World Wildlife Fund and other organizations who are running pollinator campaigns locally, provincially and across the county. Signage has been produced this year to highlight that the gardens are maintained by volunteers and hopefully to discourage damage from trampling and litter and vandalism.

Streetlight & Power Switch Maintenance

We have converted all the bulbs to LED lights, which is generating savings on our hydro bill. And the bulbs should last longer, which will decrease labour time needed to replace the bulb.

BIA Asset Repairs

We repaired the bench in front of Sweet Thrills and will repair the remainder with missing boards this fall.

Sidewalk Power Washing

To manage costs, we focus on a few blocks that are in the most need of cleaning each year. Over the next few weeks, we will be power washing the two blocks between Garden and Pearson.

Ashcan Collection & Recycling

We are still collecting the litter from the ashcans and sending them to Terracycle for recycling. They use the cellulose from the butts to produce industrial skids.

Graffiti Removal

This year our graffiti removal service has removed 270 graffiti tags and other defacements.

Holiday Decorations

We have tree decorations, reindeer and Christmas bows in our storage to be used again this year. Over the winter, we will be piloting the use of hanging baskets for use on some of our vintage-style lamp standards for both winter and summer decoration.

Hydrant Repairs

The hydrant at 69 Roncesvalles has been replaced and we awaiting a plumber to fix another one at the north end.

Spring Cleanups

We will continue to participate in the City's Community Cleanups by organizing volunteers to do a sweep of the gardens along Roncesvalles and tree grates in the spring to remove litter.