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1919 TO 2019

SUNDAY  
JUNE 30

2:15 TO 10PM

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help us celebrate  
our big Birthday!  
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See inside for  
all the events

## MESSAGES OF CELEBRATION

As we consider the 100 years of Lindenlea and take time to celebrate, the one word that resonates with me is community, a unified body of individuals. Neighbour helping neighbour and kindness being repaid with further kindness. We are blessed to live here, and I hope we realize how unique our circumstances are. Let us all take a moment to consider this place we call home and the individuals who surround us and who make it so special. Here's to another 100...

*Stelios Togiias*

LCA President

I am pleased to celebrate the 100th anniversary of such a strong and proud neighbourhood. Lindenlea is the earliest planned community in Ottawa, an example of renowned planning pioneer Thomas Adams' beautiful garden suburb style. But a neighbourhood is not just defined by its history and design. It is primarily defined by the vitality of its residents. By that definition, Lindenlea is one of the most exciting communities in Ottawa!

*Dawson King*

Councillor, Ward 13, Rideau-Rockcliffe

Special Thanks to **Maira White**, who researched and compiled some of the articles this month.

**The LindenLeader** — newsletter of the LCA

We would love to print your news or notices of local interest.  
Contact the editor, Donna Kemp, at 744-8816 or [donnakemp@sympatico.ca](mailto:donnakemp@sympatico.ca)  
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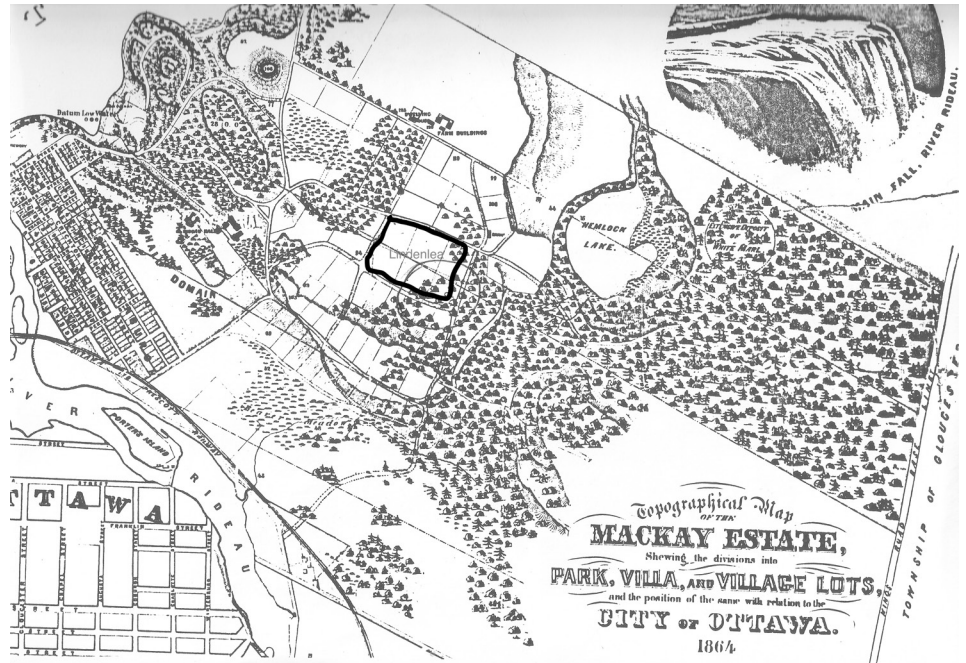
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# History of Lindenlea

First Nations (primarily Algonquins) lived, hunted, fished, and travelled through the area where Lindenlea now sits. Their first recorded meeting with Europeans was in 1610 when Étienne Brûlé passed through on his way to the Great Lakes.

The first European settlement was created by Philemon Wright in 1800. Lumber soon fuelled the economy, and by 1826, Bytown was incorporated as a town. In 1855, the City of Ottawa was incorporated, absorbing Bytown. The position of the city was solidified in 1857 when Queen Victoria chose Ottawa as the site of the capital city for the new Dominion of Canada.

Thomas McKay (1792–1855) emigrated to Canada in 1827. In 1837, after finishing the canal locks, he built a limestone mansion on 1,100 acres of land just east of Bytown. Today, Rideau Hall is the official residence of the Governor General. Much of the land that Mackay purchased became the Village of Rockcliffe Park (now part of the City of Ottawa) and the neighbourhoods of Lindenlea and New Edinburgh.



By 1864, the estate of Thomas McKay was selling park, villa, and village lots from the western part of the property. The estate lots changed hands a number of times between 1864 and 1919 when the City of Ottawa purchased what is now Lindenlea (22.2 acres at \$3,000 per acre) from the estate of Mr.

George Thompson. The total cost was \$67,581.28.

The Sisters of Charity also acquired some of the McKay property; in 1895, they built an orphanage and school located where the convent and St. Brigid's School now reside.

## SITE PLANNING FOR LINDENLEA

The accompanying plan of the Lindenlea property in Ottawa was prepared in July 1919, on the instructions of the Housing Commission of the City of Ottawa. The 22 acres was purchased at \$3,000 per acre. Originally, it was laid out with rectangular streets which had been planned without regard to the topographical conditions of the site. In acquiring this estate, the Ottawa Housing Commission had an exceptional opportunity to create an ideal garden suburb. The land, at a high elevation and surrounded by open country, was sufficiently undulating to give it character and interest without

making it costly to develop, if carefully planned. A large part of it was covered by beautiful trees, most of which could be preserved without detriment to the building lots. The cost of the property was somewhat high, considering the object of the Commission was to erect small houses which could not bear to be saddled with a high cost for land. Provision would have to be made for through traffic across the property in laying out the plan of streets. The only through traffic route necessary was from the southeast to the northwest corner of the property. This gave rise to the planning of Rockcliffe Way for

the purposes of through traffic and also as the backbone of the remainder of the plan of streets.

Rock Avenue is a fork road with two arms 20 feet wide, each running on both sides of a rock outcrop. The cost of removing this rock would have been greater than the value of the land for building on and instead of being allowed to be an encumbrance, it was converted into an asset by the treatment shown in the plan.

The open spaces comprise tennis courts and a bowling green, park with

children's playground, and parkway and other small areas making a total of 118,734 sq. ft. The subdivisions were made with a view to ensuring wide frontage and some back garden, with-

out extensive depth. The number of lots is 168 and the average price recommended to be asked for each lot was 12.5 cents per square foot or \$457 per lot.

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Original plan before the city began to develop Lindenlea

Lindenlea Site Plan developed by Thomas Adams

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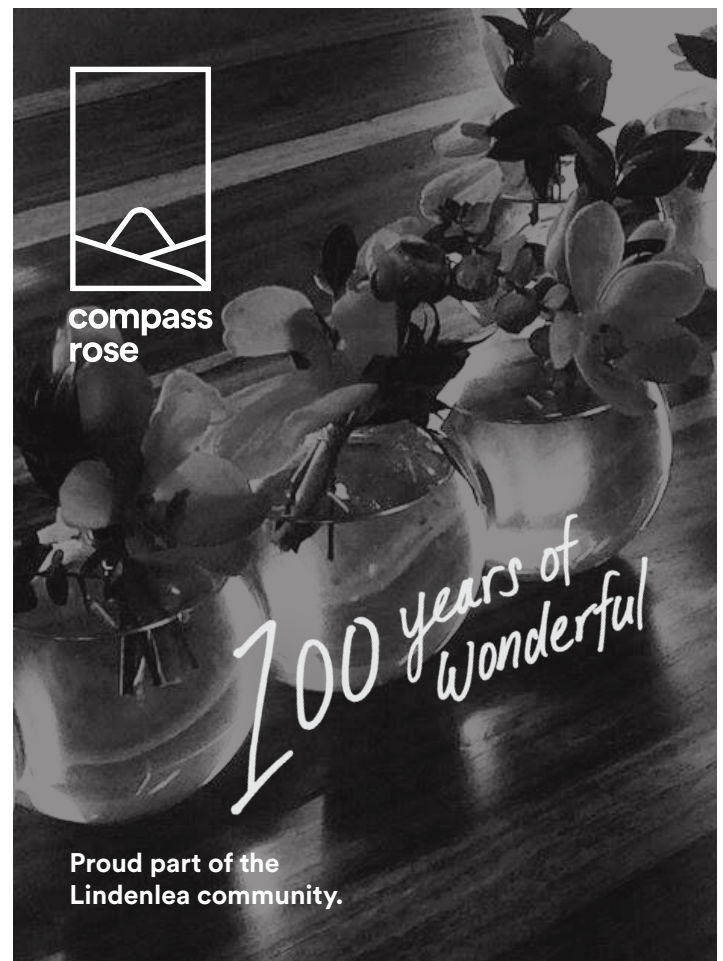


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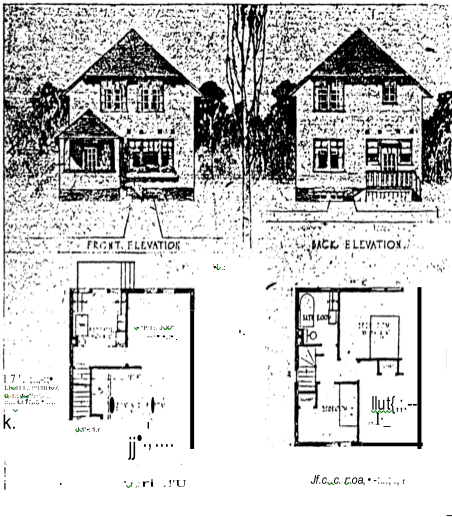
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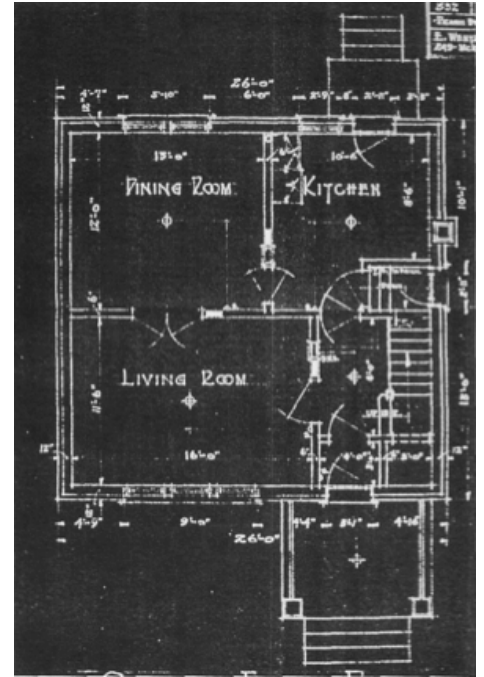
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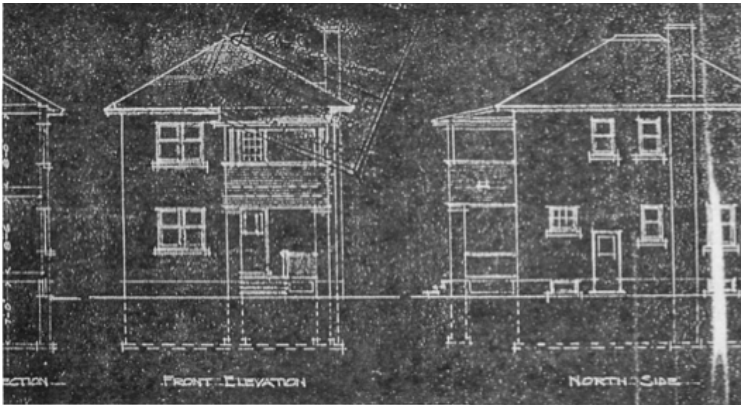
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There is danger, therefore, that in case of serious illness or an outbreak of fire, that an ambulance or the fire brigade would be unable to reach the house...

We know that the city cannot plough every street. Neither do we believe such action is necessary, but in Lindenlea, owing to our situation, far removed from a fire station and farther from the Civic Hospital than any other district, our case, on its merits, deserves consideration.

It is suggested, therefore, that the Works Department plough Lambton Road, an easy matter, as there are houses on one side only. This would

provide an outlet on four sides. By ploughing Rockcliffe Way almost every house would be within one block of a ploughed street, and this would give added security to life and property.

On that account we have no hesitation in placing this recommendation before the Works Department for the serious consideration of Controller Lafortune.

**-from The Lindenleader,**  
Vol 1, No. 4, February 1928

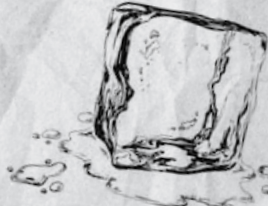
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**2:45 PM** OPENING WORDS FROM DIGNITARIES

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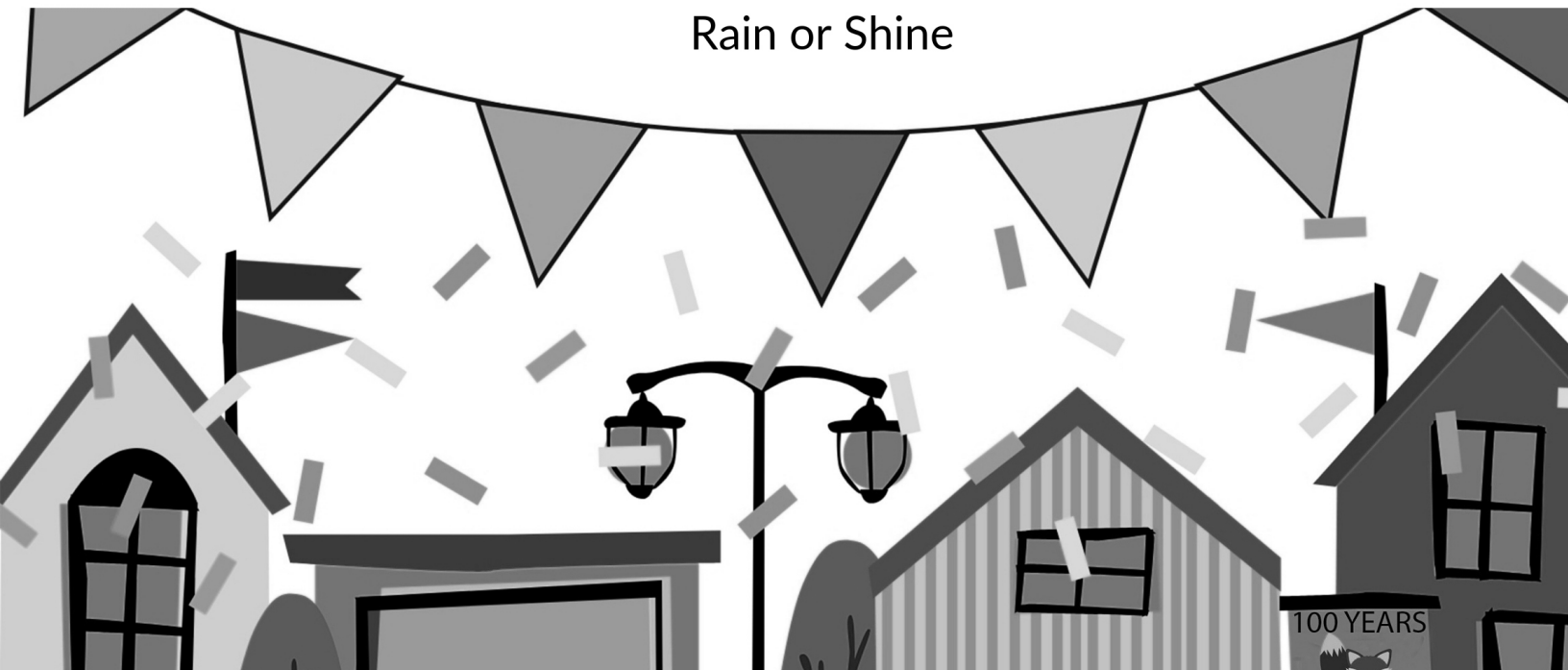
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# The Lindenleader — Then & Now

Our community archives contains five of the six original editions, beginning with Vol. 1, No. 1, printed in November 1927. Costing the subscriber 10¢ per issue or \$1.00 per year, The Lindenleader called itself "A Monthly Journal for Lindenlea and the Adjoining Neighbourhood." Like this one, it contained paid advertisements. The first edition was eight pages long and several of the articles — including the main ones — were translated into French. They certainly were verbose then! From The Lindenleader Vol. 1, No. 1, November 1927:  
*Paul, keep it all in italics, please.*

## A Retrospect

To those of us who have spent seven or eight years in Ottawa's finest district, it is with pleasure that we view the Garden Suburb, and observe the improvements since those pioneering days. Looking back we recall the days when our streets were morasses of mud and water, before the roads were made or sidewalks laid, when street lighting was still denied us, before the telephone service was available to most of us, when the street cars were reached after a walk to Crichton Street and across Porter's Island to St. Patrick Street.

Gradually we got to know each other and organized, meetings on the "green" and in the old shack at the end of Lindenlea Road, meetings noisy, boisterous, charged with fever-heated indignation or enthusiasm. As a result, we have now, thanks to our organization at that time, improved our conditions until we are the envy of other less fortunate districts of the city.

We now have the necessary improvements to make life not only comfortable, but enjoyable. After almost continuous visits to the civic fathers, our sidewalks and roads were completed, lighting installed, express companies' services extended to us, a tennis court obtained, along with other improvements. Thanks also to the almost unlimited enthusiasm of the majority of the residents, the beautification of the individual lots was carried out and now good lawns and gardens, which favourably with any other district of our city, delight the eye not only of the residents, but of the visitors who come to see us.

## And Now

Having patted ourselves on the back, let us get down to the problems that still stare us in the face, and, with the assistance of the readers of "The Lindenleader" will be solved, as those problems of the past have been.

There are four points upon which action in the near future are necessary, some more pressing than others, but all worthy of consideration. Let us consider there, (1) the street car service, (2) the provision of a suitable community hall or club house, (3) a tree-planting policy, and (4) a settlement of the playgrounds question. These will be the subject of future articles, but in the meantime, let us refer to the outstanding features of each.

**1.** The street car service is not what was promised under the Feustal Report, does not afford a quick enough service to

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2. A community hall, used in conjunction with the Tennis Club, if thought necessary or advantageous, should merit the careful consideration of all residents. ...the tennis courts ...are an integral part of our community enterprise, and we have got to stand or fall by them. The fact of the club's entrance into District League games necessitates the provision of accommodation and refreshments for visitors. Apart altogether, however, from the tennis club, it is felt that a club house would be an asset to the people

of Lindenlea, as a whole, and would be in demand for dances, card parties, entertainments, both private and community.

3. With regard to the tree-planting policy [it] is, in our opinion, necessary that something be done in this regard early next spring. There has been a terrible wastage, partly owing to natural causes, and many lovely trees have unfortunately been wantonly destroyed to save a few dollars in the fuel bill. On the other hand, many residents have planted trees, and the Association, with the help of the Improvement Commission has had the children's playground surrounded with maples, which, before many more years, will add to the beauty of the surroundings.

4. The children's playground has been a source of discord for years, and while

it is not our intention to recapitulate the various activities carried on there during past years, some decision should [be] arrived at that will give the "kiddies" the fullest use of the grounds, without in any way unnecessarily disturbing the residents of the immediate neighbourhood.

It may be that ere the ice on the skating rink this winter has melted under the beneficent influence of the sun that something may be devolved, and any suggestions will be welcomed on the subject.

Let us, as residents of Lindenlea, co-operate in the various activities of our community, and thereby help in its improvement, bringing it up to a standard which will make us proud to say we are residents of Lindenlea.

November, 1927

## FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE LINDENLEA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The first four issues of The Lindenleader contained a 4-part retrospective of the Lindenlea Community Association. It is fascinating reading, but it's

too long for our issue this month. It is available online at our website [www.lindenlea.ca](http://www.lindenlea.ca). Take a look at how far we've come and all the work that

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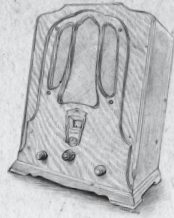
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## Garden Competition

The Garden Competition was held in the summer of 1927. Prizes were given for the lot showing the best floral display, the lot showing the greatest improvement in appearance, and the lot with the best vegetables and fruit. The previous owner of the Whites' house (yes, he lived there in 1927), Mr. A.L. Hall, won third prize in the "greatest improvement" category!



## The Rink

The rink this year is larger than ever and in the event of a heavy snowfall quite a lot of shovelling will be necessary. An appeal is made to all interested in skating and hockey to assist in this very necessary work. By "all" is not meant male adults, but also the youths of our community. Efforts are again being made to have the rink supervised. (January 1928)

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# LIVING IN LINDENLEA

"We first "discovered" Lindenlea in 1982 and were instantly captivated. As we turned in from Springfield Road, a magical world opened up. Despite the fact that the ground was covered in snow, children and parents hung out in the park, the evidence of a skating rink lingered, and still more children played hockey on the road deeper into the community. To children of the 1950s, it felt safe and oh, so comforting. We had an immediate sense of belonging. Together, we've helped neighbours celebrate new arrivals, milestone birthdays, and career changes, and

have gathered to help console each other when tragedy hit. Living in Lindenlea is a bit like living in a small village in the middle of a city. The park and community centre became the focal point of our lives. The community came together to celebrate Canada Day, clean the park and public spaces, sell flowers in the spring, provide a forum for election debates, host pre-Christmas potlucks and sleigh rides, help neighbouring communities raise money to fight high-density development, host beat-the-blues February dances, organize

soccer and activities for kids — and then continues to repeat much of that cycle regularly. We love how convenient it is to live in Lindenlea. We are very grateful to the foresight of Thomas Adams and the City of Ottawa in designing Lindenlea. The principles that guided its development 100 years ago continue to ensure that this gem of a neighbourhood will be a desired place to live for the next 100 years."

*-Les & Maïra White,  
Lindenlea Road*



*a much younger Les White renovating his kitchen, 1985*

"I bet no one remembers playing on the carousel on the orphanage grounds, or the Fines Flowers Greenhouses where the Springfield Mews is now, or having Cub Scout meetings at the community centre — or the full-sized rink with an attendant and boys' and girls' sections heated by coal in each change room, or the Winter Carnival with costumes, and events with a visit by the Mayor."

*- John Verdon,  
long-time Lindenlea resident*



*Playgroup Trike Parade, late 1980s*

# Get Ready!

We're planning a great celebration for our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2019. Come out and enjoy all the events throughout the year!



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If you would like to join the Lindenlea listserv (an email service which goes out to over 750 households in our community) please contact John Verdon at [johnverdon@gmail.com](mailto:johnverdon@gmail.com) and ask to be put on the list.

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## LCA BOARD MEETINGS

The Board meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month, except in the summer. Meetings are held at 7:30PM in the community centre and are open to the public. You are welcome to attend.

-	-	October 10
-	-	AGM October 17
-	-	November 14
-	September 12	December 12

## LCA 2017-2018 EVENTS SCHEDULE

EVENT	DATE	COORDINATOR
Last Day of School	Thursday, June 27	
Canada Day Breakfast	Monday, July 1	
100 <sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations	Sunday, June 30 - 2:15PM onward	

## LINDENLEA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BOARD

The new Board for 2018-2019 was voted in at the AGM on October 18, 2018. Please refer to the Lindenlea website for the newest updated listing. To register compliments or concerns, please contact our Manager.

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