



A Proud Past, a Bright Future

Richmond Village Association

Who are we?

The Richmond Village Association is a non-profit organization and was established in 1997 as a way of representing the interests of Richmond residents, when the village was part of the former Township of Goulbourn

Membership

Membership is open to all residents of Richmond and the surrounding rural area who are over the age of 18.

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the RVA are an elected group that organize and facilitate the monthly meetings, giving Richmond residents a representative central body whose task it is to promote and maintain the interests of Richmond Village. Since the amalgamation of the City of Ottawa, and the inclusion of Goulbourn Ward in the new city, the role of the RVA has changed somewhat, as it has faced new challenges in a new system of local government. With one city councillor representing close to 24,000 people in Goulbourn, it is harder to bring the issues of immediate concern to the people of Richmond to the attention of one councillor.

What do we do?

The task of the RVA is to be proactive on issues concerning Richmond residents; to form opinions, reach a consensus and then present a particular viewpoint to various levels of government where the interests of Richmond residents may be affected.

Within the Village of Richmond, the RVA has been involved in numerous community endeavours, promoting Village pride and identity. The appeal of Richmond is evident to all who live here and to those just passing through. Richmond is a rural community whose residents take pride in what their town has to offer, and it's important that a town reflect that pride.

Over the years, the RVA has done its part to give Richmond its quaint appeal by putting up flowers and flags along the main streets, and by planting trees in the Jock River Park. It has also supported artistic creativity by establishing the Richmond Heritage Mural Gallery. The Gallery was a Millennium project that began in 2000, and can be seen on the eastern wall of the Community Centre. The three murals were painted by artist Becky Marr-Johnson and depict the history of Richmond Village. The RVA also helps to promote economic development and community services, and has funded the Richmond Village Web site. With Richmond taking its place on the web, people everywhere can see what the village has to offer in terms of business and community services.