

# SIR JOHN'S HOMESTEAD RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION INC.

## DRAFT MINUTES

Annual General Meeting – Tuesday October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

Location: In- Person at the Grange 1921 Dundas W

Time: 7:30- 9:00 PM

Attendees: SJHRA Board - Keith Salt, Rob Darlington, Liza Alexander, Craig Finlayson, Axel Breuer Kaila Sugeng. 25 SJH Ratepayers Association residents and 5 guests from City of Mississauga, the University of Toronto Mississauga, and Peel Police

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Keith Salt, President

. Along with a welcome to Association members and guests, Keith pointed out the emergency exits in the building.

Keith presented the Agenda and reminded all attendees as a courtesy to hold their calls or silence their cell phones. Rob also presented the Meeting Etiquette slide to all attendees.

Keith presented "The President's Report" slide that covered the community highlights. The community was advised that the following MOTIONS would be made and would require a vote by Association members to be recorded as approved.

1) 2022 AGM minutes

2) Financial statements

3) Election of proposed Board members for 2023/ 2024

4) Adjournment

Summary of SJHRA's President Report

Keith introduced the current board members, Himself, Rob, Kaila, Liza, Craig and Axel (not in that order). He highlighted several points that were important to the Board's functioning and interaction with the Association members:

- Two weeks in advance of the 2023 AGM meeting, the 2022 AGM minutes were posted to the SJHRA website. The role of the City of Mississauga "Community Group Registry Program" (CORA) was described. As stated in the CORA policy:

"The Corporation of the City of Mississauga (the "City"), through the Community Group Registry Program, strives to develop mutually beneficial relationships that support community involvement by groups who provide services to keep Mississauga Residents active, healthy and engaged in their communities. The City's relationship with Registered Groups under the Registry Program is one of support." The Registry Program supports Registered Groups by providing access to City resources such as Community Group rental rates, portable sign placement on City road allowances, etc.

a) Student Rental Homes update

There are several student rentals in the neighbourhood. One house in particular was transformed into multiple rooms and bathrooms including one bathroom being made out of the main floor hall closet. The Fire Department was notified to investigate the house.

The Ring doorbell has become a screening tool which adds some restrictions by renters/landlords to access the homes by City officials as they attempt to inspect homes of concern

**b) Alectra Electrical Work update**

The transformer updates have now been completed throughout the neighbourhood. The final step is the new sodding

**c) Summary of the Year**

The Community September Social event was a huge success! More than 70 people came out that day to meet and greet their neighbor's and to enjoy some delicious Ice Cream. In addition, a special thanks to the Grange's Executive Director, Jayme Gaspar for allowing us to host our Annual AGM at the Grange and to provide the attendees with a safe and sanitized environment to meet.

We also have some new signage for our neighbourhood events. Special thanks to Liza providing us designs and for coordinating production.

Lastly, at the entrance to Sir John's Homestead the walls have started to tilt and some of the stones have fallen off. This has been reported to the city and they are not responsible for this

2. Approval of October 2022 AGM Meeting Minutes – Keith

At this time, a motion was made to approve the October, 2022 AGM Meeting Minutes. The minutes had been distributed prior to the 2023 AGM as well as posted on the SJHRA website. MOTION was made by Rob Darlington and seconded by Liza Alexander. President re-stated the MOTION and as all were in favour, the motion was carried

### **3. Little Free Library**

Kaila spoke about the newest addition to the community, The Little Free Library! It was installed at the end of June at the foot of Solitaire and Sir John's Homestead, next to the Earl Fee Bench. The library has been a success and community members are encouraged to take a book or leave a book!

### **4-5. Neighbourhood Connections**

Liza spoke about the newsletters that are emailed out to the members. Information regarding social events, Community updates and notifications are addressed in these newsletters. Most open UTM events are shared in this newsletter as well.

If the members have any community information that needs to be addresses, please send an email to the SJHR email address. The address can be found on the Community Website

### **6. Membership Report- Craig Finlayson**

Membership is currently at 91 members while down from the previous year of 94 represents a solid representation of at 68% of the total homes in our community. This year we will again not be "door to door" canvassing.

With membership fees remaining at \$20 per household, two options to pay dues for the 2023/ 2024 year are available.

- 1) e-transfers with instructions on the website
- 2) cheque/cash drop, which can be dropped off at 3248 SJH or 1760 Solitaire

The above information is also available on our web site.

### **7. Financial Report –Axel Breuer**

Axel Breuer, Treasurer, presented the financial statements from 2023 and the budget for 2023 – 2024

Notes for 2022-2023: If we stay with the same website company, the cost will fluctuate based on the USD exchange rate. We also had two (2) eager members pay in advance for two (2) years.

Notes: For 2023-2024, revenue is budgeted for 91 members. Highlighted budget items will include administration fees, bank fees and social events. The Board budgeted for \$9,932.62

The Board routinely assesses all general expenses for possible cost savings. Directors and Officers liability insurance is in place.

Even with some one-off expenses, funds remain available for any possible future legal needs but will likely cover only a few hours of legal work.

MOTION to approve two (2) financial documents as presented by Axel Breur, MOTION and seconded by RobDarlington. President re-stated the MOTION. As there was no objection, the MOTION was voted on byshow of hands and the MOTION was approved

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## **8. SJHRA 2024 Board of Directors was proposed- Keith Salt**

- Keith Salt – President & Gardening Committee- 1 year
- Rob Darlington – Vice President
- Kaila Sugeng – Secretary- 1 year
- Axel Breuer – Treasurer
- Craig Finlayson – Membership- until November 2023 to cover the current membership drive
- Liza Alexander – Marketing Specialist- 1 year

The Community was asked to consider serving on the Board. Some current Board members have served for many years and several have expressed a desire to stepping down or changing their level of commitment. It is also important to have fresh perspectives and ideas. It is hoped we can welcome new volunteers to the Board by end of 2024.

MOTION to approve slate of Directors by Keith and seconded by Craig Finlayson. President re-stated the MOTION. As there was no objection, the MOTION was voted on by show of hands and the MOTION was approved.

## **9. Presentations**

Keith welcomed Amanda Paulter, Director of External Relations (UTM) who provided updates from UTM as well as offering the opportunity to hear back from the neighbourhood.

Notes from Amanda:

- new 400 bed student residence is proposed, waiting on approval
- 3 new residences have been opening up
- UTM ranked #1 in research, #2 for sustainability
- Covering tuition for the first nations and indigenous students
- Offer research match making and implemented “walk with a doctor” program once a month in Erindale park. In colder months, it will move to Square One
- Implemented a social invitation program where students spend 16 weeks on projects for community give back.
- Charities to provide computers to less fortunate and also developed computer illiteracy programs
- A Sacred Teepee has been erected on campus. This serves as a First Nations sacred place for prayer. The public are invited to visit the area but entry may be limited or closed.
- 15 -year plan is in place to build 2 more residences.
- Amanda will send the Board the deck as well as the link to the UTM site

Keith welcomed Rowena Pryce (Peel Police) Peel Community Liaison Officer from 11<sup>th</sup> Div..

Notes from Rowena:

- Along with a presentation, informational materials were left for members Car theft has become a huge issue- mostly Lexus and Highlanders brands seem to be the most common target. Some preventions of theft are to lock vehicle in garage and use a steering lock bar
- In response, Peel Regional Police is currently expanding their auto theft departments.
- Base on police crime stats, SHJ neighbourhood has a low crime rate but car thefts have been reported. In addition, there is a crime mapping tool available to the public on their website

Keith welcomed our Councillor and City of Mississauga Staff members.

- Matt Mahoney, Councillor Ward 8
- Scott Dalzell, Division Chief, Fire Prevention & Risk Reduction
- Jon Thompson, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer

Ward 8 Councillor, Matt Mahoney, addressed our community and expressed the value of networking with rate payor associations.

Notes from Matt Mahoney:

- -Keith is to reach out to Matt about the entrance wall
- - Matt discussed the housing crisis that has consumed Ontario. Currently 8 new development are proposed in Ward 8. Bill 23 mandates 120K homes to need to be implemented in Mississauga. Bill 23 also allows single dwelling houses to be built into 3unit homes.
- - Matt went on to discuss the “re-imaging” of community malls. Sherwood Village is currently under the re-imaging.
- Dundas & Miss Rd revamping is in the works
- 90% of tribunal is approving most of these new community developments due to the housing crisis.
- Proposed Seniors home outside the Mississauga Golf Club on Mississauga Road
- Carmel Heights has been repropoed to be turned into 60 single homes
- A new Air BNB bylaw may be coming into effect about parties being hosted in these properties. Air BNB now needs to go to the city to get a permit to regulate some of these problems.
- New fireworks permits are in the works for vendors that wish to sell them. This will

prevent fireworks being bought at off times

- Some cracking down on street racing.
- Matt briefly mentioned the separation of PEEL Region, but currently he does not have much information at this time.
- East bound on Collegeway the bike lane will be repainted. The city will create a bike lane in the boulevard west of Erin Mills
- “Slow” Street signs will be placed next year at the entrances of communities. The issue with these signs is that they must be positioned correctly to avoid driveway interferences.
- Matt mentioned that Speeding has increased everywhere in Mississauga.
  
- The Board thanked all of our guests for giving up their personal time to attend the meeting as well as their prompt response to concerns and questions from our community.
- MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 p.m. by Association member’s Jean Schuster and seconded by Kathy Stewart. As there was no objection, the MOTION was approved.
- Minutes prepared by Kaila Sugeng