

SIR JOHN'S HOMESTEAD RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION INC.

DRAFT MINUTES – for review

Annual General Meeting – Tuesday October 18, 2022

Location: Zoom Meeting

Time: 7:30 p.m.- 9:00 PM

Attendees: SJHRA Board - Keith Salt, Rob Darlington, Liza Alexander, Craig Finlayson, Axel Breuer (regrets Kaila Sugeng), 7 SJH Ratepayers Association residents, guests from City of Mississauga, the University of Toronto Mississauga, and Peel Police

1. Call to Order – Keith Salt, President

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. and was opened with the welcoming of attendees, introducing guests and by presenting the agenda.

The President's Report was then presented covering 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)2021 AGM minutes

2)Financial statements

3)Election of proposed Board members for 2022 / 2023

4) Adjournment

Summary of SJHRA's President Report:

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.

b) Effect of Covid on our community

With the support of the Community, we have been fortunate to restart our community events, although with continued caution to mitigate risk from COVID. With a focus on outdoor activities such as Earth Day, Gardening Day and the Grange gathering of “Coffee, Tea and Desserts on the lawn”, it is refreshing and encouraging to see our neighbours come together to beautify the neighbourhood as well as a meet and greet.

c) Student Rental Homes update

Presently, there are about 6 or 7 homes that are likely rentals by students. However, the numbers seem to have stayed relatively consistent since last year. As always, please keep the Board informed of new developments regarding student housing. Noting that student housing remains a concern to the community, we will continue to monitor the number and impact of student rentals on the neighbourhood as reported to the Board.

D) Alectra Electrical Work update

As most of us in the “back” of the neighbourhood have seen, there is a lot of activity regarding the electrical service upgrades. The work is progressing and it will move up Redstart eventually. Although we are cautious when passing the work, it is clear that as the work moves along, traffic on Redstart will be affected. Please watch for the construction equipment as occasionally their work can pose a hazard for us.

e) Presentation on Little Free Library Box

The item is new and was introduced as a service that would add value to our neighbourhood. Other examples of library boxes can be found in Sherwood Forrest. It was described and the community was asked to respond and comment. The proposed location is near The Grange driveway. If there is a strong objection from the community, the Board would revisit it. There is money in the budget as shown in the Treasurer report.

f) Summary of the year

The Board has been active with the restart of the Association’s regular activities such as the Earth Day neighbourhood clean up and Gardening Day where, together with the City, the community freshened up the playground gardens. We held a “Coffee Tea and Desserts” on the Grange lawn in September which was quite successful with a good community turnout. A huge thanks to the Board who pulled it together and also to Jayme Gaspar (Executive Director of Heritage Mississauga) who willingly gives her time on a Saturday to open the Grange building, provide tables etc. and organizes crafts for the kids.

Finally, on behalf of the Board, I would like to thank you for your support of the Association. For us (the Board), we continue to meet via zoom and will do our best to keep the neighbourhood informed, safe and clean.

2. Approval of October 2021 AGM Meeting Minutes – Rob Darlington

At this time, a motion was made to approve the October, 2021 AGM Meeting Minutes. The minutes had been distributed prior to the 2022 AGM as well as posted on the SJHRA website. MOTION by Rob Darlington, seconded by Liza Alexander. President re-stated the MOTION.

A change was proposed to make a change to a minor error in the draft minutes on a bus lane description. Change to be made was substituting Dundas for Mississauga Rd. As there was no further changes, the MOTION was voted on by show of hands and the MOTION was approved.

3. Neighbourhood Connections –Liza Alexander

Liza's Board role is managing Association's different social media such as news letters and website. Liza expressed interest in member contribution such as interesting stories, neighbourhood history or news relevant to our community.

Facebook, which is exclusive to our neighborhood residents, is also an excellent forum to keep up to date on what is happening. Darlene Cancilla is an administrator.

4. Membership Report- Craig Finlayson

Membership is currently at 94 members while down from previous year of 98 represents a solid representation of the community of 134 homes. It was recognized that COVID imposed some limitation with connecting with the community and again, 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 2022/ 2023 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.

5. Financial Report –Axel Breuer

Axel Breuer, Treasurer, presented the financial statements from 2022 and the budget for 2022 – 2023.

Notes: For 2023, revenue is budgeted on 98 members. Highlighted budget items will include purchases of signage and the Little library.

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.

MOTION to approve 2 financial documents as presented by Axel Bauer MOTION and seconded by Rob Darlington. President re-stated the MOTION. As there was no objection, the MOTION was voted on by show of hands and the MOTION was approved.

6. SJHRA 2023 Board of Directors was proposed- Keith Salt

- Keith Salt – President & Gardening Committee
- Rob Darlington – Vice President
- Kaila Sugeng – Secretary
- Axel Breuer – Treasurer
- Craig Finlayson – Membership
- Liza Alexander – Marketing Specialist

The Community was asked to consider serving on the Board. Some current members have served for many years and are open 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 by end of 2023.

MOTION to approve slate of Directors by Liza Alexander 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.

7. 6) Presentations

Keith welcomed presentations from Rowena Pryce (Peel Police) Peel Community Liaison Officer from 11th Div. and Amanda Pautler (UTM) Director of External Relations were introduced.

Constable Pryce provided stats on reported crimes for our neighbourhood in 2022. They included 3 Break and Entry (B & E) (2 house and 1 garage) and 2 stolen autos.

The Lexus, Range Rover and some Jeep models are popular targets as the entry fob can be copied from a distance such as the road to within the house. Report any thing suspicious such as suspicious cars or people walking up a driveway as this could be responded to as a crime in progress. The auto theft trend is being driven as a crime of fast cash.

Constable Pryce added that B & Es are down in SJH vs other parts of the region. Other calls such as mental health and domestic calls were not remarkable vs other areas. Reports of bicycle thefts were down as well.

New officers have been recruited and can be deployed to deal with additional reports/problem areas so it is important to report everything. Catalytic converter thefts are increasing because of the its value as fast cash. A new initiative is underway by the police to paint converters with etchings to warn these are stolen items.

- Question was asked about the use of Faraday boxes. This is recommended for storing fobs as it makes it more difficult to read the fob. Cheaper option is wrapping the fob in tin foil.
- Member asked about how close does someone need to be to read the fob from the road. This information will be supplied by Constable Pryce.
- Member asked whether our local paths are safe? Generally safe with some calls about drinking. Police bike units can patrol to respond to reports and can help with enforcement.

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

Important community-based initiatives were described.

- School board: High school credit
- Go vac clinic
- Climate actions
- Opened office space for different activities for indigenous community
- Exploring and building relationships with City of Mississauga

News worthy items

- COVID differential impact on racialized and immigrant communities
- Ranked within of top 20 of universities in world. Noteworthy as UTM is a public university competing with private universities.
- UTM academic, Mark Johnson, initiated global collaboration on how urbanization drives parallel evolution in cities.

Extensive UTM resources (learning, facilities) that are open to our community were described. For most part they are free and still taking part virtually. The Campus is a wonderful place for walking.

Amanda encouraged the community to reach out with questions. UTM is engaged in many partnerships within the City and working with non profit organizations.

Initiatives were described on educating students on being good neighbours, their tenancy rights. It is important to keep students safe from rental scams.

Amanda was thanked for keeping the Association of apprised of news relevant to the community,

7. Q and A with City Staff

A number of staff attended from the City of Mississauga,

- Matt Mahoney, Councillor Ward 8
- Samuel Williams, Deputy Chief Fire Prevention & Risk Reduction
- Sandra Morrison, Manager, Zoning Administrator;
- Ross Spreadbury, Supervisor, Compliance and Licensing; (regrets)
- Costa Nikiforos, Supervisor, Building Inspections;
- Paolo DiSalvo, Supervisor, Parking Enforcement;
- Max Gill, Supervisor Road Safety

This part of the agenda was initiated by our Ward 8 Councillor, Matt Mahoney, addressed our community and expressed the value of networking with rate payor associations.

Matt thanked Amanda and Rowena for their presentations. They are key point persons that we can reach out to with questions.

Matt recognized the interest in student housing, building permits and inspection, control of speeding and parking issues. Matt did not have a specific list of houses of concern so opened generally up the discussion.

- A member asked when to engage the City when work is obviously being done on a residence. The City will open a file when they are made aware of potential work that are non permitted additions or structural changes. There is a process that needs to be followed starting with inspection but access may be an issue. When a problem is observed and confirmed by the City, orders can be issued and compliance enforced. Different disciplines can work together on a problem...Fire, By law etc.

City speakers emphasized that the Community remains the eyes and ears to report on an illegal problem. When making a complaint the more information the better to make the case that there is a safety issue. Members had a specific house (3116 SJH) in mind and will pull together all available info to forward to Matt for engagement with the City.

- A member asked about seeing multiple gasoline cans stored in a garage and asked what exceeds capacity for safety concerns. City said there is a limit on what can be stored.
- A member asked about speed display unit that informs the driver on what speed they are driving...question was how do you get these in the neighbourhood especially like ours with steep hills? City made note of this comment. Matt described a trial program where barriers are put in the middle of the street (passive calming in non winter months). The residents will need to support this program with 66% approval before it is placed in a neighbourhood. The program has some success but also a target of vandalism including removal.
- A member asked whether we can revisit a stop sign in the neighbourhood at Sir Johns Homestead and Solitaire Ct. This would require a traffic study to warrant this step but City can re-address this even though it has been done previously.
- A member talked about an oddly dressed (cape and mock crown) individual seen frequently in and around the neighbourhood. Many people said they had seen the individual and he may live in the general vicinity. There were no known concerns with this individual expressed.
- There was a question on speed control initiatives on Collegeway.
- A member broached the fact there is no snow clearing of the sidewalk at Dundas and Mississauga Rd. Matt will look into this and for now the information from the City was that it was cleared as it is not a priority sidewalk.

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 900 p.m. by Keith Salt and seconded by Rob Darlington. As there was no objection, the MOTION was approved.

Minutes prepared by Robert Darlington.

Approved by the Board Jan 17th , 2023