

Carlingwood Community Association  
21<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting - October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007  
Minutes

Chair: Jennifer Hagan, President (outgoing)                      Minutes: Scott McGhee, Secretary  
Approximately 10 members of the community attended.

The meeting convened at 7:15 pm.

1. The minutes of the 2006 AGM were read by Jennifer.

Moved by Heather Anderson, seconded by George Hack that the minutes of the October 17, 2006 AGM be approved as read. Passed.

2. There was no business arising from the 2006 AGM minutes.

3. Jennifer Hagan gave the President's report.

- Accomplishments in the past year: We have had a joint meeting with Glabar Park Community Association to discuss local shared issues, and how to better reach out to our constituents. Winter Fun Day was considered the best ever, with more than 100 people attending. We hosted an all-candidates meeting for the provincial election.
- Issues that we continue to face: Communication with our constituents is still mediocre, with the cost and hassle associated with paper flyers and not having an email or website set up yet. We still plan on setting up a website, but there's a cost associated. We are considering a spring event, such as a garage sale or BBQ to get people out and meeting one another.
- Welcome all members of our community to attend our meetings at the Library.

A question arose from the President's report: How many of the directors of the CCA are present at this AGM? Jennifer responded – there were 7/10 (Directors: Irene, Heather, Lisa, George; Exec: Jennifer, Scott, Denys; Missing: Trish, Airlie, Walter).

4. Election of Executives

The nominating committee provided names to Alex Cullen who managed the election process. The following were elected by acclamation:

President: Walter Pranke  
Vice-President: Heather Anderson  
Treasurer: Denys Legault  
Secretary: Scott McGhee

The following directors were elected by acclamation from the floor:

Irene Groves  
Lisa Zimmerling  
George Hack  
Eric Santor  
Doug Gadiant

As past president, Jennifer Hagen is automatically a director.

5. Treasurer's Report

Denys Legault reported on the financial activities over the past year.

Balance October 16, 2006 - \$1280.40  
+\$400 sponsorships  
+\$245 memberships  
-\$530 sleigh ride (Winter Fun Day)  
-\$125 food, photocopies  
Balance October 23, 2007 - **\$1,270.78.**

Denys Legault moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted, seconded by Lisa Zimmerling, approved.

6. Guest Speakers

- Margaret Lange (school trustee) could not attend
- John Baird or member of his office could not attend

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Representatives from Jim Watson's office (Mark Taylor and Adam Decaire)

Adam's main points were:

- Role of Jim Watson's office is to represent the community to the province, and vice versa. Can help people to obtain services or direct them how to get services.
- Plans to work on the promises made during campaigning. These include PSA tests for men, lowering health care wait times, full-time kindergarten, smaller class sizes.

Alex Cullen, City Counselor

Alex's main points were:

- Friday October 26 is a fundraiser for the Old Forge seniors assistance agency.
- November 3 is a Community Forum on Bay Ward issues – social issues such as safety and youth. Flyers were distributed/available at the meeting for these two events.
- Snow clearing for seniors has been re-started by the city. This program is delivered through the Old Forge. More information is available on the city's website.
- The city has instituted a rebate program for old (large volume flush) toilets.
- The city has approved a tax deferral program for seniors with low/fixed incomes. Property taxes may be deferred until the property is sold.
- The city will table its draft budget November 14. Note that the Police Services Board is treated independently in the budget. In all likelihood there will be a tax increase, primarily due to increased police costs. Also expect increases in user fees for water, bus, and recreational fees.
- Carlingwood YMCA wants the city to buy for its building. Membership has been slowly tapering, and they want an updated facility (renovation or new building) to deliver new programs. The building needs lots of work if it will continue to operate. The city does not want to pick up this cost, although the city supports the YMCA because of its great seniors programs. Proposed that there will be a sharing of the costs between the city and the local community – the exact split and costs to be determined. This would show up on property taxes as a Local Improvement Levy (something like \$200/year for 10 years). Example given of Britannia flood proofing done this way. Need to do a cost-benefit analysis, and try to get some provincial money or other sources.

Question: How will consultations proceed? How to know that a majority supports this kind of shared cost?

Answer: Plan to have many public meetings. Most likely would rely on a petition of property owners. City could mandate it, but not the preferred way to handle this, given the broad support.

Question: What else could go there?

Answer: The owner could apply for zoning changes, which would be evaluated based on the official plan. Residential or mixed residential/institutional is likely.

- Fairlawn Plaza (Canadian Tire, Shopper's Drug, Independent) – the Canadian Tire is moving out this year. Loblaws owns the plaza. No commitment has been made whether they will find a new tenant, or renovate the plaza to make a single store (e.g. Superstore), or if they will re-zone. The vacant land to the east side is zoned residential.
- Carlingwood Mall has a cap on development, but it has not reached that cap yet. There may be issues with the east end of the mall that are inhibiting a replacement tenant(s) for the Loblaws.
- Question: Does the city have any comment on the rash of 911 calls recently.

Answer: Police noted the cost to respond to false calls, however they must treat every call seriously. 3 kids found so far that have done this.

#### 7. Questions & Comments from the floor

- Soccer at Westwood Park

Gentleman noted on several occasions people were observed parking in front of hydrants. When advised, they did not move their cars. Would like to see more bylaw officers ticketing early in the season to send a strong message.

A representative from the soccer group was present at the meeting, and responded: Soccer organizers advise parents of appropriate parking, and remind them of the importance of parking legally. They like it that there are no permanent nets on the field, so that the grass doesn't get worn out in spots. One concern is that there's lots of dog poop on the fields and parents need to walk the fields before the games to clean up.

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Gentleman suggested that a bylaw officer hand out some tickets for dog owners too.

Alex Cullen explained the process by which bylaw officers are dispatched to a location, based on the frequency and severity of the calls that come into the city's bylaw reporting phone service.

- Gentleman requests more advance notice of the AGM. [Flyers were delivered 2 – 3 days in advance] Scott responded that the flyers were printed several weeks back, but had to be modified and a new location & date picked because of Library renovation. Duly noted and will try to do better next year.

8. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Jennifer Hagen moved and George Hack seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Passed.