



**Rockwood Homeowners' Association  
2022 Annual General Meeting Minutes  
May 4, 2022, at 7 PM  
Zoom Video Conference**

**1. Welcome**

- RHA President Dale Biason welcomed residents to the meeting and introduced the Board of Directors. She also welcomed Mayor Bonnie Crombie, Councillor Chris Fonseca, Gerald Adad from SafeCity Mississauga, members from the Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA), and other City of Mississauga staff members for attending and providing updates at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- Jason Haraschuk, a Rockwood Village resident, and member volunteering to help with the Annual General Meeting, provided the ground rules for the meeting, such as using the chat section for questions and the "Raise Hand" reaction for voting. He reminded attendees to be polite and maintain decorum, as unacceptable behaviour will be grounds for removal from the meeting.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

- Iris Schweiger, Director for the RHA, asked if there is a motion to adopt the agenda for the 2022 AGM as posted on the Rockwood Homeowners' Association website ([www.rockwoodvillage.ca](http://www.rockwoodvillage.ca)).
- Moved by Sumit Kapur and seconded by Dale Biason. 19 members voted yes. **Carried.**

**3. Disclosure of Real or Perceived Conflict of Interest**

- Iris Schweiger asked attendees to declare any real or perceived conflict of interest with items on the agenda.
- No conflict was disclosed during the meeting.

**4. Acceptance of Previous AGM Minutes from May 26, 2021**

- Iris Schweiger advised that as paid members will not be able to use voting cards during a virtual meeting, it is necessary to override Article 1C of the RHA's Constitution. Doing so allows residents in attendance to vote and/or be recognized to speak at the meeting.
- Iris Schweiger motioned to suspend Article 1C for the AGM, as it is being held virtually.
  - Moved by Lisa Portolese and seconded by Sumit Kapur. **Carried.**
- The minutes for the 2021 AGM are posted on the RHA's website for review. Iris Schweiger motioned to accept the minutes of the 2021 AGM as posted on the Rockwood Homeowners' Association website ([www.rockwoodvillage.ca](http://www.rockwoodvillage.ca)).
  - Moved by Frank Medoro and seconded by Sumit Kapur. **Carried.**

**5. Treasurer's Report**

- Frank Medoro, RHA's Treasurer, provided a report on the association's financial activities.

- The balance of the RHA account as of closing on May 4, 2022, stood at \$8,504.61.
- Revenue from advertisers will be approximately \$12,000 for the fiscal year, once two payments totalling approximately \$1,100 are received during the month of May. This amount is almost equal to what was collected up to June 30, 2021, being the end of the fiscal year.
- The membership fees for the entire fiscal year in 2021 were \$1,690. So far this year, we have received \$180. We expect a lot more after this AGM.
- The expenses this year are up \$900 for printing the newsletter, and up \$400 for distributing those newsletters when compared to the same time slots to the end of April, year over year. By fiscal year-end, we could see these expenses in the \$12,000 and \$1,900 range for the printing and delivery of the newsletters respectively. The final figures will be posted to our website once the fiscal year end is completed on June 30, 2022.
- Last year, the RHA donated \$1,000 to the Mississauga Food Bank.
- The board has recently approved donations in the amount of \$500 again for the Mississauga Food Bank, and \$500 to the Canadian Red Cross for humanitarian assistance to Ukraine. The \$1,000 total will come out of the 2021 fiscal year, ending June 30, 2022.
- Our June 30 year end report of last year showed a net loss of \$838.89, even though we received \$1,690 in membership fees. We anticipate a similar or higher loss unless we receive the support of our members.
- In the next few days, the RHA will be sending an email blast reminding residents of their 2022/2023 membership dues. Dues can be submitted via e-transfer or by email at [rha.executive@gmail.com](mailto:rha.executive@gmail.com). Cheques can be dropped off at a predetermined location for residents interested in this payment method.
- Iris Schweiger motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented by Frank Medoro. Moved by Richard Schwarz and seconded by Sumit Kapur. **Carried.**

## 6. Miscellaneous Business

- Outdoor Skating Rinks
  - Dale Biason acknowledged residents who maintained the rinks in Rockwood Village, and Councillor Chris Fonseca for helping with snow removal in local parks. A gift certificate will be delivered to the residents who volunteered to maintain the rink, as a token of the association's appreciation.
- Rockwood Signage
  - Fourteen years ago, the Board began a process of negotiating signage for the neighbourhood. A contest for a design was held and is now used as the RHA logo. Unfortunately, the original design and the artist's name have been lost over time. There was also a significant cost to have the signs made, installed, and maintained.
  - With the assistance of Councillor Chris Fonseca, funds were allocated to the community from the Audubon Boulevard benefits for the signage. As it was not possible to recreate the original design, a new sign was commissioned and the Board reviewed hundreds of concepts before landing on the official design, which contains elements of the original one created fourteen years ago and enhanced foliage to mimic the ambiance of the community. The design has been submitted to the City for reproduction and will be installed soon.
- Association Name Change
  - At last year's AGM, it was discussed that the Board would investigate changing the association's name to include all residents of Rockwood, not just "Homeowners". While the constitution clearly states that any resident is eligible to be a member of the RHA, the name gives some the impression that members must be a homeowner. Over the course of the past year, the Board has been weighing the pros and cons of a name change.

- On the positive side, changing the name would be more inclusive. The name would reflect that all residents, not just homeowners, are welcome members.
- On the negative side, changing the RHA's name would be like the issues of changing the name of Dundas Street. All city, provincial, and banking records would need to be changed, new cheques would need to be purchased, and our social media accounts and websites would have to be revised. The long-established name of the RHA would become the "RRA", which stands for the "Rockwood Residents' Association".
- If the association's name were to change, it would take at least a year to collect the pieces, make changes, and have a dedicated member to initiate the changes.
- The RHA brought forward this discussion for members to decide and ask questions.
  - *RHA Treasurer Frank Medoro asked why a name change was needed, as a homeowner could be someone who lives in a house.*
  - *Resident Sue Clunie asked, "Do you have an idea of how much the changes will cost?" Iris Schweiger replied that the cost would need to be investigated by a designated member of the association, if agreed upon.*
  - *A resident under the username of "Cstarway" mentioned that the name is a bit more formal, and suggested using "Rockwood Community Association"*
  - *Resident Jason Moscattini suggested changing the name might open other issues (such as defining who's a resident vs. renter or short-term visitor using services like Airbnb) and cause more harm than good.*
  - *Resident Lisa Mudie agreed with the idea of having an inclusive association name but shared her concerns from a cost perspective.*
  - *Resident Stephen Roscoe advised the name change might be too nuanced and erase the legacy of the organization. He recommended leaving the name as is.*
  - *Resident Nicole Danesi feels strongly about changing the association's name, as a resident in Rockwood Village for decades. She believes words and representation matters. A vote was called to end discussion and only 13 residents voted to have the board change the name, thus the motion was not carried.*
- Dale Biason motioned that the Board of Directors take appropriate measures to investigate changing the name of the Corporation to the "Rockwood Residents' Association".
  - Moved by Lisa Portolese and seconded by Nicole Danesi.
- All Candidates Meeting
  - The RHA will be holding a Provincial All Candidates meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Subscribers will be notified of the details next week and residents may submit questions for the candidates prior to the meeting.
- Election of Board Members
  - In 2021, the RHA adopted a new constitution which requires the election of three officers (President, Secretary and Treasurer) and eight Board Members for a two-year term. This year, only three Director positions can be filled. If more than three are willing to join the Board as Directors, a vote will be cast and those who receive the most votes will be elected Director and the runners-up will be elected Associate Directors.
  - Dale Biason appealed to residents in attendance to join the RHA and provided details on general responsibilities and scheduling. The board meets once a month, currently and for the foreseeable future via Zoom. Every Board member has a portfolio to manage or to be part of, and this may require an additional hour per week or month.

A Board Member is also needed to attend the quarterly Airport meetings via Zoom and keep the Board posted.

- The names of Susan Clunie, Diane Maganja, and Jason Moscatini were brought to the floor as Directors. Kimberly Lulham moved to elect these residents as Directors of the RHA, which was seconded by Dale Bason. All in favour. **Carried.** The RHA will reach out to the newly elected Directors soon.

## 7. Updates from Mayor Bonnie Crombie

- Mayor Bonnie Crombie thanked everyone for allowing her to speak at the AGM.
- She asked Councillor Chris Fonseca to possibly investigate any rules around changing the association's name, as she believes it is a great idea.
- Mayor Bonnie Crombie addressed housing affordability and recommendations that the Ontario task force has made.
  - With the provincial election coming up soon, Mayor Bonnie Crombie recommended that residents ask provincial candidates about housing, what their thoughts are on affordable housing, and how they plan to make it more affordable, as they have the most influence on housing.
  - The government was clear that the task force was going to serve as a roadmap for planning in housing policy over the next 4 years, however they did not invite any municipal planner, Councillor, or Mayor across Ontario to sit on the task force, so they did not capture the City's perspective. The policies were written by developers. The Mayor believes more measures need to be in place to determine what developments are appropriate and where, with the biggest issue being affordability rather than supply.
  - The first phase of the plan from Bill 109 was brought forward, which does include good things such as stiffer penalties for unethical developers and an increase in a foreign buyer's homeowner tax. There are also some solid recommendations in the task force. This could be impacted by whomever is elected to office in the upcoming provincial election, such as the plan having amendments.
  - Some of the concerning elements of the task force housing report and Bill 109 are that the responsibilities for the housing crisis are being pushed onto municipalities, which the City disagrees with. The Mayor believes that there is room for improvements in the development process and that it could be faster, but overall, the City, provincial and federal governments, the development industry, and financial institutions all have a role in tackling the crisis together. The following recommendations in the report are of serious concern to the City:
    - Eliminating public consultation without residents and neighbourhoods having a say, which the City directly opposes.
    - Erasing heritage protections.
    - More red tape and administrative responsibilities for municipalities, and a greater burden will be placed on existing property taxpayers. This will negatively impact healthy communities and park/green lands.
    - Proposing a one-size-fits-all approach, which is not appropriate for every city. This ignores what makes cities, neighbourhoods, and communities unique.
  - Mayor Bonnie Crombie discussed actions the City is taking to address the affordability crisis.
    - The City is committed to building more housing and ensuring it is affordable for everyone, regardless of their income level. The City's

housing strategy, called “Making Room for the Middle”, aims to help provide housing that is affordable for all. The City has already made progress on their plan, such as securing more units in new developments and implementing inclusionary zoning.

- Since 2020, the City has also secured an additional 600 affordable units (affordable being 30% of one’s salary or less), simplified the process for secondary units such as basement apartments or in-law suites, protected the supply of rental housing by securing existing rentals from demolition or from converting them to condos without a permit. If apartment housing is demolished, developers must be able to replace it elsewhere close to transit in the City.
- The City is also prioritizing available surplus lands available to affordable housing providers. They are exempting development charges on affordable rental units.
- The City is recommending reduced parking requirements, especially as transit costs are increasing.
- They are looking at ways to increase housing options (such as laneways, duplexes, garden suites, garages, etc.) so that there’s availability and a variety of stock for residents. They have a plan to welcome growth and density to the City in a way that will see more housing built in Mississauga but in places where it makes sense, e.g. in the downtown core, the waterfront (with mixed-use communities of low- to- medium density), around transit areas, and other areas that can be properly accommodated. The City is projecting to build 156,000 units over the next 30 years, and wants to ensure there’s a good diversity of options within that number.
- The City is looking to the provincial and federal government to incentivize and build more affordable housing. There are currently 60,000 pre-zoned units available for developing.

#### 8. Q & A for Mayor Bonnie Crombie

- *“Do you believe we’re having an affordability crisis or a housing shortage?”*
  - Mayor Bonnie Crombie agreed that there’s an affordability issue, with the average cost for a home being \$1.1 million and \$1.7 million for a single detached home, which is out of range for first-time home buyers. Mississauga is in a very large growth period and needs to accommodate 360,000 people from now until 2050. All levels of government are needed to address why developers are not building affordable housing quicker.
  - Rental, senior, low-income housing opportunities and stock are needed in the City as well.
- *“What steps are you and Council taking to ensure that planners are taking corrective action?”*
  - These steps are already outlined in the Mayor’s comments above and in the “Making Room for the Middle” strategy.
  - The City is trying to secure various housing options and protect existing housing from demolition or conversions.
  - In the area of Eglinton Avenue East and the 403 Highway, there was a lost opportunity for affordable housing or a long-term care home. Although the City passed a motion to drop development charges for this land, the developers put it up in the public market to sell to the highest bidder.
  - The government committed \$1.5 billion to a rapid housing initiative.

- *“In the Toronto and York regions, there is already enough proposed housing approved or under review to meet population projections over the next 20 years. The issue is that developers are sitting on their approved projects and they’re not building. Can it be fixed? Is it the same situation in Mississauga?”*
  - The Mayor confirmed that there is a similar situation in Mississauga, as mentioned earlier. The issue is complex, in that the delays could be due to a labour/supply shortage, developers waiting for the real estate market to inflate, or other reasons. She spoke to many ministers about these issues.
- *Update on Forest Park Development (on Rathburn Road East/Ponytrail Drive)*
  - No units have been sold at this development. With the community having a large population of seniors, it is difficult to say whether this development will fill the need.
  - Once development is approved, the City cannot control how the units are configured. The developers tell the City what the market asks for. They also must sell a few units before developing it.
  - The City encouraged them to provide family-sized units.
  - More tools from other levels of government are needed to address these issues. The City is trying to work with them to address these issues, but unfortunately, they cannot do much about how the units are created.
- *Ethics regarding allegations on Councillor Ron Starr*
  - Councillor Ron Starr is still considered innocent until proven guilty. He is currently being investigated by the Integrity Commissioner. They are waiting for the investigation to end and for the Integrity Commission’s report to come back for next steps. There is no process for removal within the City or from office unless somebody is criminally charged and found guilty.
  - Unfortunately, Council does not have a lot of control in these situations, as they are controlled by a municipal act. Council does not have the ability to request resignations or declare Councillor Ron Starr’s seat vacant and the Mayor cannot fire him. He is only accountable only to the residents that elected him. The maximum penalty if found guilty is 90 days without pay. Financial penalty is the only mechanism that can be decided by Council. If residents of his Ward are not happy, they will vote him out in the Fall. To date, it does not appear that Councillor Starr is running for re-election in his Ward. Resolution is needed before the election.
  - There is also a private member’s bill at Queen’s Park right now that talks about the removal of an elected person from office should there be misdeeds or wrongdoing, but that’s not going to pass and will probably need to be reintroduced in the years to come.

## 9. SafeCity Mississauga Presentation

- Lisa Portolese introduced Gerald Adad, Neighbourhood Services Manager of Safe City Mississauga, who will be discussing why Rockwood needs to join the Neighbourhood Watch Program and how it can be implemented in the community.
- Gerald Adad provided an overview about SafeCity Mississauga. It is a local crime prevention agency formed by Council in 1992, tasked with providing Mississauga with crime prevention programming and campaigns.
- All programming is guided by analysis and research, in partnership with Peel Regional Police. Programs are offered at no cost and available virtually on the **Crime Prevention Management System (CPMS)**.
- Common misconceptions about the Neighbourhood Watch were discussed, such as it not being an excuse for residents to spy on each other and not being an invitation to be a



volunteer police officer. Residents should keep an eye out while being considerate of others and not engage any suspicious or criminal activities that can put them in danger.

- Expectations of a Neighbourhood Watch member includes observing and reporting, implementing crime prevention education, and engaging with the community. Members should keep their eyes out, share any suspicious findings with the community, and get to know their neighbours.
- Benefits of being a Neighbourhood Watch member include free access to the CPMS and educational content, Neighbourhood Watch personal signage, stickers and other swag to help with crime prevention, Neighbourhood Watch external signage installed by the City, crime prevention support, and direct contact with SafeCity Mississauga, Peel Regional Police, and other government agencies that can help improve safety in the community.
- The requirements to become a member includes designating a Neighbourhood Watch area (i.e., a street or collection of streets), having a Community Buy-in (with emails of at least 20 Watch members, which requires canvassing and outreach), having a designated Team Lead, getting support from certified crime prevention practitioners, and getting registered on the CPMS.
- A Team Lead is needed for every Neighbourhood Watch. The role involves being the primary liaison between SafeCity Mississauga and the community who is responsible for recruiting and approving members into the CPMS, facilitating communications, and coordinating and organizing meetings. Team Leads are also required to have a Police Record Check, team leadership and/or supervisory experience, customer service experience, practical experience interacting with local government, and being comfortable with technology/online portal systems/office software. Event planning experience is considered an asset.
- Residents interested in joining SafeCity Mississauga can reach Gerard Adad at [nsm@safecitymississauga.on.ca](mailto:nsm@safecitymississauga.on.ca) to schedule a 1-on-1 consultation to get started.

#### 10. Updates from the GTAA

- Dale Bason welcomed team members from the GTAA to the meeting (including Robyn Connolly, Director of Sustainability and Social Impact, Kathryn Hanford, Manager of Community Outreach, and Cynthia Woods, Manager of the Noise Management Office) who discussed runway rehabilitations at Toronto Pearson International Airport.
- Robyn Connolly introduced the Runway Rehabilitation as a three-phase project taking place over a period of 8 months from April to November of 2022.
- Cynthia Woods walked through the project details, the operational and community impacts, and informed residents on how to stay in touch with the GTAA.
- Project details
  - Like all major infrastructure, runways need regular maintenance to keep them safe. On April 4, 2022, the Toronto Pearson International Airport started an 8-month rehabilitation of 06L/24R, the airport's second busiest runway. It was first built in the 1960s and needs to be fully rehabilitated due to the wearing down of its concrete substructure due to weather, use, and time.
  - The project will be completed in three phases, starting with the west end of the runway in early April and working towards the east end by mid-November. There will be a full-depth replacement of the runway followed by a lighting upgrade to LED lights.
    - *Phase 1 (Early April to late June)* – Includes the runway and an adjacent holding bay. During this phase, access to the other runway directly south (06R/24L) is affected, which can only be used in a limited way. This also affects how current operations are being conducted.

- *Phase 2 (Late June to mid-September)* – Covers the middle section of the runway and some high-speed exits. During this time, GTAA expects close to regular operations because runway 06R/24L is fully operable.
    - *Phase 3 (Mid-September to mid-November)* – Includes the east end of the runway and the adjacent holding bay. Similar to phase 1, access to runway 06R/24L is affected, resulting in reduced availability of the runway in addition to the closure of 06L/24R.
    - Phases 1 and 3 have the highest likelihood using the north-south runways for capacity reasons.
  - In terms of mitigating impacts, the GTAA is working closely with industry partners such as airlines, NAV Canada, and the construction contractor to deliver the project safely while continuing regular airport operations. This means completing the project in months instead of years, and reducing airline schedules, both for arrivals and departures, to minimize delays, traffic, and impacts.
  - The federal government has provided \$142 million to fund Toronto Pearson International Airport’s Runway Rehabilitation Project, as part of the Airport Critical Infrastructure Program. This includes funding for the 06L/24R restoration program, as well as additional funding for border modernization, COVID testing, and transit initiatives.
  - It is important for the GTAA to be environmentally friendly throughout the project. Concrete from the runway, as well as other materials, have been ground up and repurposed for other runway parts.
- Operational and community impacts
  - There are five runways in total at Toronto Pearson International Airport, two of which are north-south runways (15L/33R and 15R/33L) and three are east-west runways (05/23, 06L/24R, 06R/24L). There are many factors to consider when assigning runways, such as weather, surface conditions, runway length, maintenance, taxi time, and the time of day. Westerly or easterly configurations are used for approximately 95% of operations, while northerly or southerly configurations are used for approximately 5% of operations.
  - Residents currently affected by flight traffic are likely to experience higher traffic levels than in 2021 for two reasons:
    - Overall flight traffic is increasing with the easing of travel restrictions, pent up demand for travel, and the summer being a high season for travel. Closing runway 06L/24R and limiting runway 06R/24L means the remaining east-west runways will handle all arrival and departure traffic.
    - The reduction of available runways and taxiways at times means that the north-south runways will be used when needed for capacity.
    - These issues mean that there may be more flight traffic overheard as certain runways need to be used.
  - Overall flight traffic is increasing coming out of the pandemic. The GTAA is expecting to reach over 1,200 flights a day by July 2022, which is the closest they have been to 2019 traffic levels since the pandemic started.
  - The runways that are being used more because of this project are the same ones that would be handling departures and arrivals on the east-west configurations anyway.
  - The GTAA is committed to keeping residents informed and up to date. Before the project started, they launched a dedicated website for updates, published front-page ads in local newspapers for 460,000 households twice, mailed postcards to 50,000 households twice through Canada Post, made automated phone calls to 21,000



households twice, had a paid and organic social media campaign, and sent e-newsletters to 11,500 subscribers.

- Staying in touch with the GTAA
  - Going forward, the GTAA recommended that residents visit their dedicated web page ([torontopearson.com/runwayrehab](https://torontopearson.com/runwayrehab)), sign up for their monthly community e-newsletter called “Checking In”, learn more about airport operations and community impacts on their website, email questions to [community.engagement@gtaa.com](mailto:community.engagement@gtaa.com), invite the GTAA to attend a community meeting, call 416-247-7682 to log a complaint or submit it online, and sign up for regular interactive sessions with the Noise Management Office, which will be posting session information at [torontopearson.com/nmf](https://torontopearson.com/nmf).

#### 11. Q & A for the GTAA

- *“Do you have any information on what the airport does with regards to noise abatement and how we can explain it to the residents of this community?” – Jason Moscattini, RHA Director and airline Captain*
  - Cynthia Woods replied that there is a noise management program and noise management action plan in place. She will share links with more information on this. She also encouraged residents to join the GTAA’s Neighbourhood Table, which provides a forum for community stakeholders who represent residents or ratepayer associations and community groups who have knowledge of and interest in airport operations.
- *“The community seems to be affected by the 33L runway, which is one of the newest runways. Is there a strategy or ask from our community to do more load-sharing between runway 33L and 33R to make it a little more equitable?” – Peter Schweiger, Rockwood resident*
  - Cynthia Woods responded that the runways are rarely used as is. 33R is a better departure runway, while 33L is better for arrivals. From north to south, from a noise perspective, there is an industrial zone under the flight path, but it does go over residential areas such as Rockwood. Cynthia Woods will find out more information about load-sharing between the runways as there may be some taxi time implications affecting these decisions.
  - Dale Biason also mentioned that the RHA website tries to keep up with the airport news, shares links to join the GTAA’s noise management meetings, and encourages residents to keep up to date with this information.
- *“I’m questioning the timing of the runway resurfacing. Why now and not during the low season or period when the federal government mandated that all the airlines be grounded? Why didn’t the GTAA do it when traffic was little to non-existent?” – Jason Moscattini, RHA Director and airline Captain*
  - Cynthia Woods confirmed that the runway was still serviceable last year, and they tried their best to get as much time out of the runways as they possibly could before reconstruction. They were able to extend the life of the runway until 2022 until it was not possible to extend it any longer. Other work was going on at the airport instead during 2021. The airport industry taking a financial hit during the pandemic was also a key factor.
- Dale Biason announced that there will be a community event on June 25, 2022, which is sponsored by Councillor Chris Fonseca and the GTAA, to commemorate a soft opening of the new splash pad at Garnetwood Park. Refreshments will be served, and an ice cream truck will

be on-site. The RHA thanked the Councillor and GTAA for their service and interest in engaging with the community.

## 12. Updates from Councillor Chris Fonseca

- Councillor Chris Fonseca thanked the RHA for having her at meetings, events, and other activities year over year and throughout the year, and for donating to the Mississauga Food Bank and Canadian Red Cross's Ukrainian humanitarian fund. She also thanked the Board for all that they do, and congratulated Diane Maganja, Susan Clunie, and Jason Moscattini for joining the Board.
- Councillor Chris Fonseca advised that several City staff members have joined the AGM to contribute, as needed.
- Additional off-leash dog park in Rockwood Village
  - There is currently an off-leash dog park at Garnetwood Park, which is very popular and crowded, and there was a request to investigate another one in Beechwood Park.
  - The City of Mississauga has a corporate policy and requirements around leash free zones. There must be at least one to two acres of land allocated for an off-leash park. There are other requirements for location, such as being located away from play structures and sports amenities and having a setback to surrounding homes. City staff investigated the possibility of having a dog park at Beechwood Park, but it is a smaller park compared to Garnetwood, so the feasibility of having an off-leash zone is insufficient. Staff are not recommending a leash free zone in Beechwood Park, however with the significant demand for additional off leash zones in Ward 3, Councillor Chris Fonseca raised the possibility of a smaller off leash park in the Rockwood or Fleetwood areas with Council and is committed to have City Staff address this, investigate strategies, and report back.
- Dog waste disposal
  - This question was raised by Rockwood residents and the RHA with requests for a dog waste disposal system on Shaver Trail as well as in Garnetwood Park near the leash free zone. Councillor Chris Fonseca made this request in Council and City Staff are very aware of the placement of the dog waste disposal systems in these areas. There is a program in place for this which was discussed at Council. The rollout of additional dog waste programs is slated for Spring 2023. Gavin Longmuir, Manager of Parks Operations for the City of Mississauga, added that the City is looking for a new vendor to take over the existing units they already have throughout the City but also look at additional sites along Shaver Trail and Garnetwood Park. Moreover, the dog waste systems need access throughout the year and not every site is ideal. Once they land on a vendor and the type of units they are going to use, then they would look at these sites and figure out if there could be new containers installed.
- Rathburn Road and Ponytrail Drive Integrated Road Project
  - Councillor Chris Fonseca introduced project leads Rory O'Sullivan, Transportation Project Engineer, and Marina Portugal, City Project Manager, from the City of Mississauga, to answer questions from residents. Marina Portugal is the most senior lead on the project for the detail and design phase, while Rory O'Sullivan was the most senior lead for the preliminary planning phase of the project.
  - *"This was supposed to be completed in 2019. The intersection of Rathburn and Ponytrail is disintegrating, and this was a temporary fix. Are there any reasons for delaying the start of the project, which are simply unacceptable?" – Richard Schwarz, RHA Board Member and resident*

- Councillor Chris Fonseca confirmed that the project is moving forward. The current work is temporary and looks terrible, but the project is not delayed. There is a lot happening now in 2022 and into 2023. Some refinements to the plan were requested and ignored (e.g., grass in the medians).
  - Parking will not be hindered, as well as bus routes. Rathburn Road East will continue to be a MiWay loop towards the creek. Once construction and project are complete, there still will be MiWay Transit provided at several stops along Rathburn Road East.
  - Rory O’Sullivan commented that the first engagement piece took place in 2019. 2022 was the target date/time for completion of this project. Unfortunately, they were not able to achieve this and apologized for the delay. Part of the reason for the delay was due to additional consultation that was not anticipated; however, they believe the delay helped with the overall planning and construction process.
  - Richard Schwarz replied that the community was guaranteed to have shoddy curbs and medians repaired by 2022, however this is now expected for 2023 and questioned the reason for the delay of repairs. Rory O’Sullivan apologized again for the delay, advising that the project is large and complex with many planning and design components to be considered, but the project construction will be starting in 2023.
  - Dale Biason asked if there are any plans for remediation on the asphalt that is crumbling near Rathburn Road East and Ponytrail Drive. Rory O’Sullivan confirmed that he will investigate this with the Works and Operations department to see if it can be temporarily repaired.
- Marina Portugal reported that currently the City is in the process of awarding contracts for a consultant to design the construction and administration. The intent for the project this year is to further develop the design, and undertake several investigations such as technical investigations, phase one ESA, and a foundation investigation for the noise walls. They will also be initiating the permits and approval process and attempt to initiate utility relocations. Some tasks are dependent on approvals from the utility companies. There is also a property requisition requirement for this project, and they are looking into fulfilling it for the noise walls. They are anticipating that the temporary package will be ready in Spring of 2023, and construction will commence in Summer of 2023.
  - Dale Biason inquired as to why the City is hiring more consultants for the design even though a final design was shown in January of 2021.
  - Marina Portugal replied that there was a designer for the conceptual design phase, however they still need to get technical designers for the project and many investigations still need to be completed. Currently all they have is the preferred conceptual designer.
  - Dale Biason will be in touch with Councillor Chris Fonseca’s office to voice the community’s concerns.
  - Mario Mancini and his wife expressed their disappointment with the project’s process and asked about tax relief, given that construction has not commenced on this project yet since its formal launch years ago.
- Dale Biason asked Marina Portugal about how the City is moving forward with the noise walls on Fieldgate Drive. Marina Portugal responded that the realty team is working with the condo corporations to obtain an agreement. They are hoping that negotiations for the agreement will be finalized by the end of 2022. However, Dale Biason questioned how they do not have a plan already this far into the project.

- Dale Biason mentioned that the project's website seems to conceal information within the Q&A section and suggested communicating with the community or Councillor directly on updates. Rory O'Sullivan will take Dale Biason's comments back regarding updating the website and posting updated information more clearly.
- Dale Biason also asked Marina Portugal to share their plans for medians along Rathburn Road so that it can be reviewed and shared with the community in the RHA's next newsletter.
- Other topics quickly covered by Councillor Chris Fonseca
  - Bike racks will be installed in Garnetwood Park shortly. There are also four inverted u-bike parking units installed with the splash pad, so it is currently possible to park bikes already.
  - Councillor Chris Fonseca will send a response regarding the Garnetwood Park washrooms being vandalized to the RHA, in the interest of time.
  - Waste bins along Trail 11 will be put in place.
  - Councillor Chris Fonseca will forward her response regarding sidewalks to the RHA to send to the appropriate residents who asked questions about it.
  - Councillor Chris Fonseca confirmed that trees in the area sprayed with an "X" are marked for pruning, not removal.
  - Councillor Chris Fonseca congratulated the RHA for creating a new community signage. Staff are aware of where the signage will be installed and can send the information to the RHA to forward along to residents.
  - For all other questions or discussions, Councillor Chris Fonseca is happy to follow-up directly with the RHA or individual residents or connect staff to the other questions that were put forward.

### 13. Q & A for Councillor Chris Fonseca

- As the AGM ran longer than anticipated, Iris Schweiger advised residents to insert their questions in the chat on Zoom to get answers after the meeting. Questions that have not been answered in the process of the meeting will be followed up directly by the RHA.
- Councillor Chris Fonseca will investigate filling potholes on Rathburn Road East and removing asphalt debris by the end of 2022, as per a question from resident Peter Schweiger. She will also address how the area can be beautified in the meantime.
- The Councillor also confirmed that the Rathburn Road and Ponytrail Drive Integrated Road Project is not being delayed due to the pending construction by Lormel Homes on Rathburn Road East, as it does not have anything to do with it.

### 14. Closing Comments

- Dale Biason thanked all City staff, presenters, and residents for attending the AGM.
- Dale Biason asked residents in attendance to send any further questions to the RHA's email at [rha.executive@gmail.com](mailto:rha.executive@gmail.com).
  - A follow-up question from Randy Rason will be emailed to the RHA to be addressed by Councillor Chris Fonseca and/or City staff.

### 15. Adjournment

- Dale Biason motioned to adjourn the meeting.
- Moved by Sumit Kapur and seconded by Lisa Portolese. **Carried.**