



**Rockwood Homeowners' Association
2023 Annual General Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2023 at 7 PM
Zoom Video Conference**

1. Welcome

- Iris Schweiger, Secretary of the Association welcomed those present and advised some housekeeping items.
 - The meeting would be recorded
 - Only RHA Board and guests will be seen on the screen. All other attendees would be muted and their video would be off.
 - Questions were to be written in the chat. Questions not addressed at the meeting would be followed up within a week's time.
 - Please be respectful
 - Some voting will be by raising of hands and other items would be voted on by a poll on the screen. Results of the polls would be displayed.
- Dale Biason, President, welcomed those present.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

- Dale Biason called for a motion to adopt the agenda for the 2023 AGM as posted on the rockwoodvillage.ca website.
- Moved by Jason Haraschuk and seconded by Jason Moscattini. The motion was carried.

3. Disclosure of Real or Perceived Conflict of Interest

- Dale Biason 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 4, 2022

- Dale Biason advised that the minutes for the May 4, 2022 meeting had been posted on the RHA website and called for a motion to accept the minutes as written.
- Moved by Peter Schweiger and seconded by Jason Moscattini.
- The motion was carried.

5. Treasurer's Report

- Frank Medoro, Treasurer reported on the following:
 - Fiscal 2022-23, which ends on June 30, 2023, opening balance was \$6,723.85.
 - As of May 4th, 2023 the RHA bank account balance was \$10,460.70 with no receivables or payables outstanding.
 - Loss of revenue from 2022 was \$730 due to increased costs for printing and delivery of the RHA newsletter. A search was conducted for alternate sources however it has been determined that the Association is getting the best price possible.
 - Membership fees collected were in the amount of \$1,625. The annual

- request for membership fees would be sent in the coming week. A confirmation would be sent to members who have already paid for the 23/24 membership year.
- This year memberships will be offered to as many people in one household, over the age of 18, who would like to hold a membership. Only paid members are able to vote.
- The RHA is in the process of cleaning up the membership files and advised those present that the RHA needs to ensure that they have the correct name and contact information for each member. It is important to know who is sending an e-transfer and requesting membership and so names and email addresses should be included on the notes in the e-transfer.
- Frank Medoro stated that in 21/22 donations had been given to the Canadian Red Cross in the amount of \$500, Mississauga Food Bank in the amount of \$500 and in 22/23 to the Mississauga Food Bank in the amount of \$1,000.
- A resident, Rudy Fischbach, asked if there had been any thought given to only having an electronic newsletter. Dale Biason advised that the RHA would not receive the advertisement revenue if the distribution was restricted to the email mailing list of approximately 500 people that the RHA holds. Currently the newsletter is hand delivered to 3,000 households.
- A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report, moved by Rudy Fischbacher and seconded by a participant identified as Judy G. The motion was carried.

6. Miscellaneous Business

- **Updates to the RHA Constitution**

- Susan Clunie, Director, advised that due to the Ontario Not for Profit Corporations Act certain changes needed to be made to the current constitution. The changes included the following:
 - Section I Membership updated for clarity to include renters, homeowners, those living in apartments, single family dwellings or multi unit homes. The second change required the addition of the process to review complaints of Directors on the Board to be removed if they are found not to be acting in the best interests of the Association and the Community.
 - Section II Officers amended to change the title of the Executive Director to Vice President.
 - Section V General Meetings The title of this section has been changed to Meetings as it includes different types of meetings held by the Association. Voting by proxies, by mail, telephone and/or electronic means if deemed appropriate by the Directors prior to the Annual Meeting has been added. This section also outlines what an ordinary resolution is and how they are approved by the Members as well as what special resolutions are and how they are approved by the Members.
 - Section VI Books and Records Updated to allow for an independent trusted member outside of the Board to review the Books and Records of the Association. The Association has always kept the financial records of the Association as well as minutes of the Meetings of the Board and the Annual Meeting of the Association. Members are entitled to review details of these financial records and minutes upon request.
- A motion to accept the changes as outlined was moved by Jason Haraschuk and seconded by Lisa Mudie. The motion was carried.
- A motion to change the name of the Constitution to the RHA Constitution Revised 2023 and that it be posted on the rockwoodvillage.ca website was moved by Susan Clunie and seconded by Megan McGowan. The motion was carried.

- **Election of the Board**

- Sumit Kapur, Director, advised that the new Constitution required the election of 3 Officers, a President, Vice President and Treasurer, to be elected for a two year term. Candidates must have been on the Board for a minimum of 2 years to be eligible. The term of the President and the Treasurer has ended and they have both agreed to stay on for another term. The position of Vice President is new and the Board has nominated Angela Loconte.
- Dale Biason, President and Frank Medoro, Treasurer, are standing for re-election. A motion made by Susan Clunie and seconded by Iris Schweiger to elect Dale Biason for President and Frank Medoro for Treasurer was put forth. The motion was carried.
- A motion to elect Angela Loconte to the position of Vice President was made by Dale Biason and seconded by Frank Medoro. The motion was carried.
- Those present were advised that the Constitution also provides for eight Directors. This year three active Directors would stand for re-election and three others would be re-elected next year.
- In a motion made by Jason Moscattini and seconded by Susan Clunie to re-elect Iris Schweiger, Sumit Kapur and Richard Schwartz for another two year term. The motion was carried.

- **Call for New Directors**

- Dale Biason advised that two Directors, Kim Lulham and Lisa Portolese had resigned from the Board. Ms. Biason advised those present that the Board is looking for two new members to fill the vacancies. She advised that the Board was looking for new directors who had an interest in how municipal and provincial matters affect our community and believe that our community voice should be heard. The only requirement is that the new members have an interest in keeping Rockwood Village the most desirable east Mississauga neighborhood. Ms. Biason advised that the Board has many issues to pursue and that new members are required to assist with the workload.
- Following this request the following motion was made:
 - The names of Rudy Fischbacher and Michael Szczur have been brought to the floor as Directors, moved by Dale Biason and seconded by Sumit Kapur. The motion was carried.
 - Dale Biason welcomed both Rudy and Michael to the Board.

- **Name Change of the Association**

- Angela Loconte advised those present that a proposal to change the name of the Association from Rockwood Homeowners' Association to Rockwood Residents' Association had been made two years ago. Due to a lack of information of the cost and what would be required to officially change the name the proposal was not approved at the AGM in 2022. The Board revisited the proposal this past year and determined that the cost was minimal and that the legal requirements were manageable. Therefore, the Board was recommending that the name of the association be changed and that the membership vote on the new name at the 2023 AGM. To change the name a vote in favour of the new name needed a 2/3rd majority of those present to be passed.
- A resident, Laura Fieldhouse asked if the newly elected signage would need to be changed. It as noted that the signs don't have the association's name on them.
- Angela Loconte moved a motion seconded by Nicole Danesi that the association name be changed to the Rockwood Residents' Association. The motion was carried unanimously.

- Angela Loconte made a motion that was seconded by Frank Medoro to make the necessary changes to the Name in the Constitution and all other records of the association. The motion was carried.

- **Guest Speakers**

- Frank Medoro introduced the Keynote Speaker for the meeting, the Honorable Member of Provincial Parliament, Kaleed Rasheed. Mr. Rasheed has been asked to address some questions on Bill 23 and 124.

Bill 124

Question 1 Why is the Provincial Government spending more taxpayers money appealing the court's decision that Bill 124 was unconstitutional?

Answer This issue is before the court right now and so I am unable to respond.

Question 2 How does the Provincial Government defend the surplus in the budget for health when there is such a shortfall in Nurses in hospitals? Advising that opening up 30,000 educational spots does not help the situation if just as many qualified nurses are leaving the profession due to being underpaid and not valued as a profession. Bill 124 exempted paramedics, firefighters etc. but targeted much-needed nursing professionals.

Answer During the pandemic nurses were given a \$5,000 bonus. The large number of immigrants in Ontario has driven up the usage of health care services. The government is supporting the building of newly built and additions being added to Credit Valley Hospital, Mississauga Hospital and Essex. Doctors from other provinces can now come to Ontario to work. Seven hundred and fifty beds have been added to Long Term Care facilities. The government will continue to work with the health care system.

Bill 23 More Homes Built Faster Act

Question 1 Bill 23 appears to be usurping the powers of city planners and gives developers the funds that are normally paid to the municipalities to fund infrastructure and local initiatives. The result will be higher property taxes, and increased water bills. How do you defend this Bill?

Answer The government is currently working with the municipal partners to find ways to ensure 1.5 million homes can be built over the next ten years across the province. There will be no development charges on affordable housing. Four hundred thousand immigrants will be coming into Ontario over the next ten years. Today the government announced that an auditor had been appointed to determine if Mississauga could become a city of its own and not part of the Region of Peel.

Question 2 While the goal of Bill 23 is to build 1.5 million homes in ten years, there is no guarantee that they will be affordable. What is the Provincial plan to make an impact on affordable housing?

Answer When more homes are in the market place the economics of supply and demand will ensure that homes become more affordable.

Question 3 We live in a quiet established suburban neighbourhood. The thought that our next door neighbour will build a garden home in his backyard, or turn his house into a triplex, or worse, a multiplex, has may frightened that our community will be turned into an urban nightmare. What measures are in place to protect the suburban dream that we paid for?

Answer The province issues the guidelines and each municipality issues the permits.

Question 4 The city estimates an 8-10% increase in property taxes or \$500 on a \$750,000 home plus an additional \$180 added to water bills, to maintain our current levels of services, programs and infrastructure. How will the Province ensure that our community can still afford to live in our investment with these additional costs?

Answer There is no correlation to Bill 124 and property taxes. We will continue to work with municipalities and that is the body that makes the decisions on property taxes.

Question 5 Our police department cannot currently keep up with the needs of the community. If the Region needs to reduce the Police Budget due to lost revenue, how will your government ensure that the citizens have more than the bare minimum of service that we currently have?

Answer The Region hasn't reduced the policing budget. The province knows that we need more police and so has reduced the educational requirements for recruits. The province just announced an additional \$51million for policing.

Question 6 Your office was instrumental in assisting us reaching the Alcohol and Gaming Commission. Although the city has approved moving the Delta Bingo Hall into Rockwood Mall, so far there is no potential for casino style gaming and alcohol. Do we have your support in ensuring that a casino does not wind up in our backyards?

Answer While the licence comes from the Province, the decision lies with the Municipality to issue the permit.

Dale Biason thanked MPP Rasheed on behalf of the Rockwood Community for sharing his time with those present.

- **Superintendent Robert Higgs, Constable Wendy Armitage**
 - Jason Moscatinni, Director introduced the next speaker, Constable Wendy Armitage from Peel Regional Police. Constable Armitage advised that Superintendent Robert Higgs was unable to attend. Jason Moscatinni stated that last summer the RHA shared an evening with Spt. Higgs and he provided a lot of insight on why police response is slower than we expect, too many calls, and not enough police persons.
 - Jason Moscatinni introduced a neighbour of his, identified as Bronco, to speak about this experience with the theft of two of his cars over an eight-month period and the lack of response from the police. Bronco had also spoken to Mayor Crombie about his concerns. Bronco feels that the "catch and release" program by the police is not working. Bronco now goes to the trouble every night of disconnecting the batteries and using clubs in his cars. Jason Moscatinni advised that we had been told that there would be a greater police presence in the community however that has not been the case.
 - Jason Moscatinni stated that at the August meeting the RHA had been advised that Garnetwood Park could be a spot where police officers could do their paperwork. We have not noticed this happening. With the bingo hall coming into the Rockwood Mall, police presence in our neighbourhood is of an even bigger concern.
 - We are still getting complaints about racing along the Rathburn East and Fieldgate north of Bough Beeches. Is it not possible to target these areas every now and then late at night? We have not noticed the bicycle patrol is this just random?

There was a recent notice that a sex offender was being released. Jason Moscatinni asked who gets these notifications from Peel Police and why we are not on the list.

Answer Constable Armitage stated that her job is to receive complaints and that she tries to let the Officers on the road know where the hot spots are. Most Officers don't get lunch. They need more Officers to be more effective. Bike patrols begin in May and there should be a greater police presence noted then. She cannot speak to the catch and release policy. Constable Armitage stated that she was not aware of the sex offender release and she would look into that. If residents want to contact Constable Armitage they can send an email to 3649@peelpolice.ca.

- **Question** Dale Biason noted that the RHA does not get updates on issues from Peel Police although we have asked to be on their mailing list a number of times. Issues that are brought to Constable Armitage's attention are not updated to the RHA.
- **Answer** Constable Armitage says that she reaches out to the victims and does not comment on their discussions with outside parties. She reported that the doorknocker issue is still being investigated.
- Dale Biason thanked the Constable for attending the meeting.

- **Christine Fonseca, Councillor**

- Dale Biason apologized to the City of Mississauga guests for the long wait to get to their agenda items and thanked Councillor Fonseca for being so supportive of the RHA by attending our Annual General Meetings regularly.
- **Question** Dale Biason stated that many of the community residents were surprised by Councillor Fonseca's vote to allow the Delta Bingo hall to relocate to the Rockwood Mall and asked her to tell those present the reasons for her vote.
- **Answer** Councillor Fonseca stated that she had been blindsided by the proposal from Delta Bingo Hall to relocate in the Rockwood Mall. Upon finding out about it from the RHA she worked to get the facts about the relocation. Two town halls were held to hear directly from residents, she connected with the Alcohol and Gaming Commission, with the Delta Bingo Hall Board, the Charities that are involved. She advised that only the Board of the Charities can approve the serving of alcohol and that they have the right to not allow Delta the opportunity to install casino type games. The Board does not want either alcohol served or casino type games at the Rockwood location. This relocation allows the charities that benefit from the bingo hall to increase their fundraising and the charities support many initiatives in the Rockwood Village and Mississauga area. Councillor Fonseca stated that Charity bingo is very different from Casino games.
- **Question** Jason Moscatinni stated that many community members are upset with her vote and feel that the bingo hall is exploiting some of the most vulnerable people in our community.
- **Answer** Councillor Fonseca stated the people can voice their displeasure but she is committed to working with everyone in the community. She has committed to having a road traffic study done at the mall and that she will hold Delta Bingo to their commitments.

- **Ponytrail and Rathburn Update – Marcela Colangelo**

- **Question** City Representative Marcela Colangelo was asked to give an update on the project.
- **Answer** Ms. Colangelo advised that the project funding had been approved. June 5th is the tender date, closing on June 24th. It will take a few weeks to choose a contractor. Construction is envisioned to begin July 26th for two construction

periods. There is no stipulated end date. A notice will be sent to the residents in the area to share the scope of the work, phases of construction and the time lines. Noise walls were in the process of being installed and this work is progressing as anticipated. She was pleased to hear that the association is happy with the changes to the boulevard plantings.

- **Update on Burnhamthorpe Community Centre – Greg Socha**

- **Question** City Representative Mr. Socha was asked when the Burnhamthorpe Community Centre would reopen and what amenities there would be?
- **Answer** Greg Socha advised that the indoor rink would reopen in September 2023. The fitness centre and exercise studio will open in November 2023 with drop in programs available. In January 2024 memberships will begin and classes will be up on the Active Mississauga website for registration. The official opening will be in April 2024.
- Fees for the 12 month fitness memberships will be \$42.00 per month for those people that are 18 years to 54 years and \$34.00 per month for those 55 plus.
- Ages 10 to 17 or those with a disability will be \$34.00 per month.

- **Christine Fonseca, Councillor**

- **Bill 23**
- Under Bill 23, the city cannot decline garden homes and up to 3 units in a house; however, the city sets the zoning regulations and therefore can ensure that garden homes and additions to a house adhere to the regulations. Otherwise, they would need to go to the Committee of Adjustments for approval.
- Zoning regulations will work across all communities and contain setbacks, size of space required, height size, parking etc.
- The City will do community consultation on the zoning by-laws.
- Councillor Fonseca acknowledged that water and waste water would not be a significant change with addition of the housing but that parking may be an issue.
- Councillor Fonseca suggested that the RHA invite Kaleed Rasheed, MPP and herself to a forum to discuss which level of government is responsible for the various items under Bill 23.
- **Telecommunication**
- Councillor Fonseca stated that telecommunication is a Federal process not a municipal one.
- There is a checklist and criteria that the telecommunication companies must adhere to, including public consultation.
- The local Councillor and MP can provide their direct input into the process and the MP, Peter Fonseca has spoken to the Minister about the undesirable location of the tower.
- They will ask that the consultation period be extended and that alternative sites be considered. The preferred location of towers is on top of buildings not on poles next to neighbouring homes and schools.
- **Police Force Funding**
- Councillor Fonseca stated that the Region of Peel had allocated \$524M in its annual budget for policing.
- There were updates in Councillor Fonseca's email broadcast regarding the police town hall to advise residents of it occurring.

- **Cannabis Stores**
 - Councillor Fonseca stated that the City had originally voted against having cannabis stores in the city however, they will be allowed now. The city does not have a say in where they are located. She will pass on the links to the process and authority that the Province has for where they will be allowed to go.
- Dale BIASON thanked Chris Fonseca for attending the meeting and supporting the Rockwood Homeowners Association. She also thanked the members of the staff who attended the meeting and provided the information on their areas of expertise. Ms. BIASON advised that answers to questions that we had not had time for during the meeting would be put up on the association's website for residents to review.
- **Adjournment**
 - Upon a motion moved by Sumit Kapur and seconded by Frank Medoro the meeting was adjourned at 9:41pm.