



Rockwood Homeowners' Association (RHA) 2018 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 7:00 PM

Meeting Chair: Joe Silva, *Rockwood Homeowners' Association President*

Knights of Columbus Hall, 1870 Burnhamthorpe Rd. E., Mississauga, ON L4X 2S5

- Item One** Introductions
- Meeting begins at 7:08 PM.
 - Joe Silva welcomes residents for attending the meeting and reminds those holding a yellow ballot card that they have the ability to cast their vote on the RHA's elections and changes to the constitution.
- Item Two** Acceptance of Previous Minutes
- Joe Silva reviews the RHA's 2017 AGM minutes and reminds residents that copies of the minutes are available at the registration desk.
 - Motion to accept previous minutes moved by Jason Haraschuk and seconded by Dale Biason.
 - **Note:** *Item 9 was discussed prior to Item 8 as Mayor Bonnie Crombie was late arriving from another commitment.*
- Item Three** Treasurer's Report
- \$2341.51 currently sits in the RHA's bank account as of May 16, 2018.
 - \$317.50 is in receivables, which excludes any registrations from the 2018 AGM.
 - \$180.00 is in payables for the rental of the hall in order to hold the AGM.
- Item Four** Review of Accomplishments in 2017/18
- Dale Biason provides a brief description of the RHA's accomplishments since last year's AGM, such as:
 - Encouraging the City of Mississauga to upgrade some of Rockwood's parks, including Garnetwood and Beechwood Park.
 - Joining forces with the Community Alliance Air Safety (CAAS) to raise awareness for increased air traffic in Rockwood Village, halt any additional air traffic going over the community and advocate for safe aviation practices at the Toronto Pearson International Airport.
 - Attended council meetings for the Forest Park development and obtained approval by city council for funding of certain projects around the community as opposed to only being used for the Forest Park development.
 - Met with Ward 3 City Councillor Chris Fonseca and representatives from the City of Mississauga's traffic department to discuss traffic issues in Rockwood Village.

- Attended meetings and a walking audit for the City of Mississauga's [Reimagining the Mall](#) project to discuss concerns and develop policies for the potential redevelopment of Rockwood Mall and its surrounding area.
- Attended all sessions for the [Dundas Connects](#) project and voiced concerns regarding the development and intensification of the Dundas Street corridor which may affect Rockwood Village.
- Guided and followed the development of construction along Burnhamthorpe Road East.
- Followed any developments of stacked townhomes in and around the community.
- Got involved in garbage collection issues in Rockwood's townhouse complexes. Residents were also encouraged to voice their concerns.
- Dale Biason mentions that funding is tight for the RHA between the cost of running the AGM (\$300), hosting a website, updating social media, printing newsletters, stationary and bank fees. Dale appealed for funding by asking residents to pay their annual dues of \$10.00 (via cheque or e-transfer) to help the RHA continue their work.

Item Five Devolvement of Board of Directors

- Joe Silva motioned to devolve the current RHA Board of Directors in order to elect this year's Directors.
- Moved by resident Sherry Irwin and seconded by resident Ola Cariane.

Item Six 2018/19 Rockwood Homeowners' Association Board of Director Elections

- Joe Silva urged Rockwood residents to join the RHA's Board of Directors. Jason Haraschuk mentioned that joining the board involves a small commitment of attending meetings each month from September to June. Attending external meetings are also encouraged.
- Jason Haraschuk nominates Joe Silva for the role of President of the Rockwood Homeowners' Association 2018/19 Board of Directors. Joe Silva accepted the nomination.
- Jason Haraschuk announced that Lisa Portolese, former RHA Vice-President, will not be running for re-election this year. Jason Haraschuk nominates Dale Biason for the role of Vice-President of the Rockwood Homeowners' Association 2018/19 Board of Directors. Dale Biason accepted the nomination.
- Jason Haraschuk nominates Valerie Thomson for the role of Treasurer of the Rockwood Homeowners' Association 2018/19 Board of Directors. Valerie Thomson accepted the nomination.
- Jason Haraschuk nominates Kimberly Lulham for the role of Secretary of the Rockwood Homeowners' Association 2018/19 Board of Directors. Kimberly Lulham accepted the nomination.
- Jason Haraschuk announced that Nicole Danesi will be stepping down as Director, leaving Jason Haraschuk, Leszek Pisarek and Frank Medoro as the remaining Directors. All were voted into the Rockwood Homeowners' Association 2018/19 Board of Directors. Joe Silva added that the RHA may need a Social Media Director should Nicole Danesi step down as a volunteer in the following year.
- Jason Harashuk asked residents in attendance to join the RHA.
 - Richard Schwartz, a resident of Rockwood Village, volunteers to be Director.
 - Linda Collins, a resident of Rockwood Village, volunteers to be Director.

- Katherine Mason, a resident of Rockwood Village, volunteers to be Director.
- Jason Haraschuk nominates and congratulates Richard Schwartz, Linda Collins and Katherine Mason as newly appointed members of the Rockwood Homeowners' Association 2018/19 Board of Directors.

- Item Seven** Updates to the Rockwood Homeowners' Association Constitution
- Joe Silva reviews the changes to the Rockwood Homeowners' Association Constitution script as follows:

Changes to the Constitution Script

The RHA Board would like to do a little housekeeping in terms of cleaning up the constitution. There are three items which are currently in effect but not reflected in the constitution. As changes to the constitution can only be done at the General Meeting of the Association we are bringing these items to you, the membership, to vote on them. If ratified, they will then be incorporated into the constitution.

Item 1. The treasurer role currently includes the role of Membership Secretary. We therefore want to remove the two secretary roles and replace with one General Secretary. The constitution currently reads:

Article III. Officers

A. The officers of the association shall be elected to one year term by those present at a duly called and constituted annual general meeting of the association and shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Treasurer, a Recording Secretary, and a Membership Secretary and, with The Directors, shall be collectively known as the association's Executive Board.

Be it moved to delete the office of Recording Secretary, and Membership Secretary and replace with the office of Secretary.

Moved by Joe Silva, seconded by Dale. With all members in favour and having voted to accept the motion, it was moved that Article VIII, item 4 be added to the constitution as follows:

VIII. Amendments:

4. The officers of the association shall be elected to one-year term by those present at a duly called and constituted annual general meeting of the association and shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and, with The Directors, shall be collectively known as the association's Executive Board.

Moved by Joe Silva and seconded by Dale Biason. The motion was accepted and carried by all members in favour.

Item 2. Although the constitution currently states that the AGM will be held in the fall, for the past several years, we have been holding it in the spring. This amendment is to correct the timing of the AGM which currently reads:

Article V. General Meetings:

A. The annual general meeting of the association shall be held approximately every twelve months in the Fall of each year on a date agreed upon by the Executive Board

Be it moved that the annual general meeting will be held in Spring of each year.

- ▶ *A resident suggested that the wording in the Constitution should be changed to reflect that meetings will shall be conducted during the year and the date may change at the discretion of the Board.*

Moved by Larry Charbonneau and seconded by Janet Charbonneau. With the motion having been passed by all members it is moved that Article VIII, item 5 be added to the constitution as follows:

5. The annual general meeting of the association shall be held approximately every twelve months in the Spring of each year on a date agreed upon by the Executive Board

Item 3 reflects changes that were made by the Executive Board in June 2013 but were not changed in the constitution. This amendment will change the date of the year end to June and will correspond with our AGM. The current clause reads as follows:

Article VI. General Meeting

D. The fiscal year of the association shall terminate on the last day of September in each year or such other day as determined by resolution of the Executive Board.

Be it moved that the fiscal year end will be the last day of June.

Moved by Joe Silva and seconded by Larry Charbonneau. With all members in favour and the motion having been passed it is moved that Article VIII, item 6 be added to the constitution as follows:

6. The fiscal year of the association shall terminate on the last day of June in each year or such other day as determined by resolution of the Executive Board.

Joe motioned to amend the text of the constitution to reflect the changes as ratified on May 16th, 2018.

The motion was moved by Joe Silva and seconded by Dale. All members also accepted.

Item Eight

Updates from Mayor Bonnie Crombie

- Mayor Crombie updated residents on some current developments in the City of Mississauga, such as the following:
 - Three Councillors will not be returning to Council or running for re-election in the 2018 municipal elections: former Councillor Jim Tovey (now deceased), David Cooke (Ward 1 Interim Councillor for Jim Tovey) and Ward 7 Councillor Nando Iannicca. Ward 6's Councillor position will also be open as the Ward's current Councillor, Ron Starr, will be running as Regional Chair. Therefore, Mayor Crombie strongly encouraged residents to vote in the municipal elections on October 22, 2018.
 - The City of Mississauga has launched a campaign called Mississauga Matters in an effort to increase awareness of Mississauga's rapid growth and partner with provincial/political parties and stakeholders to invest in the city. In doing so, Mayor Crombie hopes to fund important infrastructure commitments, such as revitalizing Trillium Hospital, funding the city's LRT project along Hurontario Street (even though it is currently being designed, funded and engineered by Metrolinx). Many development commitments are also underway in Mississauga's downtown core of Mississauga (with 22 towers being built in this area) and in the city's waterfront area as 67 acres have been returned to the city by the government to develop the area. Mayor Crombie voiced her concerns regarding the newly elected parties interests to cut back on this project and urged residents to consider the city's commitments when casting their vote in the provincial election. A Mississauga Matters Provincial Election Debate will be held on May 17, 2018 to discuss these issues with representatives from the Green, New Democratic, Liberal and Conservative parties in attendance as well as Mayor Crombie herself.
 - Mayor Crombie reported that the City of Mississauga has received little support from the Toronto Pearson International Airport despite its exponential growth in recent years. With the airport growing 6% a year and having grown 32% in the last year (44 million passengers used the airport in the past year alone), the airport is planning to grow and expand its access to transit such as the LRT, Eglinton Crosstown, buses, etc. However, Mayor Crombie reports that the airport is not willing to abide by the City of Mississauga's rules or codes. Instead, the airport is purchasing land near the airport, of which only federal rules apply, and is therefore avoiding paying the city's property tax. Affiliated companies such as Bombardier are also following suit by relocating to the airport. Mayor Crombie hopes that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will help these companies become more involved with the City of Mississauga. She also hopes that with former Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion's nomination into the Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA) Board of Directors, the GTAA will increase their communication and partnership with the City of Mississauga and move towards more positive changes.
 - During the question and answer period, Mayor Crombie discussed her belief that Mississauga should separate from the Peel Region even though each city within the Region (Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon) are undergoing growth. A resident also raised concerns of recent break-ins in

the community, especially around the apartments where the Forest Park development will be taking place. Mayor Crombie advised that she will have to discuss this issue with the province to figure out a solution. Finally, another resident also asked about taxes, debating that that residents are being charged 4.6% whereas Mayor Crombie mentions it is currently at a rate of 2.7%. Mayor Crombie stood by the current tax rate by mentioning that the city has been saving \$3 million through taxes.

Item Nine

Updates from Ward 3 City Councillor Chris Fonseca

- Joe Silva moved Item Nine: Updates from Councillor Chris Fonseca ahead of Item Eight: Updates from Mayor Bonnie Crombie as the Mayor was late arriving to the AGM.
- Councillor Fonseca thanks the RHA's board of directors and residents for helping to represent the community by attending meetings, partaking in events and for providing necessary feedback through GTAA, CENAC and other meetings.
- Councillor Fonseca updated residents on some current developments in Rockwood Village/Ward 3 such as the following:
 - Councillor Fonseca reiterates that the Reimagining the Mall project will take some time, however the project has received great feedback from the community through a recent walking audit.
 - In regards to traffic calming, close to 600 streets in Mississauga have put in requests for traffic calming measures, including some in Rockwood. A budget for traffic calming initiatives have been put in place by the City of Mississauga and there's a certain set of criteria that streets need to meet before traffic calming measures can be approved. Moreover, traffic calming is typically delivered in phases, which may include installing raised cushions and crosswalks. Currently, the city is looking into adding more to the budget for these requests. 57 streets in Ward 3 have been approved, such as Fieldgate Drive and Bough Beeches Boulevard, which is partly as a result of residents' feedback to city staff. Moreover, the city is looking into turning the hydro corridor running north and south between Bough Beeches Boulevard and Fieldgate Drive into a pedestrian and multi-use trail to mitigate traffic. However, traffic calming staff and hydro corridor owners will need to be in contact with Saints Martha & Mary Separate School before this could happen. Councillor Fonseca mentioned that she would keep her website up to date with these developments and will include contact information for Colin Patterson, a Road Safety Supervisor for the City of Mississauga who is responsible for developments in the area.
 - Councillor Fonseca says that more updates will be coming along the Shaver Trail as well as Garnetwood Park through funding obtained from the Forest Park development.
 - Councillor Fonseca reported that the field along the hydro corridor near Audubon Boulevard will be cleared by the end of May 2018.
 - Councillor Fonseca mentioned that although the City of Mississauga has never had mid-block crossings, the city is now developing a mid-block intersection in the community. Since the distance on blocks are large in the city, they have approved a mid-block intersection pilot project where pedestrians could cross mid-block, one of which will be at the hydro corridor on Burnhamthorpe Road East between Ponytrail Drive and

Fieldgate Drive.

- Councillor Fonseca discussed waste disposal proposals in Rockwood's townhouse complexes. Petitions have been created by 7-8 complexes to be presented at a Waste Management Council meeting on May 17, 2018. Councillor Fonseca intends to request that the proposition be put on hold and will ask for this idea to be stopped.
- As Etobicoke Creek experienced a lot of debris from a recent storm, the Councillor received many questions about cleaning up the creek. As a result, an emergency plan was put in place to clean up branches and other safety concerns along the trail/creek. There are also community clean-ups, especially on Earth Day in Fleetwood and Garnetwood Parks or an annual cleaning led by the Councillor's staff. Residents can reach out to Councillor Fonseca to help organize a clean-up through her office should any be needed.
- Updates to Garnetwood Park include washrooms (officially opening on May 19, 2018), a water fountain, bike station and modified grading in the park to meet accessibility standards.
- Councillor Fonseca reports that construction along the Burnhamthorpe Road East and Ponytrail Drive is moving along. Reconstruction of these roads includes the addition of rain gardens and swails, especially due to flooding in recent years and expanding the turning lane going southwest onto Ponytrail drive. Along the creek area, there will also be a bridge added for bikes and pedestrians so that the sidewalk is further away from the road to ensure their safety. The city has also been asked to continue communicating these updates to residents.
- Councillor Fonseca received emails regarding sod and property damage along Bough Beeches Boulevard, Maple Ridge Drive and Garnetwood Chase all throughout the winter. She recommended that winter maintenance crew have better practices in place when it comes to sidewalk plowing. The city will be having a winter maintenance review in June 2018 to discuss the width of sidewalks and creating a sod replacement schedule.

Item Ten

Updates from Mark Kuess of Community Alliance for Air Safety (CAAS): Airport issues and CAAS accomplishments

- Mark Kuess, a member of CAAS, reported that the alliance has identified more than 20 serious concerns at the airport (such as near misses) and continues to challenge safety and noise issues caused by the airport. For example, a young man was killed on the tarmac two years ago and Air Canada is now being sued.
- Industry experts, pilots, air traffic controllers, transportation safety board have all been involved in CAAS meetings and airport unions are interested in CAAS.
- Among challenging safety and noise issues produced by the airport, CAAS is also advocating for the airport's transparency. For example, the federal government started reducing costs at Transport Canada to police themselves 15 years ago and their lease is actually owned by the Queen (currently represented by the Minister of Transport, Marc Garneau) and the airport. However, CAAS discovered that no one can find the paperwork for the operational changes happening at the airport and they are working to get answers from Transport Canada who are not enforcing rules.
- Mark Kuess urged residents to pick up a flyer at the registration desk to learn more

about the alliance, follow CAAS on social media for updates and also hold Nav Canada, Transport Canada and the GTAA accountable for their actions before another tragedy occurs. Should residents wish to donate to the alliance, CAAS has a GoFundMe page to fund their initiatives.

Item Eleven Closing Remarks and Adjournment

- Joe Silva thanks residents for attending the AGM and for their patience. Joe Silva also advised residents in attendance that as MPP Dipika Damerla is also in attendance and we were not able to fit her into our schedule, residents may speak with her and other keynote speakers following the AGM.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:18 PM.
- Moved by Joe Silva and seconded by Val Thomson.

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