



## **Rockwood Homeowners' Association (RHA) 2019 Annual General Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, May 22, 2019 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** Introduction from the Meeting Chair
- Meeting begins at 7:01 PM.
  - Joe Silva introduces himself, the RHA's current directors and welcomes guests for attending the 2019 Annual General Meeting (AGM). Joe Silva extends his gratitude on behalf of the RHA to Nicole Danesi for volunteering to create and maintain the RHA's website and social media sites and Victoria Danesi for volunteering her time and audio equipment.
  - Joe Silva reminds guests that elections for the 2019-2020 Rockwood Homeowners' Association Board of Director will be taking place during the AGM.
  - Joe Silva reminds guests that only registered homeowners are eligible to vote during the AGM with the use of their yellow ballot card and that any questions asked during the Question & Answer period must be kept short and concise due to time constraints.
  - Joe Silva also welcomes the AGM's three speakers on the agenda: Mayor Bonnie Crombie, Mark Kuess from the Community Alliance for Air Safety (CAAS) and Ward 3 City Councillor Chris Fonseca.
- Item Two** Acceptance of previous Annual General Meeting minutes
- Joe Silva calls a motion to adopt the minutes from the RHA's 2018 AGM. The motion was moved by Dale Biason and seconded by Wayne Gilbert.
- Item Three** Disclosure of real or perceived conflict of interest
- Joe Silva asks if there is any real or perceived conflict of interest among the directors and residents in attendance. No real or perceived conflict of interested was disclosed.
- Item Three** Treasurer's report
- Val Thomson delivered the Treasurer's report which included the RHA's opening balance, income for the past year and closing balance.
  - Joe Silva asks for a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was moved by Jason Haraschuk and Graham Skills.

#### Item Four

##### Updates from Mayor Bonnie Crombie

- Joe Silva welcomes Mayor Bonnie Crombie to the RHA's 2019 AGM to update residents in attendance.
- Mayor Bonnie Crombie shares that the results of the Ernst and Young Report regarding the Regional Governance review was received by the city on May 21, 2019. The report confirms that Mississauga would save \$84 million annually through dissolution from the Peel Region and separating from the City of Brampton and Town of Caledon. There would be some transition costs associated with the dissolution (\$40 million, which would be covered by the initial \$84 million savings) however Mississauga could save up to \$840 million within 10 years and up to a billion dollars in other savings by becoming a single-tier city. Moreover, The City of Mississauga would also have to assume a debt of \$1 billion against assets of \$9 billion, which includes 122 public housing mortgages that would be paid off over time. There would be no financial compensation for the City of Brampton and Town of Caledon and taxes may rise for these cities.
- Mayor Bonnie Crombie provided residents with some history behind Mississauga's movement to separate from the region, which dates back to 2003-2004 when Former Mayor Hazel McCallion advocated for Mississauga to be one city instead of being intertwined with other cities. At the time, Mississauga was spending \$32-40 million to fund the Peel Region, whereas that number has now risen to \$84 million. Mayor Bonnie Crombie agrees it is time for the City of Mississauga to govern its own affairs, especially as the 3rd largest city in Ontario and the 6th largest city in Canada, and reinvest the money that would fund the other regional cities back into Mississauga.
- Recently, Premier Doug Ford issued a review of regional governance and efficiencies. Mayor Crombie reported that so far, Mississauga has saved \$60 million dollars through its LEAN Program which investigates ways to maximize value and minimize waste, simplify processes, reduce costs and complexity without impacting service levels. Despite strategies like these, the province wants the city to work on saving even more money, which may include tactics such as converging departments. At the end of the day, Premier Doug Ford and the Provincial Government will have final say on Mississauga's future when the Premier will announce his decision at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario in August. This gives the Premier months to review the Ernst and Young report and come to a decision. Mayor Bonnie Crombie noted that Mississauga is a mature city compared to Brampton and Caledon and is hopeful that the Premier will review the information provided by recent reports and concur with Mississauga's decision to pass legislature to separate from Peel.
- During the Question and Answer period with Mayor Bonnie Crombie, the following topics were discussed with residents:
  - When asked what will be done about water when the city separates, Mayor Bonnie Crombie reported that the city's water course comes from Lake Ontario and does not trickle down from Caledon.
  - When asked what the impact of separation would be on police forces, Mayor Bonnie Crombie stated that the city would not need its own police force and that it would be unnecessary to create multiple police forces to accommodate the separation. Instead, the Mayor believes it would change into an Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) model system that is funded more equitably.

- Simi Kapur, a Rockwood Village resident inquired about wastewater increasing by 11% in 2019 and whether the city would continue to see double-digit increases in coming years. Mayor Bonnie Crombie replied that wastewater will need to be controlled by the city to avoid exceeding double digits.
- When asked about whether the City of Mississauga is well-equipped to run social services, Mayor Bonnie Crombie suggested that these programs should be ideally provided by the province, however they would plan to hire some of the best employees from the Region of Peel's current social service programs to deliver these services in Mississauga.
- RHA President Joe Silva asked the Mayor who will be governing the city's utilities following separation, the Mayor stated that the city will need to devise a governing board to oversee and manage the city's utilities.
- When Sumit Kapur, a Rockwood Village resident, asked the Mayor what she plans to do with the \$84 million annual surplus received from separation, the Mayor reported that it would be use for Capital priorities, tax changes and investing or designating the remaining funds into areas that need it most.
- RHA Vice-President Dale Biason inquired about the status of hospital improvements in Mississauga and Mayor Bonnie Crombie promised that the city would get money to invest into its hospitals. Mayor Bonnie Crombie initially suggested that Dale Biason should speak to the MPP Kaleed Rasheed regarding this topic, however the MPP redirected Dale Biason to speak with Mayor Bonnie Crombie.
- When a resident asked about whether the city would tender to the lowest bids or quality bids, Mayor Bonnie Crombie mentioned that the city is supposed to take the lowest bid despite being against good practice. If Mississauga preferred quality bids over lowest bids, it would have to pre-clear all the bidders and their track records and screen any bad bidders. However, the Mayor reported that Mississauga does have a weighted-points system in an effort to tackle this issue.
- Following the Question and Answer period, Mayor Bonnie Crombie thanks the RHA and residents for having her at the 2019 AGM.

#### **Item Five**

##### Updates from the Rockwood Homeowners' Association

- Dale Biason thanks residents for coming to the 2019 AGM and reminds guests that the AGM is an important part of keeping Rockwood Residents updated on the community.
- Dale Biason reported the following updates from the Rockwood Homeowners' Association:
  - The RHA is in the process of incorporation as a non-profit organization as it is required to be apart of the Mississauga community group which allows access to free meeting rooms and an insurance policy for the board of directors.
  - As a community group, the RHA also needs to make changes to the constitution (clauses), the code of conduct, disclosure of conflicts and privacy policy.
  - The RHA initiated a dialogue with MPP Kaleed Rasheed regarding issues that will affect the area, such as full-day kindergarten, the status of the Trillium Hospital, transit expansion and development fees.
  - The RHA represents Rockwood Village at the Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA) and Community Alliance for Air Safety (CAAS) meetings to ensure its best interests are considered.

- The RHA also provides quarterly newsletters to update residents. Dale Biason thanked the advertisers who help fund the newsletter every few months.
- The RHA also has a website and social media pages to connect with residents.
- In the past year the RHA has investigated traffic issues, cross rides and security around Garnetwood Park and plans to track municipal changes, a bus route change (for the MiWay 20 Rathburn route) and hydro line updates around Audubon Road.
- Dale Biason also reported that changes must be made to the amendment (which were listed on the back of the agenda that was printed and given to residents before the meeting.) as follows:
  - Dale Biason motioned to move amendment item VII (Code of Conduct)
    - Moved by Wayne Gilbert and seconded by Sherry Irwin.
    - No one opposed.
  - Dale Biason motioned to move amendment item VIII (Declaration of Conflicts)
    - Moved by Bill Wilson and seconded by Val Thomson.
    - No one opposed.
  - Dale Biason motioned to move amendment item IX (Privacy Policy)
    - Moved by Kate Mason and seconded by Jason Haraschuk.
    - No one opposed.
- Dale Biason reminded residents that the amendments will be added to the RHA's website following the AGM.

#### **Item Six**

- 2019/20 Rockwood Homeowners' Association's Board of Director Elections
- RHA Director Jason Haraschuk reviews the 2019/20 Executive Board line-up.
    - Resident Wayne Gilbert nominates all previous executives to be re-elected and serve on the 2019-2020 Board of Directors.
  - Jason Haraschuk invites residents to join the RHA's executive board. Of those in attendance, three residents came forward, however only one needed to be voted on. Simi Kapur, former RHA President, suggested that the RHA should take on Associate Directors to avoid exceeding the 10 total director count mentioned in the constitution. Joe Silva recommended and proposed that we change the constitution to include 2 Associate Directors as suggested by Simi Kapur. The three residents who came forward delivered a brief biography to residents in attendance as follows:
  - Sumit Kapur expressed interested in joining the RHA as a director.
    - Sumit Kapur, a Rockwood resident since 2000, is a restaurant entrepreneur with experience in marketing and manufacturing which he believes can be brought over to RHA. Sumit Kapur was also formerly part of a BIA in downtown Toronto.
  - Bill Wilson, a Rockwood resident, is interested in joining the RHA as a director.
    - Bill Wilson, who has been in and out of Rockwood Village over the last 15 years, has an IT project management background, manages large-scale financial projects (e.g. \$10-20 million projects for Scotiabank) and wants to get involved in the community.
  - Lisa Portolese, a resident and former Rockwood Vice-President/director, is interested in re-joining the RHA as a director.
    - Lisa Portolese has lived in Rockwood since 1976, served as the RHA's Vice-President for 2 years and has been to many RHA meetings. She wants to volunteer for the RHA once again and is passionate about Rockwood Village.
  - Ultimately, Sumit Kapur was voted in as a Director while Bill Wilson and Lisa Portolese were voted in as Associate Directors.

## Item Seven

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

- Joe Silva welcomes Mark to the 2019 AGM.
- Mark Kuess reported that in April 2017, Toronto Pearson International Airport announced plans to expand and double their capacity from 45 to 90 million passengers. However, the airport was classified as being at capacity in 1994, causing concern amongst CAAS and residents. Since its inception, CAAS has captured the attention of all levels of governments and industry experts to address and put pressure on airport authorities and hold them accountable, such as Transport Canada. As an organization, CAAS members continue to train and learn about issues related to the airport to defend the communities' safety. They are also pro-business and growth — meaning they do not want to shut down the airport but aims to ensure that the airport grows responsibly.
- Mark Kuess stated that all residents whom are concerned about the airport's affairs are welcome to join their cause and encouraged residents to donate to CAAS through their **GoFundMe** page.
- CAAS' core supporters mainly consist of women between the ages of 45-54 and have broadened their reach to communities as far as Montreal and Calgary. They have connected with resident associations affected by airport activities and their social media sites have garnered over 100,000 views.
- Mark Kuess also discussed CAAS most proud accomplishments, such as: having organized diverse group of communities with a clear message of safety, taking a no-nonsense, fact-based approach, having a board of directors from many communities, branding their organization, being a strong voice for the community, receiving the attention of stakeholders from the airport months after its inception and being invited to take part in meetings with leadership teams from the airport.
- During the Question and Answer period with Mark Kuess, the following topics were discussed with residents:
  - When a resident asked how many violations and fines have been incurred by the airport or what changes to be made as a result of their violations, Mark Kuess reported that the Toronto Pearson International Airport faced \$150,000 in fines in 2018 and \$350,000 in fines in the current year for various airline infractions. These are meagre fines when considering that the average plane's fuel tank costs are \$75,000. 3 months prior to the meeting, Mark Kuess reported that Transport Canada has publicly admitted that the fines do not adequately reflect or match the severity of infractions and are currently reviewing these cases.
  - When asked about what CAAS intends to do about planes that fly very low and give off pollution in the neighbourhood, Plane comes very low and gives off pollution, Mark Kuess reported that most airport authorities do not focus on noise or environmental issues, hence why CAAS focuses on safety. However, there are other organizations that focus on environmental and noise issues produced by the airport and encouraged residents to continue submitting noise complaints to the airport's complaint line.
  - A resident inquired about CAAS' website and social media pages as they could not locate them and recommended putting their information on the RHA's newsletter or creating a petition on **change.org**. In response to this resident's question, Mark Kuess provided CAAS' email and social media sites. RHA Vice-President Dale Bason also suggested that the resident check the RHA's website

as it might be listed there as well. Mark Kuess also advised residents that CAAS only sends emails with pertinent information/issues as needed, however they do update their Facebook and Twitter pages regularly.

- When a resident asked about foreign diseases in airports as a safety concern, Mark Kuess reported that this topic has not come up as a safety issue by CAAS, however they believe it is an important issue.
- When a resident asked whether Mississauga's fire department responds to airport issues directly at the airport, Mark Kuess referred the question to Councillor Chris Fonseca who reported that although there is an on-site Fire team at the airport, there have been instances where a Fire Department from the region has been called to the airport to provide their services. As a result, the city is in the process of enacting a proper Emergency Fire Services team at the airport. RHA President Joe Silva also mentioned that the airport is equipped with 3 fire halls to deal with aircraft fires, which are staffed and equipped by the GTAA and can be used for the city of Mississauga if needed for external assistance.
- A resident directed their question towards Councillor Chris Fonseca, asked if the city is still not receiving compensation from businesses operating at the airport. Councillor Chris Fonseca confirmed that there has been ongoing back and forth discussions regarding development charges and taxes from third-party land/building owners for the City of Mississauga. She also added that the airport has expanded beyond actual federal lands and purchased the International Centre, car dealerships, Tim Hortons and other businesses in its vicinity. As soon as there is an update on the ongoing Memorandum of Understanding regarding payment in lieu of taxes that's due to the City of Mississauga and collecting development charges, it will be updated on Councillor Chris Fonseca's website and emailed to her mailing list..
- Following the Question and Answer period, Mark Kuess thanks the RHA and residents for having him at the 2019 AGM on behalf of CAAS and encouraged residents to check out their organization.

## **Item Eight**

Updates from Ward 3 City Councillor Chris Fonseca

- Joe welcomed Councillor Chris Fonseca to the 2019 AGM.
- Councillor Chris Fonseca thanked the RHA for inviting her to attend the AGM, congratulated the newly elected directors and hope they will continue to challenge her to work with the Mayor and Council on how to improve the community, Ward and city as a whole. The Councillor also encouraged residents to continue raising their voice when needed and advised that her office is open for residents to share their ideas and ask tough questions.
- With regards to an update on construction in the Ponytrail Drive and Rathburn Road area, Manager Darrin Dodds and Project Manager Derek Gorzynski from the Region of Peel's Water and Wastewater Divisions were invited to inform residents of its progress. According to the region's staff, the area needed replacements and upgrades to minimize infiltration and breaks in the infrastructure itself. Darrin Dodds recognized their lack of communication with the community and apologized to residents for the inconvenience caused by the construction, announcing it is nearly complete. Additionally, he reported that all major underground projects are completed and that the region's staff are now going through the chlorination process before connecting to the underground supplies. If weather permits the day following the AGM, the Region

will be removing old asphalt, replacing it with new asphalt, paving the area and putting in new sod from Burnhamthorpe Road to the Kingsbury Plaza area and hopes to be complete these tasks by the middle of June. The Region is also working with the City of Mississauga to restore the area as much as possible, however works on Rathburn Road from Ponytrail Drive to Bough Beeches Boulevard will be ongoing while permanent restoration from the City of Mississauga is underway.

- A resident mentioned that the Region of Peel did not provide notice of any water main updates on Rathburn Road towards Bough Beeches Boulevard, to which one of the Region of Peel managers apologized for not reaching out to residents and advising them ahead of time. Councillor Chris Fonseca advised that moving forward into the restoration phase, the region and city will do their best to keep everyone up to date and address any issues that come up.
- When RHA Director Richard Schwarz inquired about when the project will be done entirely, the Region of Peel staff confirmed that the project will be completed by August 2019.
- Darrin Dodds asked RHA directors if they could send out an email blast to all residents to distribute updates on the water main construction. In response, the RHA agreed to leverage its communication base and forward along their information to residents.
- Several residents inquired about why there is a 2-year gap until the area is permanently restored, to which Councillor Chris Fonseca responded that the underground restoration needs to happen through the Region of Peel before surface restoration (such as road resurfacing and creating curbs) can be done by the City of Mississauga. Matthew Sweet, Manager of Active Transportation for the City of Mississauga, reported that permanent restoration of the area would begin in 2021, however temporary restoration is underway to minimize costs. Matthew Sweet also reported that the city will be holding a public consultation leading up to the area's permanent restoration.
- Another resident asked why there are no traffic marshals provided to guide traffic in the area during construction. The Region of Peel staff agreed it was a good idea, and admitted that Chris Fonseca had requested marshals multiple times.
- Matthew Sweet, Manager of Active Transportation for the City of Mississauga, reported that the city is currently reviewing the next phases of construction in Rockwood Village which includes developing a cycling master plan to ensure its operating locations properly designed. The intersection of Rathburn Road and Ponytrail Drive was studied in terms of its volume and operations in order to map out how lanes and infrastructure should be created for cyclists. Brochures with more information about cross-rides were also provided during the meeting and will be mailed out to residents following the meeting. Matthew Sweet advised that as of the AGM's date, three cross-rides and lights have installed at intersections along Burnhamthorpe Road during its reconstruction, although they are temporarily deactivated and undergoing enhancements to ensure safety, such as painting the cross-rides green for better visibility.
- During the Question and Answer period with the Region of Peel and City of Mississauga representatives in attendance, the following topics were discussed with residents:
  - In response to a resident's inquiry regarding how the city plans ensure that cyclists follow the rules of the road and distribute this information to schools as children may be using the cross-rides, Matthew Sweet responded that the onus is on both

the cyclist and the driver. However, he did concur that outreach for children on the topic should be implemented by the city.

- When RHA President Joe Silva inquired if anything is being done to educate new drivers about cross-rides, such as incorporating it into Ministry of Transportation's Driver's Handbook, Matthew Sweet replied that there is a cycling component in the handbook. However, cross-rides are an ongoing discussion with the Ministry of Transportation.
- When a resident asked Councillor Chris Fonseca about concrete median maintenance on Rathburn Road (towards Etobicoke Creek), the Councillor confirmed that it would be maintained during the temporary asphaltting process until 2021. Moreover, the Councillor requested for it to be greened.
- Following the updates provided by the Region of Peel and City of Mississauga representatives, Councillor Chris Fonseca provided her own updates as follows:
  - Councillor Chris Fonseca reminded residents that while traffic calming measures have been undertaken in Rockwood Village, the process was a long one as requests must be reviewed and meet eligibility criteria before enacting any changes. However, results from a study on the speed humps installed along Fieldgate Drive and Bough Beeches Boulevard have shown that the average speed has decreased and more drivers are complying with the posted speed limit on both these roads. For example, the average speed on Fieldgate Drive prior to traffic calming measures was 67 km/hr and only 35% of drivers adhered to the speed limit versus an average speed of 45 km/hr and 89% compliance with the help of speed humps on the road. Speeding around Saints Martha & Mary Catholic School on Bough Beeches Boulevard, a concern shared by many Rockwood residents in recent years, has also decreased with 70% of drivers complying to the speed limit and travelling an average speed of 30 km/hr near the school.
    - A few residents shared their concerns regarding the speed humps along Fieldgate Drive and Bough Beeches Boulevard. When some of the RHA's directors shared their concerns about the speed hump's height and inconsistent sizing, Councillor Chris Fonseca advised she would contact city staff to investigate the possibility of shaving down and evenly distributing their size. Simi Kapur, former RHA President and resident, also suggested permanently installing the speed limit sign along Fieldgate Drive as it consistently fell over during the Winter as well as painting the humps in a more visible colour, to which Councillor Chris Fonseca agreed and advised she would pass along these suggestions to the city.
  - With regards to the Ponytrail Drive condominium projects underway, Councillor Chris Fonseca reported that the city is reviewing how its construction will impact residents and the roadway. Once the Councillor receives the construction plan as requested, she will update and share it with residents.
  - The City of Mississauga will be meeting to review the future of the MiWay 20 Rathburn bus route. However, mid-block stops along Burnhamthorpe Road have already been removed to alleviate traffic.
  - In response to a recent shooting at Garnetwood Park and general safety measures in the area, Councillor Chris Fonseca explained that the Peel Regional Police do not technically need to notify the Mayor and Councillors of any incidents, explaining why she was not aware of the situation at the park. However, the Councillor has requested that policy to notify the Mayor and Councillors about incidents in their areas in order to advise residents. Additionally, the Councillor requested that the Peel Regional



Police coordinate neighbourhood watch groups with residents in an effort to increase the city's safety.

- Councillor Chris Fonseca reported that the Burnhamthorpe Community Centre is undergoing redevelopment to include a pool, additional programming rooms, a fitness centre and a soccer field by 2020 or 2021.
- Councillor Chris Fonseca confirmed that the City of Mississauga has taken over hydro lines in the Saints Martha & Mary Catholic School's vicinity, reporting that benches will be installed along the lines and that its grass will be maintained. However, it is undecided whether netting around the hydro towers will be installed and who will be paying for it.
- The Councillor advised residents of Bill 108 and its proposal, which was announced before the Victoria Day weekend, describing it as the province's solution to speeding up the development process to allow developers to build more housing in a shorter period of time. Through this proposal, the city would lose the ability to control developments and an estimated \$290 million in development charges for the city would be lost. Moreover, the Councillor advised that the proposal will shorten the community engagement process between the city and public meetings by 100 days, meaning that it will take the community out of the planning process and place it in the hands of the developers at the cost of taxpayers.
- Councillor Chris Fonseca invited residents to join her upcoming Ward 3 Community BBQ on Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at Jaycee Park from 5-7 PM as well as taking part in the Carassauga Festival on May 25-26, 2019.

**Item Nine**

Closing remarks

- Joe Silva thanks residents and speakers for attending and participating in the 2019 AGM.

**Item Ten**

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 9:53 PM.
- Moved by Jason Haraschuk and seconded by Wayne Gilbert.