



**Rockwood Homeowners' Association (RHA)  
2020 Annual General Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 7:00 PM  
Zoom Conference Call**

- Item One** Call to Order
- Dale Biason calls the meeting to order at 7:14 PM.
  - Dale Biason welcomes everyone as the meeting moderator and introduces the current Board of Directors to residents in attendance.
  - Dale Biason outlines housekeeping rules and apologizes for any technical difficulties in the process of setting up the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Zoom.
  - Dale Biason advises attendees that the meeting will be recorded on Zoom for written documentation such as the meeting minutes and quarterly newsletter. Panelists will have video/audio capabilities while attendees will be muted and not appear on screen. Questions should be directed to the Q&A section so that board members and City staff can answer questions if time permits. The RHA will record all questions in the Q&A section for follow-up after the AGM.
- Item Two** Disclosure of conflict of interest
- Dale Biason asks all attendees (RHA directors, panelists from the City of Mississauga and residents) to disclose any conflict of interest by using an on-screen prompt. The RHA provided a few moments for attendees to answer “Yes” or “No” and 100% of attendees voted “No”, meaning there were no conflicts to report.
- Item Three** Acceptance of previous Annual General Meeting minutes
- A motion to adopt the minutes from the 2019 AGM was moved by Kate Mason and seconded by Jason Haraschuk.
  - A motion to adopt the minutes from the 2019 AGM was also opened for voting to any attendees who read the minutes. All attendees were in favour and the motion was passed.
- Item Four** Treasurer’s report
- Dale Biason introduced Val Thomson, the RHA’s Treasurer, to provide the Treasurer’s Report.
  - Val Thomson delivered the Treasurer’s Report which included the RHA’s account balance, receivables, payables, revenue, expenses and membership fees collected for the past year.

- Val Thomson asked residents to send their membership fees via e-transfer to [rha.executive@gmail.com](mailto:rha.executive@gmail.com) or mail it to 1734 Chalkdene Grove, Mississauga, ON L4W 2C3. This information will also be posted on the RHA's website and social media pages.

**Item Five**

2020/21 Rockwood Homeowners' Association's Board of Director Elections

- Dale Biason advised that the RHA's constitution requires that annual elections are held for board members.
- As the RHA usually holds its AGM and elections in the Spring, Dale Biason asked for a motion to re-elect the current board of directors for 2020/2021 until an in-person election can be held in Spring 2021.
  - Motion moved by Jason Haraschuk and seconded by Kate Mason.
  - Attendees/residents were also asked to vote on the motion. The motion was moved by 98% of attendees.
- David Ferrari, an attendee and resident of Rockwood Village, asked if there are any open positions on the RHA's Board of Directors. Dale Biason and Joe Silva confirmed that there are Associate Director positions open. Residents are always welcome to attend monthly meetings as well.

**Item Six**

Updates from Ward 3 City Councillor Chris Fonseca

- Dale Biason welcomes Ward 3 City Councillor Chris Fonseca and thanks her for attending.
- Councillor Fonseca thanked Dale Biason and entire board for inviting her to the meeting and hosting it on Zoom so that citizens and community members can stay connected during the pandemic.
- Councillor Fonseca and City panellists will try to address as many questions from residents as possible during the meeting, including those submitted via the Q&A section. Questions submitted prior to the meeting have been parcelled based on the presentations held at the AGM. Otherwise, any unanswered questions or questions that did not fit into today's topics will be answered after the meeting by Councillor Fonseca's office or appropriate City staff members.
- Councillor Fonseca will also continue to support residents and community members in Ward 3 through council meetings and other relevant matters both virtually and/or in-office.
- Councillor Fonseca asked residents to stay in touch with the City of Mississauga through their newly launched website ([www.mississauga.ca](http://www.mississauga.ca)). The revamped website was presented at the City's General Committee Meeting on the same day as the AGM. The website was updated due to increasing demands. Residents can now create their own account and request services. Feedback on the new website is appreciated. The City of Mississauga and Region of Peel ([www.peelregion.ca](http://www.peelregion.ca)) websites have also added COVID-19 specific pages for various support services and updates regarding the virus.
- Mayor Bonnie Crombie is conducting ongoing press releases/announcements, often times alongside the Region of Peel's Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Lawrence Loh. A schedule of the Mayor's press releases and updates are posted on the City's website.
- Councillor Fonseca also encouraged residents to contact her with any questions at [Chris.Fonseca@mississauga.ca](mailto:Chris.Fonseca@mississauga.ca) and sign up for her e-updates through her website.

- Residents can now watch the City and Region’s virtual/in-person council meetings. Council meetings are taking on a hybrid model where deputations and some council members are safely joining in the chambers during the pandemic. This includes having plexiglass barriers, wearing masks, sitting 2 metres apart and limiting the numbers of individuals/council members in the chamber. There is an opportunity for residents to attend public question periods at City and Region meetings, including the General Council, Planning & Development and Citizen Committee Meetings. However, they must register in advance to ask questions about any of the items on the agenda. There is also an opportunity for residents to attend deputations. All meetings are live-streamed and recorded and there is ample opportunity for the public to attend virtually or by phone.
- Councillor Fonseca advised that there are 4 presentations for the AGM and they will cover off as many questions as they can during and after each presentation.

**Item 6A**

*Burnhamthorpe Community Centre Redevelopment Update (presented by Milka Zlomislic, Project Leader for Senior Capital Projects, City of Mississauga)*

- Milka thanked the RHA for allowing her to present this update at the AGM. Project updates, information and images shown during the presentation is available on the City’s website. The design boards are also currently posted at the Burnhamthorpe Community Centre (BCC). A link to the project from the City’s website will be sent to the RHA to share with residents.
- A few years ago, the City initiated a strategic plan for recreation centres across the city and identified BCC as a site that requires upgrading/refurbishing in order to meet demographic changes and resident needs for maintaining a healthy lifestyle.
- The project was envisioned by the City’s Recreation Department and will include a 43,000 square foot addition with a 25 metre 6-lane pool, a tiered therapeutic pool and a club-format equipment-based fitness centre. In between all these spaces, there will be common areas and a multi-program space.
- Unfortunately, the re-development plan includes removing the outdoor skating rink at BCC. The rationale behind removing the outdoor skating rink includes the under-utilization of the corner where the existing rink is, the high cost of updating the rink, accessibility and the impact of climate change on rink operation. When all of these points were considered, it was deemed that an aquatic centre would be more accessible and beneficial for residents as opposed to the rink. Developing the corner of Havenwood and Gulleden Drive also improves the intersection’s green space, street presence, connection to Jaycee Park, and the centre’s overall relationship to the neighbourhood. It will re-allocate capital dollars to much needed programs such as the aquatics and fitness centres while becoming a social and recreational hub. The new centre will be designed in an environmentally conscious way and add a pedestrian entry off of intersection on Havenwood and Gulleden Drive in addition to the usual parking lot entrance.
- Milka Zlomislic provided detailed information about the interior plans for the updated centre, including locations for the new front desk, administration wing, changing rooms, universal washrooms, additional seating, elevator and more.
- Some existing elements of BCC, such as the multiple purpose rooms and arena, are not part of the re-development and will remain unchanged.
- To close, Milka Zlomislic played a 3D schematic video of the design plan for BCC prior to answering questions.

- During the Q&A period, Milka Zlomislic and Andrew Noble answered questions from residents regarding the centre, such as whether or not there will be solar panels on the roof, clarifying how the universal change rooms work and project timeline.
  - With regards to solar panels, the centre's structure is being designed to allow for solar panels. However, installation depends on the City's budget. If the budget allows, they will install panels over the aquatic centre.
  - Andrew Noble, a District Manager for City's Recreation Department and lead on the City's Capital Projects, reported that research supports universal change rooms as it improves privacy issues (since each change cubicle is private and does not have open slots at the bottom), inclusivity and reduces spatial footprint compared to having gendered/family sections. It also makes it easier to clean/maintain from an operational perspective.
  - The project timeline includes starting construction in the spring of 2021 (provided they have the necessary building permits by then) and will be a 2-year construction cycle. The first part will be the demolition and foundation work, then they will move into interior work. In 2022 they will complete the landscaping before opening the centre in the Spring of 2023. The Glenforest Pool will remain open until a few days after the official re-opening of BCC. The arenas, indoor and out, will be closed during construction.

**Item 6B**

*Coyotes in Rockwood Village (presented by Parathan Mohanarajan, Public Education Officer for the City of Mississauga's Animal Services)*

- Councillor Fonseca reported that there have been various requests for Coyote Information Sessions in Rockwood Village. As such, Parathan Mohanarajan provided an updated presentation on coyote presence in the community. He is one of the City's Animal Services Public Education Officers and a first point of contact for any animal-related services, questions and concerns.
- Parathan Mohanarajan provided some facts about Eastern Coyotes, which are prevalent in southern Ontario. Growing concerns of communities feeding wildlife, such as coyotes, has been causing them to rely on humans as sources of food rather than being afraid of them. Wildlife authorities recommend co-existence with coyotes without feeding, relocating or harming them.
- As of October 15, 2020, Animal Services received a total of reports 61 reports in Ward 3, including 56 coyote sightings, 5 animal services dispatches (e.g. coyotes in a playground around children) and no physical conflicts/interactions with humans or pets. These figures are low compared to Ward 2, an area with the most coyote activity, which had 3-4 times more reports. In 2020, Mississauga had a total of 819 reports (543 sightings, 11 conflicts and 121 Animal Services Officer dispatches). The COVID-19 pandemic may have impacted coyote behaviours as well.
- A new Coyote Sightings Interactive Map was recently launched by the City of Mississauga in late March. Parathan Mohanarajan recommended that residents use the map to report any sightings. This will help Animal Services target their patrols and outreach in the community, especially in areas with increased activity, and investigate existing coyote reports. Many of the sightings in Rockwood Village have been reported around Garnetwood and Fleetwood Park areas where there has been cases of food being dumped. Parathan Mohanarajan demonstrated how residents can submit a report through the City's new interactive map.

- Animal Services will continue to be in contact with wildlife experts and authorities, Ward Councillors, schools and park staff to develop educational programs, communications and strategies, as well as respond to coyote reports, conduct outreach, alert communities, etc.
- As the presentation was cut short due to timing, Parathan Mohanarajan will export his presentation into a video and share the link with the RHA for distribution following the meeting.
- Chris Fonseca also reported that waste barrels across the City's parks and trails are being transitioned to more closed waste and recycling containers, which should help curb wildlife access to human food sources. Chris Fonseca will share a link regarding this transition with the RHA.

**Item 6C**

*Integrated Roads Project on Rathburn Road East and Ponytrail Drive (presented by Rory O'Sullivan, Transportation Project Engineer, Transportation and Works Department for the City of Mississauga)*

- In his presentation, Rory O'Sullivan gave a quick overview and update on the project, provided a scope of the work being done in the project, timelines and answered relevant questions.
- Rory O'Sullivan showed the approximate limit of the project, one section being from Rathburn Road East from Dixie Road to Etobicoke Creek and the other from Ponytrail Drive from Rathburn Road East to Burnhamthorpe Road East.
- The city has recently initiated an integrated road program to identify and bundle as many road improvements as possible into one single construction project to reduce construction costs and nuisance for local residents and the general public. Throughout the project, the department will be investigating whether certain projects are necessary along the roads in addition to the previously proposed bike lanes and cycle tracks along the roadway before any construction begins.
- In addition to cycling improvements such as bike lines, they will be looking at pavement/asphalt rehabilitation. Noise walls will also be revisited and re-installed along the road and improvements on existing transit infrastructure and bus stops will be made to make them more accessible (such as providing bus landing pads) in accordance with MiWay standards. The department will be looking into existing stormwater and drainage pipe conditions to see if they need replacement.
- In response to the excessive lane use on Rathburn Road East towards Etobicoke Creek, Rory O'Sullivan confirmed that the City is looking into reducing the 4 lanes down to 2 lanes (1 each way), in conjunction with the planned bike lanes, which may also help the speeding/racing in that area.
- Rory O'Sullivan also provided a high-level project timeline. Back in November 2019, the department held a community meeting to introduce the project and obtain feedback from the community. Since the meeting, they've retained a consultant engineering firm to complete the planning and design phases for the project to undertake some survey and background information. Once complete, they will draft a preliminary design for discussion and feedback at a community meeting planned for late 2020/early 2021. Once the preliminary design is finalized and feedback from the local community is obtained, the City will begin construction in fall 2021 and it will take a full year to complete, with an estimated completion date of fall 2022.
- Joe Silva asked whether the four entrances at Kingsbury Centre will be impacted or changed by the roadway construction and expressed safety concerns with having

so many entrances at the Rathburn Road East and Ponytrail Drive intersection. Rory O'Sullivan confirmed that there are no current plans to change the entrances of the centre. Instead, he will forward Joe's concerns to the project's team for a further review of the area.

- In response to questions around having pedestrian crossings, the department is looking into introducing at least one pedestrian crossing on Rathburn Road East between Fieldgate Drive and Ponytrail Drive and another on Rathburn Road East towards Etobicoke Creek. These pedestrian crossings are anticipated to service future construction of a trail along the hydro corridor. Printed notices will be sent to residents for further information and feedback on the project.
- On the subject of the hydro corridor, Dale Bason asked Councillor Fonseca if there are any further updates on the trail being built along the corridor. Councillor Fonseca confirmed that there's a new off-road trail opportunity for the community to have a 3.8 KM trail along the hydro corridors. The asphalt trail will be designed to meet Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) standards and run north and south from Audubon Boulevard to Dundas Street East. Information on this city-led project is available online and Chris Fonseca will be sharing it with the RHA.
- Rory O'Sullivan will share a page with information on the Integrated Roads Project on Rathburn Road East and Ponytrail Drive once it is posted on the City's website.

**Item 6D**

*Traffic Calming on Bough Beeches Boulevard and Fieldgate Drive (presented by Colin Patterson, Road Safety Supervisor for the City of Mississauga)*

- Colin Patterson greeted attendees and advised that a lot of the information from today's presentation on Traffic Calming in the community has been posted on Councillor Fonseca's website. He advised residents that there is an open public consultation for proposed traffic calming on Bough Beeches Boulevard and reminded residents that no decisions have been made to date as to whether or not traffic calming devices will be installed. Once the public consultation period closes, the Road Safety department will provide a full report to Councillor Fonseca and City Council with any sufficient evidence/support to move forward with traffic calming devices in the area. If the project moves forward, they would begin in 2021 as part of the scheduled resurfacing of the roadway.
- Colin Patterson and the Road Safety team received many inquiries asking why the department has proposed traffic calming devices along the boulevard. They believe there are parts of the roadway that warrant traffic calming. As the roadway will be resurfaced in 2021, they believe they could leverage this opportunity to install any necessary traffic calming devices along the road rather than retrofitting them. A number of studies have also been conducted along different sections of Bough Beeches Boulevard and some sections of the roadway are worse than others. As such, the City is proposing more speed cushions along Bough Beeches Boulevard, similar to what's already constructed on the road.
- Colin Patterson demonstrated the overall traffic calming plan for speed cushions along Bough Beeches Boulevard, which is divided into three distinct sections: Fieldgate Drive to Rathburn Road East (near Etobicoke Creek), Rathburn Road East (near Rockwood Mall) to Fieldgate Drive, and Rathburn Road East to Burnhamthorpe Road East. The section of Bough Beeches Boulevard between Rathburn Road East near Rockwood Mall to the other end of the street near Garnetwood Park is scheduled to be resurfaced in 2021. There is also a need to

address speeding concerns on Bough Beeches Boulevard south of Rathburn Road East towards Burnhamthorpe Road East.

- Colin Patterson reported that the City is going through a City-wide lowering of speed limits, which will result in lower speed limits on all residential roadways in Mississauga. In the next 12 months, any residential roads that are currently 50 km/hr zones will be reduced to 40 km/hr and all existing school zones that are 40 km/hr will be reduced to 30 km/hr. Colin Patterson explained that the proposal includes many speed cushions along Bough Beeches Boulevard so that drivers can achieve the new lower operating speeds that will come in the next year and increase compliance with the new speed limits.
- Dale Biason proposed having a separate community meeting devoted to the Traffic Calming proposal along Bough Beeches Boulevard as the RHA has received mixed feedback. Colin Patterson agreed to attend another meeting and encouraged all residents to submit feedback in writing in the meantime. Councillor Fonseca also recommended having a separate meeting.
- Regarding traffic diversion, Colin Patterson reported that they typically don't see a lot of traffic diversion onto neighbouring roadways as a result of traffic calming devices as there aren't enough other appealing roadways for neighbourhood residents to use. The volume of traffic usually remains unchanged and does not impact adjacent roadways.
- With regards to automated speed enforcement programs, the City of Mississauga is looking to move forward with using these tools on roadways with a tentative start date of 2021. This would include deploying mobile or rotating cameras on roadways and school zone areas.
- As the RHA was receiving many questions in the Q&A section, the association presented an on-screen poll to see how many residents would be interested in a separate traffic meeting with the City of Mississauga's Road Safety staff members, including Colin Patterson. The results show that 93% of residents in attendance were in favour of having a separate meeting while 7% were not in favour. The RHA will contact Colin Patterson to set up the meeting and advise residents once confirmed and scheduled, via email blast and in the next newsletter.
- Councillor Fonseca will also speak to City staff about extending the proposal's feedback deadline from early November to a later date to allow the community to have a meeting and provide more input before the deadline.
- Responding to questions about speeding on Rathburn Road East, Colin Patterson advised that the type of traffic calming devices proposed for Bough Beeches Boulevard would not be suitable for a collector roadway like Rathburn Road East. Instead, he suggested these issues should be addressed through road design.
- Following Colin Patterson's report, Councillor Fonseca took some time to address the many questions in the meeting's Q&A section. The Councillor advised residents that her staff would follow-up with all questions, as long as the RHA can send her a copy of the questions to her office. The RHA will send the Councillor a full list of all questions submitted during the meeting. Some of the questions Councillor Fonseca was able to answer during the meeting included:
  - *Speeding enforcement*: Project E.R.A.S.E., a campaign by local police forces, was initiated to address speeding and street racing. Police forces have also begun other road watching programs in collaboration with cities to identify and curb speeding and street racing in neighbourhoods. These were temporary measures that took place in the summer of 2020 and they are now looking to make them permanent. Councillor Fonseca encouraged residents to direct these types of

questions directly to her as it does not exactly pertain to traffic calming measures.

- *Erosion of the creek-bank and trails:* Councillor Fonseca has forwarded questions regarding erosion along the creek to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) and city staff for follow-up and has not yet heard back to date. She will forward any relevant responses to the RHA once received.
- *MiWay #20 Rathburn bus route:* Councillor Fonseca reported that the bus route is not changing at the moment and thanked residents for providing their feedback on the route at recent meetings.
- *Rockwood Mall access points:* As Rockwood Mall is private property, requests to review safety issues around mall access areas must be addressed with the property owners. Councillor Fonseca will connect the owners to the RHA for additional questions/concerns.

**Item Seven** Closing remarks

- Dale Biason thanked everyone for attending and will be in touch with attendees for future meetings. She also reminded residents that membership fees (\$10 per resident/year) can be made via e-transfer or mail to support the RHA's work on behalf of the community.

**Item Eight** Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn the RHA's AGM was conducted via an on-screen poll. 100% of residents were in favour of accepting the motion to adjourn the meeting.
- Moved by Frank Medoro and seconded by Kate Mason at 9:30 PM.