Minutes
Annual Meeting
Monday May 4, 2026 at 7:00 PM
Burnhamthorpe Community Centre

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Item One: Welcome

Michael Suppa, Moderator, opened the meeting by welcoming Mayor Carlyn Parrish and Councillor Chris Fonseca, to the RRA Annual Meeting, on behalf of the board of directors and our members.

Suppa advised the audience that voting members were given a card at the door to be used for voting, ask questions or get the attention of the chair. He indicated that adequate time has been set aside for questions, and asked that members save them for the time allotted.

With that, the 2025-2026 annual meeting of the Rockwood Residence Association was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Item Two: Agenda

A motion to accept the agenda, posted on the website and provided at the registration desks, was put forward by Marylee Farrugia and seconded by Hola Karaim. **The motion was carried.**

Item Three: Disclosure of real or perceived conflict of interest

There were no real or perceived conflicts of interest declared.

Item Four: Acceptance of 2024/25 Minutes

The minutes for the last meeting on May 27, 2025, were also posted on the website. There being no errors or omissions, Dale Biason moved to accept them as posted, seconded by Kim Pines. **The motion was carried.**

Item Five: Treasurer's Report

Susan Clunie, Treasurer, reported the financials for 2024-25. Our financial year end is June 30th and this year's financials (2025/2026) will be provided at our next annual meeting.

The total revenue of $8,978.25 was generated by advertisers paying a fee to advertise in our quarterly newsletter of $6528.25 and membership fees of ten dollars per person in the amount of $2,450.

The expenses for the year of $17,691.29 were comprised of graphic setup of the four newsletters and printing costs of $13,519.14 and delivery $2,217.49; the RRA website costs of $673.90; sundry expenses of $280.76 and a donation to the Mississauga Food Bank of one thousand dollars.

The opening bank balance on July 1 2024 was $10,406.08, and the closing balance at June 30th, 2025 was $1,693.04. Clunie explained that we experienced shrinking advertising revenue, which was not enough to support the 8-page newsletter at that time, and have now sourced and used an alternate printer for significant savings and reduce the size of the newsletters. We have added more information to our website. We will continue to print the newsletter and the size will be determined by the advertising revenue received.

Our anticipated closing balance for this current year is five thousand dollars.

The revenue and expenses for 2024-2025 were examined by Iris Schweiger, a member of the Rockwood Residents' Association, and she has acknowledged that it is a fair representation of the RRA financial position at that time.

Waiving Audits

The RRA is regulated by the Ontario not-for-profit regulations commonly known as ONCA. According to Onca, an organization of our size and financial means does not need to hire an outside auditor to review the financial records. We are required, however, to have the following resolution passed at every annual meeting authorizing the board to forego an audit or review engagement.

Clunie put forward a motion to waive the audit, which will be valid until the next annual meeting:

> "Be it resolved that, pursuant to the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, the members of the Corporation hereby waive the appointment of an auditor and a review engagement for the financial year ending 2025, and that this resolution is effective until the next annual meeting of members."

The motion was seconded by Jacquie Walsh. **The motion was carried unanimously.**

Change to the Constitution

Clunie also put forward a motion to change the Constitution of the Rockwood Residents' Association to include the need to pass this motion at every annual meeting in the future. It was

moved by Dale Biason and seconded by Frank Madoro to amend our constitution by adding **Section VI e)**

- WHEREAS the Rockwood Residents' Association (the "Corporation") is governed by the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010 ("ONCA"); and
- WHEREAS the Corporation qualifies under ONCA to waive the appointment of an auditor and a review engagement for the applicable financial year;
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, pursuant to the ONCA, the members of the Rockwood Residents' Association must vote every year, to waive the appointment of an auditor and a review engagement for the Corporation for the current financial year ending; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this extraordinary resolution shall be effective only until the next Annual Meeting of the members, unless renewed by the members in accordance with the ONCA.
- This must pass with 80% approval

Let the record show there were none opposed. The motion carried.

The treasurer asked the attendees if they had any questions in regards to the financials. There were none and a motion was made by Joe Silva to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Claudia Wooland. **The motion was carried.**

Item Six: President's Report – RRA Report Card

The President, Dale Biason, provided an overview of the Rockwood Residents' Association's activities over the past year, highlighting five key areas of focus: new developments, taxes and budget, community safety, neighbourhood improvements, and resident engagement.

A significant portion of the Association's efforts focused on proposed developments within the community, particularly the Forest Park redevelopment. The RRA organized petitions, submitted letters, made a presentation to the Committee of Adjustment, and engaged with municipal, provincial, and federal representatives regarding concerns about building height, density, traffic impacts, and airport-related height restrictions. Updates were also provided on the proposed developments at 1315 Bough Beeches Boulevard and 2121 Rathburn Road East.

The Association continued its advocacy for fiscal responsibility, including a deputation to Council regarding property taxes, support for an independent municipal auditor, and calls for greater scrutiny of Peel Regional Police expenditures.

Community safety remained a priority through ongoing liaison with Peel Regional Police, advocacy for improved service levels and communication, and efforts to keep residents informed of safety-related issues and public meetings.

The President also reviewed neighbourhood improvement initiatives, including discussions with the Councillor regarding traffic concerns, beautification projects, recreation facilities, parking issues, and progress toward a long-term solution for the Alectra substation.

The RRA continued to support community-building efforts through partnerships with local organizations, promotion of neighbourhood events and programs, collaboration with other residents' associations, and participation in broader civic initiatives.

The results of the Association's 2026 resident survey were presented, with residents identifying development, taxes, community safety, and municipal services as their top priorities. The survey results will help guide the Association's future advocacy efforts.

The President concluded by reaffirming the RRA's commitment to keeping residents informed, advocating on community issues, supporting responsible growth, and ensuring that Rockwood Village remains "A Great Place to Call Home."

Following her report, Biason, introduced, the keynote speaker Mayor Carolyn Parrish

Item Seven: Mayor Carolyn Parrish

Mayor Carolyn Parrish addressed the meeting and provided an overview of municipal and regional finances, efforts to control property tax increases, regional governance issues, policing costs, and the planning approval process.

The Mayor explained that Council directed all City departments to identify savings, resulting in approximately $17 million in municipal budget reductions. She noted that Mississauga also advocated for approximately $27 million in reductions at the Region of Peel. Despite these efforts, residents experienced an overall property tax increase of approximately 5.2%, reflecting the combined impact of municipal, regional, and education taxes. She emphasized that the City portion represents only about 37% of the total property tax bill.

A significant portion of the Mayor's remarks focused on Peel Regional Police costs. She expressed concern about the growth in the police budget and stated that Mississauga continues to contribute a disproportionate share of policing costs compared to neighbouring municipalities. She advised that the City has retained policing expert Devon Clunis to examine options for policing governance, including the feasibility of establishing an independent Mississauga police service. She also noted ongoing efforts to obtain policing statistics and operational data to support informed decision-making.

The Mayor outlined efforts to reduce regional expenditures by transferring certain services, including roads and waste management, from the Region to the local municipalities. She stated that these changes are intended to improve accountability and reduce long-term costs to Mississauga taxpayers.

Responding to questions from residents, the Mayor discussed the role of the Committee of Adjustment and clarified that neither the Mayor nor Council can overturn Committee of Adjustment decisions. She explained that Council may request an appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal in certain circumstances, but only after receiving legal advice regarding the likelihood of success and the potential costs involved.

The Mayor concluded by reaffirming Council's commitment to identifying efficiencies, controlling costs, and pursuing governance reforms that she believes will improve accountability

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Item Eight: RRA Business

A. Change to the Constitution

Article three of the constitution outlines that to become an officer of the association, you must have served on the board for 2 years.

The board requests that we change this to allow more flexibility for directors to step into officer roles more quickly, if eligibility is shortened to one year. It is therefore moved by Kim Pines and seconded by Michael Suppa that Article 3 of our constitution be amended to:

III. Officers

The Officers of the association, not to exceed three (3), shall be elected to a two (2) year term by those present at a duly called and constituted annual meeting of the association and shall consist of a President, a Vice President and a Treasurer. The Directors, numbering eight (8), shall be collectively known as the association's Executive Board. **Only Board Members who have served for a minimum of one term can be elected as an Officer.**

The motion was carried.

B. Elections

Dale Biason, President, announced the resignation of Susan Clunie, Treasurer, from the RRA. Dale thanked Susan for her service to the Board and in the position of Treasurer. She stated that Michael Suppa had been nominated by Susan Clunie and seconded by Kim Pines to be elected to the role of Treasurer. Dale Biason called for a vote on the motion and **the motion was carried unanimously by those present at the meeting.**

Both the President, Dale Biason and the Vice-president Summit Kapur have one more year left on their terms.

All other directors have agreed to fulfill their terms or stand for re-election. Two directors, were up for re-election: Bo Zhang and Claudia Wooland. Their names were placed for re-election, in a motion by Marylee Farugia, seconded by Mirela Aparaschivei. **The motion was carried**

Biason appealed for 2 additional directors or associates to join the board, citing expectations and emphasizing that no experience was required, just "members who have an interest in how Municipal and provincial matters affect our community and believe that our community voice should be heard." There were no volunteers. Biason requested that members consider the possibility of joining and advising the board at any time, should they reconsider.

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Item Nine: Chris Fonseca

Biason introduced Councillor Chris Fonseca, and acknowledged that she has attended all RRA meetings for 15 years. She thanked her particularly for her participation for the past three years, in working to resolve an issue with Alectra affecting residents in the King's Landing area near the substation on Burnhamthorpe.

Councillor Chris Fonseca thanked the Rockwood Residents' Association Board, volunteers, and past directors for their ongoing contributions to the community. She specifically acknowledged the service of outgoing board members and emphasized the important role resident associations play in informing and guiding municipal decision-making.

The Councillor highlighted several initiatives that originated through advocacy by Rockwood residents and the RRA. These included improvements to flood mitigation planning following the 2013 storm event, the development of the Burnhamthorpe SNAP (Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan), investments in stormwater infrastructure, and successful advocacy for federal and provincial funding for the Dixie-Dundas flood mitigation project. She noted that community input played a significant role in shaping these initiatives.

Additional accomplishments attributed to community advocacy included the formalization of the Etobicoke Creek trail system, continued waste collection accommodations for townhouse communities, improvements to local parks and recreational facilities, and the development of innovative tools to address issues such as graffiti and coyote tracking. The Councillor stated that many of these initiatives began with concerns raised by Rockwood residents and were later adopted more broadly across the city.

With respect to municipal finances, Councillor Fonseca outlined measures taken by Council and staff to identify efficiencies and reduce costs. These included departmental budget reviews, operational savings, technology contract rationalization, reduced fuel costs through hybrid transit vehicles, and reviews of temporary and contract staffing positions. She also noted ongoing efforts to secure external funding from provincial and federal governments to reduce pressures on property taxpayers.

The Councillor provided an update on the Forest Park development application. She advised that the proposed 25-storey rental apartment building remains under review and that City staff have requested additional information and revisions from the applicant. Outstanding matters include technical studies, landscape plans, pedestrian circulation, wind mitigation measures, and approvals from external agencies, including NAV CANADA, the GTAA, and Hydro One. She confirmed that these agencies are currently reviewing the proposal and that their approvals are required before the application can proceed.

Councillor Fonseca also advised that no formal applications have been submitted for additional proposed development on the Forest Park property, although preliminary discussions have occurred through the City's Development Application Review Committee process. She stated that should a formal planning application be submitted in the future, she would request a community meeting before the application proceeds through the approval process.

During the question-and-answer period, residents raised concerns regarding timelines for the Forest Park application, the availability of site plan information, and airport-related height

restrictions. The Councillor explained that the application remains under staff review and that external agency approvals are still outstanding. She also undertook to seek clarification from staff regarding certain procedural timelines and public access to planning information.

Other questions from the floor included safety issues at Rockwood Mall. Fonseca advised that the new owners had held several open houses and were open to community feedback. She indicated that she would follow-up with the owners and put the RRRA in touch with their management. Fireworks, and the new by-laws were also discussed.

The Councillor concluded by encouraging residents to remain engaged in municipal affairs and reaffirmed her commitment to working with the community on local issues and development matters.

Item Ten: Dale Biason, thanked Councillor Fonseca for attending the meeting and providing her remarks and put forwards a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Michael Suppa. **The motion carried** and the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

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