

# HILLCREST RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION

## Annual General Meeting

Wednesday November 15, 2017 at 7:00pm

Minutes: 21 people in attendance (see attached for split)

- 1. Welcome and call to order @ 7:08pm**, approval of agenda – moved to accept: M. Gervais; seconded: C. Sople
- 2. Approval of minutes of Annual General Meeting, November 2, 2016** – moved to accept: C. Sople; seconded: R. Harrick

### **3. Guest Speaker: Ward 2 Councillor Karen Ras**

- Provided background and update on gypsy moth and cankerworm infestation. The City passed a motion to complete aerial spraying in the spring of 2018. Cost to be covered out of City reserve funds.
- Update on coyote population: territory, precautions to take, culling not an option
- Maltese Trail, extending along the hydro corridor commencing at Winston Churchill along Bromsgrove to Indian Grove, estimated date of completion summer 2019
- Traffic study being done at intersection of Indian Road and South Sheridan Way for potential traffic light (similar to that at Clarkson Road and SSW)
- Update on property at Clarkson Road N @ railroad tracks: plan for stacked townhouses / commercial property, ongoing conversations, would like to negotiate a settlement in Feb 2019, otherwise it goes to the OMB (Ontario Municipal Board)
- Discussion of incident on Lorne Park Road involving a short-term accommodation (e.g. Airbnb setup). This is a widespread issue not isolated to our community. Planning and Development meeting at Council on December 4 to review regulations (similar to those in Toronto), consider applicability to established versus tourist areas.
- City Budget is underway, anticipating a 2.8% increase in municipal taxes. Councillor Ras suggested residents take a look at the “budget allocator tool” on the City website. Any and all suggestions are welcomed from the residents.

### **4. Open forum/questions for Councillor Ras**

- Multi-use trail information available on website @ KarenRas.ca; trail is a day-use trail and will not be plowed nor lighted
- Comment on inconsistent library hours from facility to facility
- Concern re excessive speed on neighbourhood streets
  - Explore options to lower speed limits, raise community awareness, petition
  - Speed limits are governed by the Ontario Traffic Act
  - Sheridan Homelands is undertaking a neighbourhood pilot project where speed “cushions” are being studied as a means to combating speeding traffic
- Despite aerial spraying to take place in the spring, tree bands are still recommended
- Clarkson Road north of tracks, west side: privately-owned property in its present state is sitting idle; nothing happening in terms of zoning

- Question regarding City advertising signs and whether City-owned versus contracting out would be more beneficial
- City has a AAA credit rating, carries debt, may not carry a deficit, has reserve funds for use.
- Concern regarding need for fencing around some of the neighbourhood schools (e.g. Whiteoaks PS) to create a safe boundary between the school yard and forest. Councillor Ras will connect with the School Trustee on this matter.
- Can we get a stop sign or crosswalk on Truscott around Robillard- Karen will look into it. In response to a question, a petition could help persuade a decision.

#### **5. Board of Director's report (attached)**

- Helen Porritt agreed to assist with social media and website
- Moved: P. Sidhu; seconded: J. Kalogerakos

#### **6. Treasurer's Report (attached)**

- Discussion re increasing revenues, fee levels
- C. Soplest emphasized upcoming elections and need for public debates as an opportunity to solicit further membership funds
- Moved to accept: C. da Silva; seconded: J.Kalogerakos

#### **7. Truscott Drive – Safe Pedestrian Crossing (M. Kidnew)**

- M. Kidnew provided history of former crossing at Robillard Dr. and Truscott Dr.; removed in 2010 when Hillcrest became a middle school
- Petition to construct some sort of safe crossing, likely a 3-way stop sign
- M. Kidnew to determine how many signatures are required

#### **8. Hillcrest Middle School – Community Concerns (H. Porritt)**

- H. Porritt expressed concern regarding Hillcrest MS general lack of upkeep
- Information gathering through discussions with Hillcrest School Council, physical inspection and photos of school exterior (circulated), comparison to local middle schools, school funding and assessment reports, etc.
- Would like to engage HRA and School Trustee to help effect improvements and full-disclosure from the PDSB on how funding is spent
- HRA board of directors voted to support this initiative

#### **9. Other business / open forum**

- ***Fencing between Southdown Plaza and Barsuda Drive*** (C. da Silva)
  - Other fencing around and between apartments has been replaced, except for that facing Barsuda (between plaza and road). The fencing, not to mention numerous disposal containers, is a real eyesore.
  - M. Kidnew requested that photos be forwarded to the board and we will follow up
- ***Robillard and South Sheridan Way intersection*** (A. Moorcroft)
  - Concern re blind and dangerous turn, either direction
  - Board to raise issue with K. Ras
- ***Miranet*** (C. Soplest)
  - Provided history and mission of

- Issues include short-term accommodation rentals, outstanding Section 37 development funds, cellphone tower bylaws and regulations, gypsy moth infestation, development issues including highway development
- Look to improve its communications and focus on City-wide issues
- Will host public-debate meetints

**10. 2017 – 2018 Board of Directors**

- a. Moved to dissolve 2016 – 2017 Board of Directors: K. Trudeau; seconded: M. Kidnew
- b. Nomination of directors for 2017 – 2018
  - Bob Harrick
  - Mary Kidnew
  - Julie Morris
  - Catherine Sople
  - Karen Trudeau
- c. Nominations from the floor: none
- d. Election of the Board of Directors for 2017- 2018: moved: M. Kidnew; seconded: K. Trudeau

**11. Adjournment @ 8:55pm:** moved: H. Porritt; seconded: C. da Silva

In attendance:

Board members (4)

Robert Harrick  
Mary Kidnew  
Catherine Sople  
Karen Trudeau

Members

Alexander Wilson  
Helen Porritt  
Rose Burton (with daughter Jessica)  
Carlos da Silva  
Isabel da Silva  
Permpreet Sidhu  
Sandeep Sidhu  
Dimitri Kalogerakos (with daughter Eleni)  
Anne Morrcroft  
Avril Coffey  
Dina Dicheh  
Ian Kidnew  
Don Bean  
Melanie Gervais

Guest

Karen Ras