



2020 Annual General Meeting

Tuesday November 18, 2020 at 7:00pm
Online Via Zoom

Number of people in attendance: 14

1. **Welcome and Call to Order** by Sarah Gray, HRA Board President

- Time called to order: 7:00 pm

2. **Approval of 2020 AGM Agenda**

- Moved to accept by: Mary Kidnew
- Seconded by: Bob Harrick
- Sarah reviewed meeting procedures and Zoom etiquette

3. **Introduction of Board and Distinguished Guests**

- Hillcrest Board of Directors: Sarah Gray – President and Secretary, Wilma Irwin – VP and Membership Chair, Bob Harrick – Treasurer, Mary Kidnew – Past President, Catherine Soplek – At-Large (not in attendance), Michael Rajk – At-Large (not in attendance)
- Distinguished Guests: MP Sven Spengemann, Councillor Karen Ras, and MPP Rudy Cuzzetto joined the meeting later.

4. **Remarks by Sven Spengemann, MP Mississauga South**

- Sven spoke about the various Zoom meetings that he is attended for both local and international issues.
- He introduced Hanan Harb, who is a member of his team.
- Spoke about Federal Healthcare Systems and its means to fight COVID. Key goals:
 - Make sure health care has resources to fight pandemic
 - Make sure citizens have resources and relief
- Said system is originally bottom up i.e. with local people working in co-operation with the government.
- Federal website: Canada.ca/coronavirus
- Vaccine development – Sven advises to temper recent success with caution, and assess roll-out. There will be difficult months ahead.
- \$5 billion has been spent/allocated for mental health alone. Mary Kidnew asked how citizens can access mental health care resources. Sven suggested visiting the Peel Public Health website and City of Mississauga website.

Q & A with Sven:

- Melanie discussed contacts at her workplace and how busy it had become with no chance of proper cleaning. Karen Ras made a note, and asked Mel to send her more info so she can make inquiries.
- Dina asked about green energy initiatives, concerned about money being spent at this time. Sven says that oil/gas are important part of our economy, but moving to green is

important. Net Zero goal by 2050. Energy efficiency of housing – providing upgrades, providing “green jobs” in construction and other industries. Need to start transitioning jobs. Infrastructure, transportation provide jobs and can go green.

- Put people back to work and reduce carbon emissions.

5. Remarks by Karen Ras, Ward 2 City Councilor

- Discussed COVID in Mississauga and increase in hospitalizations recently in the 2nd wave. Urged residents to “Maintain the Core Four”: Stay Apart, Wash your hands, Wear a mask, Get tested.
- She discussed the Mississauga budget and the resident participation in the process (with telephone discussion 11,000 people stayed on the line for at least 15 minutes.) Initial estimate is for a 2.59% increase in taxes for coming year.
- With Gas Tax Funding, Ward 2 has \$2 million dollars for infrastructure improvement, traffic and/or recreation improvements. Karen has had many requests for traffic calming and noise reduction.
- Currently looking at improvements to fields and/or changes usage of the Lacrosse Boxes at Clarkson Park and Meadow Wood Parks.
- Traffic Calming: The city is moving to 40kph in all residential neighbourhoods and 30kph in school zones.
 - The speed limit on Lakeshore Road has already been reduced.
 - The city will be adopting Automated Speed Enforcement in Community Zones.
 - The “Quiet Streets” pilot did not advertise enough beforehand – city still working on it.
- The intersection of Southdown and Bromsgrove is scheduled for improvements related to the Nine Creeks Trail and having to cross 3 ways. ETA 2021.
- Noise reduction: City will make it an offense for the owner of a car to tamper with it to make it louder and/or smoke.
- Coyotes: When spotted, please advise city so they can add to Coyote Sightings Interactive Map.
- South Sheridan Road: Major water main replacement will be happening so expect closings and detours.
- Peel Police: Please notify police when you see crime occurring or suspicious activity so police can track and map. This allows police to focus on areas with problems.

Q & A with Karen:

- Melanie: Does city try to catch the wild turkeys? No, because they fly and move around. And roost in the trees.
- Dina - Robillard: Have they considered adding 3-way stops? Karen said that we could initiate a petition to ask Council for a stop sign. Stop signs are moderately effective means of slowing traffic.
- Dina – Noise issues – motorcycles? A lot have the same modification as noisy cars – would fall under the Provincial legislation. Rudy says people are removing the catalytic converter, not removing the muffler.
- Mary: Quiet Street program – too many signs on Robillard, but putting them on either end could work.
- Mary: Peel Health has done little in terms of written communication (no other media) – is there any other campaign planned for communication? Karen says that a written campaign takes a lot of effort, and the COVID rules keep changing. Peel Public Health website has the most up-dated info.
- Wilma: Cars still parking on Robillard and at her driveway, before and after school. Karen to advise Peel Police. HRA could email the Principal and VP again.

- Bob: Called 311 and waited for over an hour – are they super busy? Karen noted that because of COVID issues, etc, there is more wait time. They have staffed up. You can call Karen – she will help if it is not an immediate issue.

6. Remarks by Rudy Cuzzetto, MPP Mississauga South

- Private members bill to allow seniors to sell life insurance in Ontario.
- Discussed money going to Peel Health Partners for more beds. Sheridan Centre is site for new Seniors Home with 640 beds.
- Province has committed to hiring and training 26,000 PSW's and committing to 4 hours per day per resident.
- \$7.7B for COVID health response
- \$1.3B for schools re-opening and virtual
- \$38.5B deficit in the province now.

Q & A with Rudy:

- Mary: PSWs – pay inequities between males and females, as most PSWs are female. Upon hiring more, will we ensure higher pay? Rudy notes that the Province has increased pay.
- Wilma: What about the for-profit LTCs? They are making billions but don't have proper staff in their homes. Rudy notes that the new 4-hour care per resident will apply to them.

7. Approval of Minutes of Annual General Meeting from November 18, 2019

- Moved to accept by: Bob Harrick
- Seconded by: Wilma Irwin

8. Board of Directors report

- President's Report by Sarah Gray
- Secretary's Report by Sarah Gray
- Membership Report by Wilma Irwin
- Treasurer's Report by Robert Harrick
- Moved to accept all reports: Wilma Irwin
- Seconded by: Mary Kidnew

9. Board of Directors for 2020 - 2021

- Mary Kidnew is stepping down from the Board. Sarah and the remaining board members thanked Mary for her hard work over the years.
- Sarah will confirm if Catherine and Michael will be staying on.
- Nomination of directors for 2020 – 2021: Sarah Gray, Wilma Irwin, Bob Harrick, Catherine Sople, Michael Rajk
- Nominations from the floor: Olivia Kowski
- Election of the Board of Directors for 2020 – 2021: Slate of nominees accepted
- Moved by: Mary Kidnew
- Seconded by: Wilma Irwin

10. New Business / Open Forum

- The Board would like to consider building and installing Little Libraries in Hillcrest. We will need to have volunteers to build the little structures, install and take care of them. Locations could include: Fairfield's Pool, along Barsuda near Clarkson.

11. Adjournment at 8:50pm

Attendees from Zoom participants lists:

1. Sarah Gray
2. Bob Harrick
3. Wilma Irwin
4. Mary Kidnew
5. Karen Ras
6. Sven Spengeman
7. Hanan Harb (Sven's Team)
8. Rudy Cuzzetto
9. Oliwia (Bob's neighbour)
10. Don Bean
11. Carol/Robert Hogue
12. Melanie Gervais
13. Dina
14. Phone call in from 905-822-4842