

**SHERIDAN HOMELANDS RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION (SHORA)
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2017**

Date: February 7th 2018 at 7:30 pm

Location: Sheridan Park Family Church

Attendees: Board members: President - Brandon Wiedemann, Vice-President - Tim Tibbs, Treasurer – Else Grech, Secretary – Lina Tasca, Members at Large – Mona Ankisetty, Nate Douglas, Jordan DesRoches, Julianna Eddy, James Johnston, Shawn Lancaster, Leslie Leaver, 43 residents, 6 Rangers, 2 Leaders

Absent: Past President – Pieter Kool

MINUTES

Brandon Wiedemann, SHORA President:

- Welcomed the residents to our 2017 Annual General Meeting.
- Apologized that our Guest Speaker, Karen Ras, could not attend, due to illness.
- Introduced the Board members.
- Asked for volunteers to help clear off snow and maintain the ice rink.

Treasurer's Report:

- Else Grech briefly reviewed the financial statements.
- Confirmed an over-all net loss of \$380.
- Fun Day expenses were very high, but the SHORA cost was very close to budget. Funding was received from the City, Karen Ras, and Gary Betts.
- 2018 budget will be the same as the 2017 budget.
- \$1,270 has been paid through PayPal.
- Brandon asked for a show of hands in favour of accepting the 2017 financials. Accepted.

Karen Ras' Report and Q&A:

- Karen Ras held a town hall meeting two weeks prior to our AGM on crime prevention.
- Brandon turned the meeting over to Constable Hill for a question and answer session.
- One question related to the recent body found on Sheridan Park Dr. Constable Hill could not comment as this case is still under investigation.
- Speeding concerns should be reported to the Traffic Unit as they will monitor speeds etc.
- Residents can report license plates on line. Individuals will receive three warnings by telephone and mail. After the third report, the police go to the offender's house.
- The issue of scams was raised. Constable Hill confirmed that if something seems too good to be true, it's probably a scam. Don't provide any personal information.

- Construction of the Police station should be completed by October 2018.
- Brandon thanked Constable Hill for her participation.

SHORA Bylaw Amendment:

- SHORA bylaw states that the AGM must be held within the borders of the community.
- As Sheridan Homelands does not have a city-owned centre, SHORA's AGM is held in one of the churches, for which we have to pay a fee.
- If the meeting is held in a city-owned community centre, no fee is charged.
- Brandon put forth a motion to change the bylaw to allow us to host the AGM outside our area (e.g. South Common Community Centre) to avoid payment of usage fees.
- George seconded the motion. One individual opposed. By a show of hands, everyone else was in favour of changing the bylaw. Motion carried.

Election of Board:

- By a show of hands, all were in favour that the current Board remain as is.

Karen Ras' Report included the following:

Traffic Calming:

- Traffic Calming Dept. was organized a few years ago.
- Traffic calming measures include verticle deflection and speed bumps.
- A complete presentation is available on Karen Ras' website.
- Brandon outlined some of the traffic calming measures that are being contemplated for Sheridan Homelands, specifically Perran, Homelands and Thorn Lodge. These include speed bumps, possible pedestrian crossing, and right of way for pedestrians.
- Feedback at previous Traffic Calming meetings has been very positive.
- When approved by Council, traffic calming measures will be completed during the summer of 2018.
- Anyone interested in completing a paper copy of the survey, these are available from Julianna at the back table. An on-line survey is also available. Surveys are due by Friday, February 9th.

Sheridan Park Extension Study:

- There is a 30-day review period for feedback to the City.
- If approved, this project will be placed on the ten-year capital plan.
- Documents can be reviewed on line.

Municipal Election:

- There will be a municipal election in the fall, and it appears Karen Ras may run again for Ward 2 Councillor.
- SHORA cannot take sides.

Tree Replacement:

- Thornlodge Park lost 30 trees (emerald ash borer). To date, eight have been replaced.

- Ten more trees (larger than the usual new trees) will be planted in 2018. Areas include north side of the creek, and pool side.
- Within two years of grinding the stumps, trees will be replaced.

Reimagining Malls:

- The City is looking at reimagining six malls in Mississauga, with potential intensification and residential and commercial development.
- Major roads like Dundas and Erin Mills Parkway will be intensified, to eliminate urban sprawl.
- One individual was very adamant against intensification.
- For more information, visit the City of Mississauga website – Reimagining the Mall.
- One resident suggested a competition between UTM and Sheridan College to come up with ideas.
- Mike Douglas suggested we come up with ideas of how to repurpose the mall to include, for example, a Seniors' Meeting Place, variety of social purposes, etc.

What SHORA Does:

- 40% of our Revenue comes from Advertisers in the Sheridan Times.
- Brandon asked anyone that was interested, to submit articles.
- This revenue allows us to have the following events:
 - Annual General Meeting
 - Annual Community Garage Sale
 - Shakespeare in the Park (This event is expensive, but exceptional.)
 - Family Fun Day (some funds were from Canada 150 program.) This will be changed to a Swim Day in the summer.
 - Reclaim Market (waste diversion) – items not finding a new home will be picked up on the regular garbage day.
 - Pumpkin Parade – some 500 pumpkins donated, and 1,000 visitors. Hot chocolate and Timbits provided.
 - Ice Rink – very weather dependent – this winter was great for the ice rink. Volunteers to help clear the snow, flood the rink, etc. are always welcome.
 - Tree planting – SHORA has one tree and one bench in Thornlodge Park.
 - A Memorial tree costs \$1,300, and a bench costs \$1,130.
 - The School Board does not have a tree replacement budget. SHORA can purchase a six-foot tree for about \$180 from the garden centres. Rather than purchase one memorial tree for the park, we could buy 5 or 6 trees for the schools.
 - If SHORA proceeds with the purchase and planting of trees for the schools, a water schedule would have to be set up with them.
 - A suggestion was made that a bench would be nice at the Peace Garden.
 - Christmas Lights competition – Donation made to Deacon's Cupboard.
 - Charts and sticker exercise (what is of interest to residents) was reviewed.

Erinview:

- The Erinview plan has been approved.

- This allows for a four-storey building at the back of the property, and a six-storey building fronting on Dundas.

Canvassing:

- Tim Tibbs thanked the canvassers for their hard work.
- Our membership is less than 2015. This could be largely due to the neighbourhood changing. We have seen a large turnover.
- A list of streets requiring canvassers is posted on the board. We're always looking for volunteers.

Miscellaneous:

- One individual stated there should be benches at bus stops. **Brandon will follow-up.**
- Dog Park – cannot build on green space. However, there may be an opportunity for one on Sheridan Park Drive green space.
- Little Library – single cupboard on front lawn – take a book, leave a book.
- Bike lanes – white lines are not bike lanes; allows for street parking.
- Possible plant exchange in the spring.
- Art events: Bell boxes are painted; Alectra boxes are wrapped.
- We have leaf stencils to paint the pathway in the park.
- One individual asked if the path by St. Francis School will be paved.

Windrow Clearing:

- George asked why Mississauga has to pay to have the windrow cleared when it is free in Etobicoke and Toronto.
- Tim suggested we could ask for volunteers to clear windrows for seniors in an e-blast and the Sheridan Times.

Brandon thanked the residents for attending, and the Board members for their work.

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.