

**SHERIDAN HOMELANDS RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION (SHORA)
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (2020)**

Date: September 16th 2021 at 6:00 pm

Location: Thornlodge Park

Attendees: Board members: President - Brandon Wiedemann, Vice-President - Tim Tibbs, Past-President – Pieter Kool, Treasurer – Denis Semwogerere, Secretary – Lina Tasca, Members at Large – Mona Ankisetty, Nate Douglas, Julianna Eddy, James Johnston, Leslie Leaver, Rene St. Cyr, and some 50 residents

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Brandon welcomed the attendees, and introduced our guest speaker, Karen Ras.

Karen spoke about:

- The environmental assessment regarding Loyalist Creek. Lots of feedback was received from residents. Options include keeping the existing alignment as is (preferred), restoring, or replacing the gabion walls. The assessment is being re-evaluated, and an updated report will be provided around the end of September or October.
- Speed Bumps (wider and higher) will be installed closer together on Thorn Lodge Dr. and Homelands Dr., and speed bumps will also be installed on Fifth Line West.
- Trillium Health Partners (THP) are working to address resident issues, with a survey going to residents of Malden and Varenecy. There will be parking restrictions based on survey results.
- Sheridan Park Drive Apartment Building – this is progressing quickly, and will be a ‘market-rent’ building.
- Sheridan Research Park, behind IMAX, has submitted a proposal for two one-story buildings.
- Sheridan Mall has been renamed *Sherwood Village* and will eventually provide indoor and outdoor access to the stores. The Metro store will be moved to the other end of the mall, where there will be a pedestrian avenue with restaurants on either side. This will be a higher-end mall, community focused, with residential buildings two to three years down the road. Rezoning will be required.

Karen then opened up a question-and-answer session, which included the following:

- Sheridan Park Drive opening to Winston Churchill is part of a ten-year capital plan and is not included in the current budget, as many projects are currently underfunded. This has been a tough budget year!
- Karen confirmed a concrete pad will be poured in Thornlodge Park for a skating rink. Each Ward has been granted \$2 Million in Gas Tax funding, which will be used for traffic calming, more skating rinks, etc.
- In response to obtaining construction information, building permit applications, etc., Karen confirmed all such information is outlined in her monthly newsletter and is also available online at the City of Mississauga Planning Hub.
- A question was raised about large houses being built, and whether or not a smaller house could be built on an existing property. Karen confirmed that, at present, stringent zoning bylaws do not allow this, and any changes would require extensive community input.

Brandon thanked Karen for her time.

- He then introduced the SHORA Board members.
- 2020 (Covid year), SHORA organized a bike ride, created a skating rink, started a Neighbourhood Watch programme, and published two issues of the Sheridan Times (spring and fall).
- In 2021, we had another bike ride, Neighbourhood Watch is being expanded to more streets, and the City will pour a permanent concrete pad for a skating rink.

Denis Semwogerere, Treasurer, presented the financial reports for the 2020 calendar year.

- Starting equity in 2020 was \$12,164 and the year ended with equity of \$16,994.
- Income of \$11,448 was from the Sheridan Times and \$2,468 from memberships, for total income of \$13,916.
- Expenses for the Sheridan Times amounted to \$7,781; website \$251 and Insurance \$761, and miscellaneous expenses of \$292, for total expenses of \$9,085, resulting in net equity for the year of \$4,831.

Brandon confirmed that SHORA has committed funds of \$1,500 to three schools (Sheridan Park, Thorn Lodge and Homelands) for tree planting, and hopes the school councils will match our donation.

Brandon introduced Graeme Lake, who provided an update on Loyalist Creek and the gabion wall.

- Two years ago, the gabion wall started to collapse.
- One wall has now completely collapsed.
- According to City staff, the wall has reached the end of its life!
- The City has split this into three areas and has provided three solution options:
 - leave as is
 - restoration
 - natural restoration
- They are looking for a long-time solution that won't destroy the area.
- Every tree that is removed during reconstruction, due to heavy equipment, etc., will be matched 3 – 1.

Brandon confirmed there are currently 11 Board members. If, at any time, anyone is interested in helping out for specific functions/events, or working with the Board, please contact Brandon at president@shora.ca

Miscellaneous:

- **Do not** feed foxes or other wildlife as this will create problems.
- Stay away from foxes and coyotes.
- There is a possibility we may have a Pumpkin Parade this year.
- Brandon thanked Andrew for providing and monitoring audio equipment.

Meeting ended at 6:45 pm.