

**SHERIDAN HOMELANDS RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION (SHORA)
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019**

Date: February 5th 2020 at 7:00 pm

Location: Arbour Green Room, South Common Community Centre

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, Nisha Sarveswaran, and some 50 residents

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Representatives from Trillium Hospital Partners and Heart House Hospice displayed posters/boards of the proposed new hospice project to be built on Speakman Drive. For the first half hour or so, residents were able to view the displays and speak with the representatives.

Brandon Wiedemann, President, called the meeting to order and reviewed the agenda. SHORA's main focus is to be aware of what is happening in the neighbourhood and to communicate this to the residents.

Brandon briefly reviewed last year's AGM, speakers, etc. and invited residents, if they had not already done so, to review the Minutes of last year's AGM which are posted on www.shora.ca. Harry Gregg put forth a motion to accept the Minutes of last year's AGM as posted. The motion was seconded by James Johnston, accepted by all present; carried.

Trillium Health Partners and Heart House Hospice:

Brandon welcomed guest speaker, Shawn Kerr, Associate Vice-President of Public Affairs and Strategic Partnerships, Trillium Health Partners.

- Trillium Health Partners includes Mississauga General Hospital, Credit Valley Hospital and Queensway Hospital.
- This is one of the largest hospital communities in the country, handling 1.7 million visits annually.
- Mississauga is the largest community in Canada without a residential hospice and Mississauga has the fewest number of long-term care beds of any community in the country.
- Over the past few years, Trillium Partners and Heart House Hospice had been looking for a location for a new health centre, and have purchased the property on Speakman Drive.

- The initial announcement of the new health centre was made in December, on Speakman Drive. Input from residents is necessary, and an open house was held in January, as well as discussions at tonight's meeting. Meetings are also arranged with businesses in Sheridan Park (Research Centre).
- Shawn reviewed the initial concept (not etched in stone). They are currently looking at 220 beds for long-term care and 10 beds for hospice. They are asking for Government assistance for additional beds as Mississauga would still be short 1,500 beds.
- Research is being done on the type of specialized services that would be required to service the new health centre.
- Valuable feedback has been provided by Humber, Milton and Runnymede Rehab Centres.
- The timeline for the first phase (long-term care and hospice) is approximately six years. The community will be updated on a regular basis.
- The health/medical, rehab, research centres would be part of the second phase.
- The main feature of the artist's rendering is integration with the community.
- Shawn reviewed some of the feedback that has been received, including concerns such as traffic, lighting, green space, accessibility, etc. A traffic study will be done. All feedback received at the open house and at tonight's meeting will be reviewed and taken into consideration as plans progress.
- A question and answer period followed.

SHORA:

Brandon introduced members of the SHORA Board. He mentioned that we are looking for another Board member as well as volunteers. Anyone interested should contact Brandon at president@shora.ca.

As SHORA is part of the City Affiliate Programme, the City provides 'free' meeting rooms for our Board meetings and AGM. For this reason our AGM is now being held at South Common Community Centre. In past years, we paid several hundred dollars to the various churches to rent a room. We also qualify for staff support from the City, as well as liability insurance for events held in Thornlodge Park (Shakespeare in the Park, Pumpkin Parade, etc.). As a participating affiliate, SHORA also qualifies for the 'matching grant program' of \$2,000 per year. Through this grant, we were able to purchase a bicycle repair stand which will be installed in the coming months near the new bicycle path at Erin Mills Parkway and Sheridan Park Drive.

The City has requested that we include a *Code of Conduct* in our bylaws as a mechanism for resolution of complaints. All complaints received will be investigated, and a written response will be provided. The Code of Conduct that has been drawn up was reviewed by Brandon Wiedemann. A motion to adopt a Conflict Resolution policy was put forth by James Johnston, seconded by Kathleen Jay, accepted by all present and carried. A further motion was put forth by Pieter Kool to include the *Code of Conduct* in the SHORA bylaws. The motion was seconded by Denis Semwogerere, accepted by all present and carried.

Treasurer's Report:

- Denis Semwogerere reviewed the 2019 financials. As at December 31st 2019, our bank balance was \$12,164.03; accounts receivable amounted to \$2,910.00, for total assets of \$15,074.03. This is slightly higher than what we started with at the beginning of the year.
- Some money was saved this year as we did not purchase a liner for the ice rink, which was a good decision as this winter has not been very cold.
- Our biggest expense is the Sheridan Times, but the cost is more than offset by ads revenue.
- Denis thanked Gary Betts for his sponsorship of Shakespeare in the Park, and Dayana D'Amico for providing the hot chocolate at the Pumpkin Parade.
- Denis spoke briefly about membership being down and the fact that door-to-door canvassing had not been done this past year. Memberships can be paid by PayPal or cash/cheque (\$20). An automatic subscription has also been set up and the cost through the subscription is \$15.

2020 Events:

- Brandon reviewed events that are being planned for the current year – Easter Egg Hunt, Earth Day Clean-up, Sheridan Times, Garage Sale, Children's Theatre, new bike station, Shakespeare in the Park, Little Libraries, Reclaim Market, Pumpkin Parade, painting park paths, etc.
- The Children's Theatre is new this year and we are looking at several theatre companies. When this is confirmed, residents will be notified.
- Recommendation was put forth to have a rain date for the garage sale. The rain date should be the following Saturday, and this could be included in the initial advertisements to avoid further expense.

Karen Ras:

Brandon introduced Guest Speaker, Karen Ras, Councillor, Ward 2:

- Of the 14 Ratepayers' Associations in Ward 2, SHORA is the most engaged, and the financials are in great shape!
- The Federal Government has provided Gas Tax Funding in the amount of \$2 million for each Ward.
- SHORA's requests for this grant include:
 - A level concrete pad for the ice rink in Thornlodge Park
 - A water fountain to be placed between the tennis courts and baseball diamond
 - A four-season washroom in Thornlodge Park
 - A new bridge over Loyalist Creek in Don Gould Park

City Budget:

- As a result of Provincial cut-backs, the City of Mississauga and the Region of Peel will be increasing property taxes in 2020. The City of Mississauga increase will be 1.6% and the Region of Peel will be 1.74%. As they are weighted differently, the total increase is 3.24%.

City Centre Intensification:

- Square One has announced a massive mixed community development, with 18,000 residential units.
- The City is working behind the scenes to ensure affordable housing.
- Many years ago the City voted a ‘no height restriction’ in the City Centre area to allow for growth. Rogers will be putting up an 80-storey tower in the downtown core.
- Intensification will also occur along the Hurontario corridor.

Reimagining the Mall:

- Council has developed a planning framework as to how malls will be redeveloped.
- Policies are being put in place to encourage mixed-use development.
- Developers will have to submit a master plan for a community to live, work and play.
- Sheridan Centre has not yet shared plans with the City, but a master plan is expected within the next few months.

Dundas Connects:

- Dundas St. will become a rapid transit corridor.
- The bulk of the changes will be east of Mississauga Rd., with the highest intensification around the Dixie Rd. and Dundas St. area.
- The City will protect the Dundas right of way.

Loyalist Creek:

- An environmental assessment is required as the original gabian walls did not last as long as expected.
- Water will have to be redirected when the gabian walls are repaired/replaced.
- Inventory and survey work has already begun.

Sheridan Park Extension:

- An environmental assessment was completed and approved in May 2019.
- As it was too late for the 2020 budget, it will go into a ten-year capital plan for 2021 to 2031.
- The actual time frame will be balanced with other priorities at the time.

Climate Action Plan:

- The City has approved an 80% reduction by 2050.
- Consideration is being given to replacing the hybrid buses with electric buses.
- The cost for new bus infrastructure will be \$400 million.

Public Transit:

- The City is working to include two-way, all-day GO lines to Milton and Kitchener.
- The city is also looking at the feasibility of extending the Long Branch streetcar line to the Hurontario LRT.
- Metrolinx should become a more regional transportation system to ensure proper connectivity between municipalities.

A question and answer period followed Karen's presentation. Miscellaneous items of discussion included:

- Bill 103 has been passed. The Province has reverted back to OMB rules, and the City can no longer collect fees from developers.
- Re the dog leash-free park, the Region owns the land, and the City cannot approve a dog park.
- Photo radar will be coming to Mississauga, but the City will be implementing this gradually.
- Credit Valley Conservation Authority (one of the leading conservation authorities)
 - Putting in a new conservation area on the Lakeview site
 - Removing ash trees affected by emerald ash borer from Rattray Marsh
 - Creating a 100 km trail from the headwaters in Orangeville to Lake Ontario (20-year project)
 - Provides many activities through the year
- Speed on all internal residential streets in Mississauga will be reduced to 40 km by the end of the year.

Brandon thanked the guest speakers, and everyone for attending.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.