



Trend Arlington Community Association

MINUTES

Annual General Meeting, Nov. 7th, 2012

IN ATTENDANCE:

TACA Executive: Stewart Kronberg, President; James O'Grady, Vice-President; Leon Richins, Treasurer; Alison Harvey, Secretary; Carmen Parsons, FLASH Editor; Dave Green, Building Coordinator and TATC Liaison; Marianne Cox, Events Coordinator. **Not attending:** Manuel Cruz, Web Administrator; Trevor Poole, Rink Coordinator; Cheryl Burford, AWC Liaison.

Others in attendance: Keith Egli, Ward 9 Councillor; Frempon Bafi-Yebova, City of Ottawa Community Liaison Officer; Sabrina Gill from Councillor Egli's office; and eight residents of the Trend Arlington Community.

CHAIR: Stewart Kronberg.

1. Welcome and Overview of Activities

President's Report

Stewart welcomed everyone and introduced the TACA Directors. He then gave a brief overview of the events that TACA had hosted over the past year including the annual spring clean-up, garage sale, craft fair and the winter carnival. He thanked Marianne for organizing the latter two events, noted that she will be retiring after the January carnival, and indicated that TACA is seeking new volunteers to coordinate these events. Stewart also noted that the Banner Park Climber for which TACA has been fundraising was installed this past summer and thanked Alison for her work on this.

Stewart noted the following neighbourhood improvements that TACA had supported and had been advocating:

- The expansion and resurfacing of the community building parking lot;
- Boxwood Court was renamed from Glendenning Court to eliminate address confusion with Glendenning Drive; (Two other community street name duplications - Sellers Way/Court and Parkwood Crescent/Court - will also have to be sorted out eventually.)
- A new streetlight was installed on Siskin Court; and
- The condominium development on Greenbank Road at Craig Henry was reduced in size from its original proposal

Stewart also reported that two public meetings had been held as part of a 'pre-rezoning' or 'spot zoning' process for 171-175 Greenbank Road, and that another meeting will be held at the community building on December 4. This meeting may be the last chance for community input before the recommendations are finalized and formally considered by Planning Committee.

Stewart also advised attendees that a Dymon Storage facility will be built at the northwest corner of Greenbank and Hunt Club Roads, and that TACA was pleased with this development for reasons of accessibility to the property, continued privacy for the neighbouring houses and providing a useful service for the community.

Stewart remarked on the success of the spring Bike Rodeo hosted by the Arlington Woods Community Church in partnership with TACA. The event raised over \$1,000 for the Banner Park climber. He expressed TACA's appreciation for the Church's efforts and hoped this type of community cooperation would continue in future years.

Stewart reported that there is no evidence that TACA was ever incorporated, and that the Executive plans to review and update the original constitution and bring it to the next AGM for approval.

Stewart concluded his remarks by noting that new volunteers are always needed for any task large or small, and that \$10 memberships are available to help fund for TACA operations and events.

Vice-President's Report

James advised that the Community Softball and T-Ball which he runs with Andrea O'Connell had a very successful second year of operation with good attendance and lots of enthusiasm on the part of parents and their children.

James reported on the activities of the Knoxdale-Merivale Council (KMC) since it was first created in 2009-10 to represent the interests of the community associations that comprise Ward 9. KMC's activities include advocating on behalf of the Ward to the city (e.g. maintaining bus services, pressing for a budget meeting at the Nepean Sportsplex), hosting an all-candidates' meeting before municipal elections, and running an annual hockey tournament on the February Hockey Day in Canada/Family Day weekend.

James also reported on his involvement with the Federation of Citizen's Associations (FCA), an umbrella group comprising some 35-40 community associations in Ottawa for which he is the Vice-President of Communications. There are four sub-committees of the Association (planning, zoning, governance, and the environment) which closely monitor developments and policy emanating from City Council and Staff.

2. Annual Financial Report

Leon presented TACA's financial statements for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012. He outlined key items in the report such as the Banner Park Climber cost and financing sources, and the one-time expense of a new snow blower which put rink operations for 2011-2012 into a loss position. TACA's assets on September 30, 2012 amounted to \$9877.27. The financial statements will be posted on the TACA website.

Leon then responded to questions regarding the financial report.

3. Approval of October 15th Minutes

The Minutes were approved.

4. General Questions and Comments

No questions were posed or comments offered.

5. Nominations and Election of Directors for 2012-2013

Current directors, except for Marianne (whose position will become vacant in January), were willing to continue and so were acclaimed.

6. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 10th. (Regular meetings will continue on the second Monday of each month.)

7. Councillor Keith Egli

Stewart introduced Keith, thanked him for his support for the Siskin Court street light and parking lot expansion and upgrading, and noted with appreciation the Councillor's ready accessibility to the Association on issues large and small.

Keith noted the following matters:

- That he had been able to secure funding in the coming year's budget for the long-needed expansion of the Emerald Plaza library branch.
- The good turnout at the regional budget consultation, and that many residents from Ward 9 were in attendance even though the was open to the whole of south and rural Ottawa.
- On the change in garbage pick-up services, Keith urged patience if there are problems. He reported that four out of five service providers have changed and that the city and rate payers are not only saving some \$10 million annually, but extending the life of the City's existing landfills.

In response to a question relating to the possibility of a casino in Ottawa, Keith explained the decision process: The Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (OLG) is planning on closing the Rideau Carlton Raceway (which has slot machines, but no other gambling facilities aside from harness racing) in its present form. Keith reported that city councillors voted to allow businesses to bid to open a full casino in order to also allow Rideau-Carlton to present a bid. OLG prefers downtown locations, but will consider all bids from the city of Ottawa including potential locations such as Lebreton Flats, Dow's Lake, and the Ottawa airport. Keith reported that he has heard overwhelmingly from his constituents that they do not want to see a casino in the downtown core. He noted that OLG, which is driving the process, will eventually only propose one final bid for consideration by City Council, which will be a 'take it or leave it' proposition.