

**Annual General Meeting CMGRA
7:00 p.m. Wed., Oct. 16
Oakville Municipal Offices**

Minutes

Present: Dani Morawetz, Moira Matsubuchi-Shaw, Anthony Molinaro, Kim Nenniger, Nancy Robertson

Guest speakers:

John McNeil, Manager of Forestry Services for the Town of Oakville
Mayor Rob Burton

Regional Councillor Keith Bird and Councillor Dave Gittings were also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by CMGRA President Dani Morawetz at 7:08 p.m.

Introduction of board of directors: President Dani Morawetz; Vice-President Anthony Molinaro; Treasurer Mel Erlindson; Director of Communications Moira Matsubuchi-Shaw; Secretary Kim Nenniger; Directors-at-large Doug MacKenzie; Alex Murphy; and Nancy Robertson.

Dani thanked Tim Hyde, outgoing director, for his invaluable contributions to CMGRA, particularly in the area of zoning, and preservation of neighbourhood character.

Introduction of new director Jeffrey Percival, a lawyer with Pallett Valo LLP in Mississauga. He lives near OTMHS and has two children in the public school system.

Motion to adopt the slate of directors by Dan Fulcher, seconded by Jane Connor.
Motion carried.

Dani introduced the councillor and guest speakers.

She presented a financial overview; CMGRA is in good financial health, with a closing cash position over \$8000.

She then gave detailed updates on the South Central Public Lands Study, the Linbrook School site, and the Gairloch Gardens property. (These are available in the AGM document, attached.)

Emerald Ash Borer

John McNeil, Manager of Forestry for Oakville, spoke about the Emerald Ash Borer. The EAB will cost over \$60 million in public and private funds over the next 10 years.

Oakville's overall canopy cover is 29%; in our area it is 40-48%. The tree canopy saves money on heating and cooling homes, among other benefits. Oakville started treating trees in 2010 and in 2012 began program to educate homeowners and encourage treatment of privately-owned ash trees. The Town is treating the largest, healthiest trees on public land and removing the others, including those in woodlots, which are not suitable for treatment.

InZone Project

Dani Morawetz noted that Oakville is revising its zoning by-laws; there is an open house Oct. 17 to review the proposed changes, and a public session on November 4.

Off-Leash Area at Post Park

Councillor Dave Gittings explained that there are no plans to close the area, despite some residents' complaints about off-leash dogs on the soccer field; the Humane Society has been issuing reminders to keep dogs leashed outside of the area.

Mayor Burton

The Mayor presented a slideshow on the progress of Livable Oakville. He noted that taxes have gone up 210% since 1988 and that this rate of increase is unsustainable. Six fiscal tools will be used to limit increases: performance-based budgeting, maximizing development charges, paying down tax-supported debt, linking user fees to the consumer price index, creating new forms of non-tax revenue (e.g. from solar and hydro power), and reversing the downloads imposed by the Harris government.

He reviewed the status of other projects including: zoning bylaw reviews, planning the new community centre and the revitalization of downtown. Future projects include the building of the new community centre, the revitalization of the downtown area as a cultural and social hub, new uses for the Post Office and Centennial Square, North Park Phase 2, renovating Oakville Arena, and accommodating Oakville's financial support of the new hospital.

Mayor Burton presented architect's drawings of a possible concept for a new arts centre on the Centennial library site, including a concert hall, concealed parking lot, waterfront restaurants, high-end condos, and improved access to the waterfront.

There were no questions for Mr. Burton.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.