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4:30 pm

This year's Annual General Meeting (AGM) introduced a new format that was more social and inclusive. It began with a brief but comprehensive business portion, followed by the pleasure of listening to our guest speaker, Dipika Damerla, Councillor Ward 7 and mayoral candidate. At the end everyone enjoyed the comradery of our neighbours, along with pizza and snacks with refreshments.

There were approximately 40 members in attendance. In addition, the Board had received proxies from 5 members who were unable to attend in person, but asked that the Board vote on any motions on their behalf. One week before the scheduled AGM, a meeting package containing the agenda and other materials was sent to all members of the village. This package provided all the necessary information needed to participate fully in the meeting.

Aaron Wouters, EVA President, called the meeting to order at 4:50 pm, stated our Land Acknowledgement, and provided general welcoming comments. It was confirmed that we had a quorum for the meeting. Aaron then gave the President's Report for 2024 as follows;

Building Community – Janet Miazga & Colleen Peddle

Spring Social Was Strawberry-Licious

- *Held on Sunday, June 11th at the home of Marilyn and Rudy Mendez. The strawberry cakes provided by Michael Manrique.*
- *The raffle raised \$360.00 in support of Trillium Health Partners for the new Mississauga Hospital.*

Our First Annual "Taste of Erindale Village" Community Potluck

- *Was a hugely successful event held on Sunday, September 24th at the Erindale Community Hall.*
- *Attendees were invited to bring a dish to share with neighbours, which made for a deliciously diverse spread of food. With the support of the City of Mississauga's Small Project Matching Grant, the event was made possible.*
- *The event raised \$140.00 in support of Trillium Health Partners for the new Mississauga Hospital.*
- *Special recognition goes to Mo Snobar, who provided tents for the event. The Association appreciates his continued support over the years.*

Erindale Village Promotes Chanukah

- *The Chabad Jewish Discovery Centre hosted Chanukah on December 7th and the Village was once again invited for the lighting of the menorah.*
- *The Chabad Jewish Discovery Centre is led by Erindale Village residents, Rabbi Yitzchok and Sara Slavin.*
- *The festivities had entertainment and complimentary latkes, doughnuts, chocolate gelt, and other treats.*
- *Chanukah is an eight-day Jewish winter festival known as the "festival of lights," celebrated with nightly menorah lightings, special prayers, and fried foods.*

YARD OF THE MONTH

We completed our third year in offering our Yard of the Month recognition program in 2023. We identified 5 homes in the village that had beautiful yards in the following months;

- *June – Emil & Lily Vacek of 2432 Jarvis St.*
- *July – Alex & Susan Ma of 2515 Robinson St.*
- *August - Amtul & Waheed Ahmed of 1587 Thompson St.*
- *September – Mehdi & Azin Razavi of 2425 Jarvis St.*
- *October – Abbas & Hora Bazrafshan of 1521 Adamson St.*

Nominations were submitted to the Board by neighbours. This coming summer, we are planning on continuing the program.



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Membership Report – Celia Desmond

The 2023 Membership Drive was a success. Out of the 138 addresses in the Village, 5 have unidentified owners. Among the remaining 133 addresses, the EVA now boasts 109 paid members, reflecting an 82% participation rate, mirroring last year's figures.

The Erindale Village Directory was distributed in hard copy this fall. If you did not receive a copy in your mailbox, please let us know.

Financial Report – Rishi Tibriwal

Copies of the financial statements were sent to members by email in advance of the meeting. The association is in a healthy financial position.

Communications Report – Dan Giampuzzi

Over the past few years, the EVA Board has significantly improved its communication with our community. You might have noticed email notifications regarding neighbourhood events and updates about our members' lives. Different individuals have varying preferences on how these announcements should be made, and our Board is mindful of this diversity. As a policy, we do not send emails or publish personal information without explicit consent from the family.

We value and encourage our members to contribute information as it fosters community and extends support to those in need. Feel free to contact us at info@erindalevillage.ca to share any news.

*Our village newsletter, *The Village Pulse*, is thriving with many avid readers. We aim for a minimum of quarterly releases, but if there is more news, we will increase the frequency. Previous editions of the newsletter can be accessed on our website at www.erindalevillage.ca*

If you have a topic you wish to share with the Village, please get in touch, and we will gladly feature it in our email updates or the upcoming newsletter.

City Liaison Report – David MacRae

Item #1: Emerson House (E.V. Royale), 1646 Dundas St. W.

- *The project began almost 10 years ago, and was initially rejected by the City but later approved by OLT/LPAT, approx. 4 years ago.*
- *However, the development has stalled due to unforeseen property conditions and additional costs, leading to uncertainty about the completion date, as stated on the Emerson House website.*

Item #2: 2935/2955 Mississauga Rd. File# OZ/OPA 22-6 W8

- *We have been in contact with the city planner for Ward 8, on a monthly basis regarding this proposed development.*
- *Since the council meeting last February where concerns were raised about a proposed 13-storey condo being so close to the bank of the Credit River, there have been no resubmissions.*
- *City council firmly rejected the proposal. The planner anticipates a new submission in Q1 of this year, however we doubt approval for any high-rise on the property will happen.*

Item#3: Successful Projects in 2023

1. Neighbourhood Watch

- *Thanks to our councillor Dipika Damerla and Gerald Adad, the neighbourhood services manager, we are now officially part of the Neighbourhood Watch program. Signs have been placed at each entrance of the Village.*



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2. 4-Way Stop Adamson & Robinson
 - Now we have a 4-way stop at Adamson & Robinson, which now slows traffic and creates a safe location for school buses to pick up and drop off kids.
3. Stop Lights at Robinson and Dundas
 - After successfully lobbying with the City, the red-light times have been reduced and are now significantly less than the previous wait times.

Item#3: Ongoing Projects for 2024

1. The sidewalk on the north side of Dundas through the village is now with council to approve in this year's budget. If approved construction will begin this spring.
2. This Hall, the Erindale Community Hall will be 100 years old in 3 years, so we have already started discussion with Dipika our Councillor, to allocate funds in the city budget for much needed renovations and upgrades. Dipika did address this topic during her presentation after the formal meeting.

The following questions were submitted by members in advance of the meeting for the EVA Board to address;

Q1. Can motions from members be made and approved at the AGM?

- Motions for consideration at the AGM must be submitted well in advance so that the motions can be circulated to all members in advance of the meeting. This process allows members the opportunity to consider the proposed motion and to attend the meeting or submit a proxy with respect to the proposed motion.

Q2. Regarding the membership directory:

- a) Can email addresses of members be included?
 - For privacy considerations the email addresses of members are not included in the directory.
- b) Can the directory distinguish between members, non-members, students etc.
 - The association is precluded from specifically doing this because it is considered discriminatory. The directory does list addresses of homes with no information next to them which could be members who did not wish to have their information listed in the directory or chose not to be members.

Q3. Should we reconsider membership qualifications in order to exclude those in the proposed condo development?

- Yes this should be considered however there is plenty of time to do this since the condo development is at least 3 plus years from completion.

Q4. Should we form a committee for issues related to the city?

- The EVA Board has repeatedly sent out requests and has personally asked certain members to form such a committee but there has not been anyone who would volunteer to date. In future this could always be done if there is interest in doing so.

Q5. Should the association have an archivist?

- All board documents are currently being stored in the Association's Google Account in the cloud. However, this request is certainly a good idea nevertheless despite requests to the community there has not been anyone willing to volunteer for this role.
- This request will be considered again in March with the new board.

Q6. Is it possible to receive a summary of the board meeting minutes?

- Copies of board minutes are available to any member(s) of the association upon request and can be provided by email or paper copy to those interested in receiving them.

There were no additional questions of note from the members in attendance.



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The following motions were then voted on;

MOTION # 1 ACCEPTANCE OF 2023 AGM MINUTES AND DISPENSATION OF FINANCIAL AUDIT

- The previous AGM was held on February 23, 2023. While corporations are mandated by law to have a formal review or financial audit, the Association's budget is limited and cannot cover the cost of an audit. However, the Board is willing to confirm the financial statements' accuracy.
- Request for a motion for the membership to accept the 2023 Minutes and waive the need for a financial audit of the 2023 financial statements.
- Motion #1 was unanimously approved by the members in attendance and by proxy.

MOTION # 2 ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS A SLATE

- The following directors are returning to the board; Janet Miazga, Colleen Peddle, Aaron Wouters, Rishi Tibriwal, and Dan Giampuzzi each for a two year term. Deryck Fox is a new board member for a two year term and Ethan Hall is a new board member for a one year term.
- Motion #2 was unanimously approved by the members in attendance and by proxy.

There being no further business to consider the meeting ended at 5:20 pm by unanimous consent. Dipika Damerla then gave her presentation and answered questions from the floor. A copy of her presentation is appended to the minutes of the meeting for information purposes. Her presentation concluded at 5:50 pm and then everyone enjoyed the pizza, snacks and refreshments.

Minutes prepared by:
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Secretary for the meeting
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