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7:00 pm

The 2023 Erindale Village Association Annual General Meeting was held on February 23, 2023. This year, for the first time since 2020, the meeting was held in person at the Erindale Community Hall. Despite the inclement weather that day, there were 30 members in attendance. In addition, the Board had received proxies from 10 members who were unable to attend in person, but asked that the Board vote on any motions on their behalf.

Mike Manrique, EVA President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm, stated our Land Acknowledgement, and provided general welcoming comments. It was determined that we had a quorum for the meeting. Mike also confirmed that the Board had received 10 duly completed proxies.

Mike then asked that we approve Motion #1 – Approval of the Agenda for the 2023 AGM. Aaron Wouters moved to approve the Agenda and was seconded by Rishi Tibriwal. There were no comments, and the Motion was then voted on by Members through a show of hands. The Agenda was unanimously approved.

Mike asked that we also approve Motion #2 – Approval of the Minutes from the 2022 EVA Annual General Meeting. Ziggy Williams moved to approve the minutes and was seconded by Celia Desmond. There were no comments. The Membership then voted, and the 2022 Minutes were unanimously approved.

Mike then introduced our first Guest Speaker, Giuliana Carere, Education / Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, Animal Services, City of Mississauga. Giuliana made an informative presentation about coyotes in Mississauga. The Eastern Coyote (the only species in Mississauga) has been here for over 100 years. Giuliana explained that they serve a very useful role in controlling the rodent population, are generally non confrontational, and can co-exist very well with residents, provided we all follow established regulations regarding “no feeding of wildlife” and keeping pets on leash when outside our properties.

Our next guest speaker was Mississauga City Councillor Dipika Damerla. Members had submitted questions in advance of the meeting. The Councillor answered all questions;

- Regarding the Dundas BRT project, she explained that the western part of the project (Cooksville to Winston Churchill Blvd.) is not funded and is many years away from a start up phase. The immediate focus is on the Cawthra to Kipling corridor and work will begin in 2025.
- The north Dundas street sidewalk falls under Ward 6. However, she committed to follow up with her fellow Councillor and get an answer for us in the coming weeks.
- We were asked that we forward suggestions we might have for the Community Benefits Charge – which is 4% of the value of the property developers have to pay to the City for any building project in Mississauga.
- The Provincial target of 120,000 homes in Mississauga over the next 10years was a vigorous discussion. There will be a challenge on our infrastructure to support it along with the \$20 billion cost.
- She indicated that homelessness and more parkland in Mississauga remain a focus for her in 2023.

Our final guest speaker was Rudi Cuzzetto, MPP. He covered several topics;

- Work on the new hospital has begun. It will be a 24 story facility, the largest in Canada. As part of this expansion, 27,000 healthcare workers will be hired.



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- There was a very vigorous debate regarding the Province's plans to build housing in Greenbelt areas, the healthcare crisis in Ontario with shortage of doctors and long wait times, and the Province's plan to allow certain procedures (paid for by OHIP) to be moved to private clinics. In particular, Councillor Dimerla and MPP Cuzzetto had a spirited debate regarding the manner in which Mississauga is handling Developer Charges and new housing in our City.
- Our Board challenged Rudi to work with us, and on our behalf, to fight the new proposed project at the corner of Dundas Street and Mississauga Road.

Mike then presented the President's report. He spoke about the numerous activities and accomplishments we had in 2022 and thanked Jane Phillips, our past President for her work on the Board.

Shazia Yasmeen, Treasurer presented the Financial Report. Total income for the year was \$2,716.51, which came mainly from Membership dues and donations. Expenses were \$4,930.80, mainly from our website fees, the Spring Fling, Fall Festival, and Perennial Plant events. The Association had received \$2,500.00 from the City from the Small Project Grant program. Funds were received in 2021, but spent in 2022. As part of the 2022 AGM recommendations, we asked Peter Langdon, an EVA member to review the 2022 Financials. Peter found them to be in perfect order and provided confirmation of that in writing to the Board.

Mike then asked that we approve Motion #3 – Dispensing with a formal Financial Audit. Rishi Tibriwal moved to dispense with the Financial Audit, and was seconded by David MacRae. There were no comments and the Members then voted. The Motion to dispense with an audit was unanimously approved.

Colleen Peddle, Director at Large, stepping in for Janet Miazga, presented the Building Community report. She spoke about the success of the Perennial Planting event, the Spring Fling at the Erin Mills Pump & Patio, and the Fall Festival – which was attended by 77 residents in October. We were also invited to the lighting of the menorah at the Chabad Jewish Discovery Centre for Chanukah. Several of our members attended this joyous event.

Celia Desmond, Membership Director presented the 2022 Membership Report. Of note, we had 113 paid Members out of 132 potential addresses, representing an 85% participation – up from 76% in 2021.

Aaron Wouters, Communications Director shared exciting news regarding the re-launch of our newsletter, the Village Pulse. He also shared plans we have for the revamping of our website – which will be rolled out to Members in the coming weeks. The Yard of the Month continues to be a fun and appreciated program. We again identified 4 homes in the Village who had beautiful yards and recognized each of them for a month.

David MacRae, City Liaison Director, then spoke about the EV Royale / Emerson House project. As of today, the developer has now submitted reports on the 9 LPAT requirements for them to proceed with their project. Each submission gets dispersed to the appropriate departments and then back to Planning at the City before going to OLT for final approval. This process could take 6 to 8 months, but it appears as though the project will proceed. We will respond to Councillor Dimerla's suggestion to forward any ideas on the 4% Community Benefits Charge that could benefit Erindale Village.

David, in concert with the Board and other EVA members, has been very active in the early stages of fighting the new proposed 13 story condominium project ( File OZ/OPA 22-6W8 ), planned for the southeast corner of Dundas Street and Mississauga Road.

David also shared that he has been in touch with management at Ledcor regarding damage they have done in the Village. He said he has received assurances from Ledcor that all damage will be taken care of this Spring.



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Dan Giampuzzi, Director at Large, shared the work he and his team, in particular Marjorie and Peter Ward (longtime Erindale Village residents) on the Communications Survey that was done in 2022. The survey results which have been distributed to all residents resulted in a “boiled down” list of recommendations and referrals the Board is taking action on. The new website and newsletter were a direct result of the survey feedback we received from our members.

Mike then shared that there are 5 Board Director vacancies for 2023. He asked if there were any nominees from the floor – none were identified. There are several members who have expressed an interest to join the Board. The membership will be kept informed should they formally put their names forward. The current list of Directors who were putting their names forward for re-election are David MacRae and Celia Desmond.

Mike asked that we approve Motion #4, the Election of these two Members to the Board of Directors. Dan Giampuzzi moved that we approve the election of David MacRae and Celia Desmond, and was seconded by Aaron Wouters. There were no comments. The members then voted and the Motion was unanimously approved.

Aaron shared the past year in pictures – a review of some of the events held in the Village during 2022, including the Spring Fling, Fall Festival, the Yards of the Month, and the lighting of the menorah at the Chabad of Mississauga, highlighting why Erindale Village is such a pleasant place to live.

The meeting was then opened up to a Q&A.

There were several comments and questions regarding the traffic light at the corner of Robinson and Dundas – in particular the length of time it takes for the light to change allowing pedestrians to cross Dundas and for motorists to turn left out of the Village from Robinson Street. David MacRae will follow up with the City regarding this concern.

Mike closed the meeting by thanking all those in attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 9.32 pm.

Minutes prepared by:

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