



Minutes – 2017 AGM

The Oakville Club

May 17th 2017

Call to order – George Niblock, President, OLRA

The AGM was called to order by the OLRA President, George Niblock, who acted as Chairman. Amanda Holden acted as Secretary for the meeting. George welcomed everyone in attendance.

Approval of Minutes of May 31, 2016 AGM – George Niblock, President, OLRA

The minutes had been distributed in a package to all attendees. No questions or comments were heard from the attendees. A motion was made by Chris Coderre and seconded by Amanda Holden, that the minutes of the previous AGM be approved as written and recorded.

Treasurer's Report – Trudy Murray, Treasurer

Trudy Murray presented the audited and signed off Cash Flow statement of Income and Expenses for 12 months to December 31, 2016. There were no questions from the floor.

Introduction of the Current Board Members and Election of the New Board Members – George Niblock, President, OLRA

The President introduced the current Board members, who were thanked for their services. These Board Members represented the members at large and the current Board was dissolved. George then asked the attendees to refer to the nomination list for the upcoming year, 2017/2018, and asked the attendees if there were any further additions to the list. There were not.

The following nominees were elected as the 2017/2018 OLRA Board: George Niblock, Bob Laughlin, Trudy Murray, Chris Coderre, Marcia Todd, Amanda Holden, Anya Dunning, Geoff Godard and Tom Pugsley.

President's report – George Niblock, President, OLRA

This has been a busy year for the OLRA.

At last year's AGM, the Town presentation alerted our membership to the specifics of the future Downtown Street Furniture. This set off a true movement that resulted in a new round of public consultation and a vote on the style of furniture. Ultimately the Traditional style of furnishings carried the day over the Classic and Contemporary options by a wide margin - An important victory for maintaining the character of our Downtown.

In October 2016, OLRA hired an ex-town planner to argue our case before the Committee of Adjustment on the matter of the redevelopment of 332-338 Robinson Street into a 4-unit townhouse complex. Many of our members closely followed the progress of this development, as it has a significant impact on our neighborhood. After meeting with Town planners, we were successful in getting all three variance requests denied on October 18. We subsequently worked the neighbours, the developer and their architect to avoid a protracted fight at the OMB. The revised plan that has now been passed by the Committee of Adjustment is, albeit still very large for the site, much more suitable to the neighbourhood and it does comply closely to the zoning.

Our resident Tree and Greenspace guru, Bob Laughlin has worked diligently on behalf of our board to help successfully usher in the newly passed Tree By-Law which will enhance the preservation of our tree canopy. Bob also has also been busy this past year working on the preservation of the Merton Lands and Glen Abbey Golf course.

At the stakeholder and public meetings regarding the Coach House on the Erchless Estate, the OLRA advocated for the public use of the building post-restoration. Many of our members have expressed interest in amenities to get a drink, a coffee, or something to eat by the water. We thought a museum café with a garden patio would be lovely in the summer time. Ultimately the Town chose a multi-use option with programming administered by the Museum as the final choice. The Town approved the funding for the restoration of the building. But we are assured that the

Town is seeking opportunities for some sort of waterfront café. Possible locations that have been discussed include the TOWARF building, among others.

And finally, on the new Community Centre and Hospital Lands redevelopment...

From its inception, the OLRA has for years been involved in the planning of this project. We have worked closely with our Mayor, councilors, town staff and our neighboring residents' associations to ensure our voices are heard and results in best possible outcome for our community.

As we get closer to final public consultations we strongly encourage our members to attend and have their voices heard. The board believes that this site represents a once in a lifetime opportunity to create fabulous public space in the heart of our Town. We are confident a suitable community centre will be built that will meet the needs of the local community. The Town has responded to our request and has provided 3 land use options to see where the different elements of the site are positioned. The OLRA has taken the position that the Town should commit to not selling any public lands on the site "more than the amount required to cover construction of the community centre." We believe that as much green space and parkland should be kept on the site as possible. We understand that housing will be a necessary ingredient to fund the community centre and we are pleased that Town staff has come to the table with an open mind and open ears as to how the site should ultimately be laid out.

Town Update on Hospital Lands Site - Commissioner Jane Clohecy, Community Development Commission

Commissioner Jane Clohecy provided an update on several Town activities including the Former Hospital Lands Site Project. The full presentation is attached below. Key highlights included:

- An environmental assessment has been done and we know that the clean-up is doable; no substantial issues. Work is expected to proceed with reasonable pace.
- An assessment was done on the structure of the parking garage; it requires rehabilitation due to wear and tear but otherwise an asset of the town worth preserving.
- There was original concern regarding the High school site (structure not in good shape). However, an assessment confirmed the building is in good shape; has potential to be protected as a heritage building.
- Discovered Chimney Swifts (protected bird) and requires a plan to retain nesting site. Will be built into the plans.
- Recently completed Parks, Recreation, Libraries Master Plans and taking into input into consideration.
- Significant public feedback has been sought including more than 400 contribution and 700 recommendations regarding the community centre, parks, entire project, etc.
- Site Master Plan from prior 2013 clearly needed updating based on new information, work in progress.
- Next Steps
 - June 1st – community consultation at Town Hall to receive feedback on site master plan options;
 - June 27th – special Council meeting to recommend preferred option (target have centre open 2020 means planning to start by July); and
 - July – August – site preparation underway for demolition and award contract to begin design of new community centre.

Downtown Update on 2017 and Future Plans - Commissioner Colleen Bell, Community Services Commission

Commissioner Colleen Bell provided an update on several other town initiatives including the Downtown Plan. Key highlights included:

- 2017 Initiatives completed:
 - Navy Street two-way conversion
 - New pedestrian safety crossover installed on Navy Street
 - Furniture and Streetscape selection approved by Council
 - Construction mitigation strategy framework approved by Council, further report in 2018 on final strategy

- 2017 Initiatives Underway or Planned:
 - Lakeshore Bridge Reconstruction
 - Storefront Office in Old Post Office
 - Renovations to the Museum coach house to create a new downtown cultural, meeting and event space for the community
 - Theatre and Library feasibility studies
 - Council report on Downtown OP Amendments
 - Ongoing Patio Pilot Project and Cultural Connections
 - Potential Hometown Hockey event

Panel Q&A

Chris Coderre moderated a panel discussion between: Mayor Burton, Dave Gittings - Town & Regional Councillor Ward 3, Commissioner Jane Clohecy, Commissioner Colleen Bell and George Niblock, President, OLRA

Question: Has the Rebecca Fire Station been sold and if it has what is the proposed development for this site?

Response: No it has not been sold.

Question: How will the town fund the Cultural Hub?

Response: The Mayor pledged he would raise the necessary funds to complete this initiative and have it open by 2026.... meaning without using tax money.

Question: The High School would be a good site for a concert hall, please comment.

Response: There is a big need for affordable seniors rental housing. Town will bear the expense for refurbishing for this purpose.

Question: Why are we permitting the Farmer's Market on George St, given traffic concerns?

Response: It's important to get people downtown and the Farmer's Market is one of many initiatives to bring people downtown – so traffic means a good volume of people. Events like this help to get through the fear of changes with the streetscape. Also, the BIA Members had asked it moved to a more central location to help as an attraction to move people around evenly downtown.

Question: Why does the town insist on charging for parking and what is the big picture to resolve the parking problem?

Response: The theory is that parking pays for itself (v.s. taxes, e.g. parking structure at Church St.) hence tradition and need to pay for parking. Also, funding from current parking will be used to aid new parking structures. If we were to make parking free, this would shift \$5-6mm to property taxes. Underground parking with new facilities is planned.

Question: Are the heritage guidelines binding for Oakville?

Response: Heritage control is now in place for the district. Within the commercial area, there is a permit required through Heritage Oakville. We have also streamlined the permits (simple permits done through staff with guidance of Heritage Committee).

Question: Please provide an update on Brantwood School.

Response: Approved by council with back portion to be redeveloped and front portion to retain heritage. Out for bid for organizations to prepare plans.

Question: Please speak to expectations to maximize greenspace in Hospital Lands and plans to sell more than needed lots to pay for the community centre.

Response: Council requires a margin of comfort that reserves will be replenished with a Town wide expectation. Mayor's commitment is to deliver this project and resolve a gap in plans (need Rec centre south of

highway). To get council to agree to that, they need a margin of comfort on the revenue side, with low risk approach. The Mayor hopes there is a small surplus from sale of lands, which would be available for Town wide purposes. In other words, the sales within Ward 3 is used to fund broader Town reserves. The Mayor discussed some of the political realities of balance and debate between Wards.

Question: How do changes and growth north of Dundas impact decisions and focus on Downtown?

Response: In the next election we add a 7th Ward – this will hopefully create balance. The Mayor emphasized that we need to keep focus on the principle that “Downtown is Oakville and Oakville is Downtown”.

Question: Is an outdoor Ice Rink still in the plans for the Hospital Plans.

Response: No but it is in plans for Trafalgar Park at Oakville Arena.

Question: What is the schedule for downtown pool demolition and downtown cultural hub? What is the plan for the request for a 50m pool?

Response: Nothing is determined or agreed to yet, several years of financing to be considered. Old pool will not close until new pool is available. Position of the Mayor is strong opposition to the 50m pool because it is not affordable. Council is also opposed including limitations of scheduling with cold vs warm pools.

Question: Can the town re-instate the cross walk at Robinson and George (recently removed) and stop sign added at Dunn?

Response: Mayor committed to consider this.

Question: What is the status of the property at South side of Robinson between Navy and Water?

Response: Developer is the same as the “Randall” and several other properties are underway prior to addressing this area.

Question: OLRA Garden Party on June 24th – Should we consider Red and White theme to celebrate 150th Canada Birthday?

Response: Great idea, Anya will work on plans.

Question: Can we see a drawing on each side of the Creek of the finished Lakeshore bridge and is there time for public input?

Response: Too late for changes/public input, but contact Commissioner Jane Clohecy for drawings.

Question: What can be done to reduce aggravation of trucks/contractors on our streets?

Response: Discussions are underway to consider this concern and raise ideas. If there are specific concerns, call Town and “a push” will be made to move work quickly (by the bi-law teams).

Question: What is the status of the LED streetlight discussion from last year.

Response: Decision was made to select the lower watt (warmer) option.

Question: Apparently 16,000 people are moving to “Mid-Town”. We have heard concerns re: traffic. Any updates on plans to manage traffic and infrastructure?

Response: The Mayor commented that increasing he believes that Mid-Town is never going to happen. Plans for bridges and overpasses requires \$200mm funding. The Province isn’t coming up with the money for this infrastructure despite the prior growth area plans.

Question: Why is the traffic light by the hospital on McDonald and Reynolds still there.

Response: Mayor will consider it; it may be required for future.

Chris Coderre closed the panel and thanked the participants. He also thanked the audience for attending and for their questions.

Miscellaneous Updates and Closing

Chris reminded the group:

Please continue to communicate with the OLRA via:

- Website – www.oakvilleira.ca
- Facebook - www.facebook.com/OakvilleLakesideRA/
- Email - oakvillelakesidera@gmail.com

The Garden Party this year will be held on June 24th:

- Tickets are \$10 – email anycowan@yahoo.com
- Hosted by Patti and Chris Stoate at 308 William St.

Adjournment of Meeting – George Niblock, President, OLRA



2017/2018 OLRA Board of Directors To Be Elected

George Niblock

George is originally from England via Montreal and grew up in Oakville attending Oakville Trafalgar High School. After graduation from McGill University, he began his real estate career in 1999. George works for Royal LePage in downtown Oakville, specializing in old Oakville homes. George's parents and brother all live in downtown Oakville, and he recently bought at the corner of King Street and Trafalgar Road. George has a keen interest in heritage architecture, construction, landscape, and urban design.

Trudy Murray

Trudy has been a resident of Oakville since 1985, living on Michael Terrace (off Chartwell Road) and now downtown in the Granary. Her son, Robert, graduated from Appleby College in 1986 after attending and boarding for seven years. Trudy worked as Controller for various corporations and retired in 1996 to initially undertake some extensive traveling. She finds her volunteer work at an Oakville hospice very rewarding. Trudy enjoys living and shopping in the old Oakville district.

Amanda Holden

Amanda Holden and her husband, Brian Walsh, were excited to move into the neighbourhood in December 2013. Brian was raised in Oakville and Amanda has resided here since 1991. Amanda graduated from the University of Western Ontario and has had a career in technology and financial services. She is currently the National Lead for Fraud & Security Intelligence for the SAS Institute. A regular GO Train commuter, she is always happy to come back to beautiful Oakville each day. Amanda and Brian have grown up close to the water and are thrilled to be part of the OLRA in this beautiful downtown and lakefront area.

Marcia Todd

Marcia moved to Canada and to Oakville in 1975. While living in the Coronation Park area she was a member of a town committee called Southwest Oakville. She moved into the Granary in 1995 and enjoys the privilege of living on the edge of the wonderful heritage district. She volunteers at OTMH and is a past member of the board of the Granary. Marcia was involved in the negotiations concerning the "Shelley property." She owns a company which publishes a trade magazine.

Bob Laughlin

Bob and Rosina Laughlin came to Canada from the UK in 1967. Since 1972, they have lived in Oakville at 468 Lakeshore Road East. Their three children were born and raised here, attending Brantwood, Linbrook, EJ James

and OTHS. Bob is a chemical engineer, working in the Oakville office of a UK-based technology development company, which is currently involved in providing technology for alternative energy projects utilizing biomass and wastes. Bob is a keen gardener and enjoys the opportunity to work with the OLRA to try to conserve the nature of the neighbourhood and particularly its magnificent tree canopy.

Tom Pugsley

Tom graduated as a Mining Engineer from Imperial College, London (1964 BSc) and McGill University, Montreal (1969 MEng). Tom and his wife, Teresa, have lived in Oakville since 1975 and at 150 Robinson Street for the last 20 years. Tom is a retired Senior VP, who worked for Falconbridge for 40 years, developing new mines and plants in Canada, Chile and New Caledonia. After retirement in 2004, Tom served on a number of junior mining company boards and consulted to the mining industry. Tom's daughter, Kate, and her husband, Mike, and granddaughters, Madeleine and Vanessa, also live in Oakville. His son, Robert, works in Quebec and lives in British Columbia. Tom's interests include skiing, classic cars and keeping fit at age 73. Tom and his family are interested in the preservation and go-forward enhancement of Old Oakville in a sustainable way.

Chris Coderre

Chris and his wife, Jocelyn, have lived at 53 Thomas Street for the last twelve years. Their 16-year old daughter attends Oakville Trafalgar School, while their 18-year old son is at University. They have always been involved in the neighbourhood as well as Oakville sports programs. With over 25 years of investment experience, Chris works at Caldwell Securities Ltd. as a Vice President, Investment Advisor and portfolio manager for families and trusts. Chris splits his time between his offices in Oakville and Toronto. Chris is a graduate of McGill University, while Jocelyn earned her degree in urban planning from the University of Western Ontario. "Keeping our unique neighbourhood a great place to live is important to our family."

Anya Dunning

Anya and her husband, Chris, have lived in Oakville since 2009, when they relocated from the UK. Anya grew up in nearby Mississauga. After studying at Harvard, she joined JP Morgan as an investment banker and worked in New York and London before moving to Oakville in 2009 and working for TD as a metals trader. She is currently taking a break from work to raise her young family and beautiful Old English sheepdog. Anya is a strong advocate of a sustainable, unique, thriving downtown Oakville. Chris works for CIBC, where he runs FX and IR derivatives, and can often be seen walking the streets with Dougal, smoking a nice Cuban cigar!

Geoff Godard

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May 17th 2017

OAKVILLE LAKESIDE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
CASHFLOW STATEMENT
PERIOD ENDING December 31, 2016

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Opening Cash Balance	5,293.75	5,536.97
<u>CASH IN</u>		
Membership Dues	2,805.00	2,655.00
Garden Party	-	820.00
G.I.C. Bank Interest	97.90	15.07
	-	-
GIC cashed in April	-	10,000.00
	-	-
	<u>2,902.90</u>	<u>13,490.07</u>
<u>CASH OUT</u>		
Printing expense	1,045.04	447.48
Meetings	1,026.61	1,292.43
P.O. Box Rental	194.36	202.27
Garden Party	-	870.80
Legal Fees	-	3,898.50
Computer & Office Exp.	393.67	261.31
Planning Consultant	-	4,593.99
Bank Charges	-	-
	-	-
Misc. Exp.	-	-
	<u>2,659.68</u>	<u>11,566.78</u>
CLOSING CASH BALANCE December 31, 2016	5,536.97	7,460.26

