

**Present :** Bob Laughlin, Marcia Todd, Simon Palmer, Chris Coderre, George Niblock, Amanda Holden, Anya Dunning

**Guest :** Geoff Godard

**Regrets :** Trudy Murray, Tom Pugsley

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**Approval of Minutes from last meeting:**

Amanda moved we adopt the minutes as presented, Marcia seconded, motion carried.

**Guest:**

Geoff is interested in joining the board after an introduction from Tom. Geoff is on the board and attached to heritage in the Oakville Golf Club.

**Treasurer's Report**

Cash Balance as at January 12<sup>th</sup> is the same as before \$7,646.28

An \$80 deposit was made this week in response to cheques for membership fees.

**Membership, Newsletter, Web Site, etc.**

*Newsletter:*

Newsletter was sent out, although a fraction later than we had anticipated.

Amanda suggested that for the next newsletter we have an anchor article, such as historical and general interest, and perhaps writers from outside the OLRA.

Next one will be going out in April in advance of the AGM. We expect to repeat that and to have content in mid-April.

*Membership:*

Amanda will send out a renewal notice as membership seemed to be down a little. Anya offered to canvas her area to drum up some membership.

George suggested that it may be an idea to approach new residents as they move and may have some data to share on people who have recently moved in.

*Garden party:*

The general feeling was that we should do another garden party in 2017. It was considered a success last year and was breakeven. This time we should make sure we have a photographer. There were some suggestions on venues that would need to be followed up.

**Planning & Heritage**

*Committee of Adjustment:*

George has an offer from the town to be notified of any CoA applications that come up. We already get notified on heritage applications, but not CoA.

Anya cited further instances where the CoA and City seems unwilling to uphold the recently agreed planning by-laws.

*Community Centre / Hospital site:*

Regarding the sale of the lands on the North of the site, George has Trafalgar Chartwell and Morrison. However they wanted to make sure the community centre was built and weren't as concerned about the sale of land. There is a benefit conferred to any argument taken to council if the RAs all agree.

George subsequently met with Dave Gittings. The approx. cost of development of the community centre is \$30M and there is approx. \$8M from development charges which can be used to offset the cost. Dave Gittings position was that the town has to be made whole for the \$30M cost if the lands aren't sold. It's not clear what the land sale value might be, but George's opinion is that it could more than cover the cost of the community centre, especially if the Chisholm School lands and others are part of it. It doesn't take much to get to the 20-22M shortfall.

Community centre comes first, but we feel the town should not be selling any land that exceeds the development costs of the centre. Our previous understanding was that the project was already fully funded without sale of lands based on information we had previously received. This appears to be wrong.

If we are to protect greenspace then we would need to get resolution from as many parties as possible to the principle that the land sale should go no further than is necessary for funding the community centre. Sell as little land for as much a possible in order to fund the build.

There are timing concerns on building the community centre and no delay. The other RAs were concerned about this. There is "talk" of 2018-2020 building, but... who knows. There should be no delay in funding attached to agreeing to the principle of sale of land for funding and we will seek agreement from the RAs to that effect.

George proposed a **motion** that the OLRA's position is that no land should be sold that creates excess funds beyond what is necessary to fund building of the community centre, net of development charges. The remainder of the land should be set aside for parkland, even if not developed as such immediately. Amanda seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

There is no further information regarding the swimming pool, but anecdotally the sense is that it will be a like-for-like replacement for the centennial pool.

### **Meeting Schedule**

February 7<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 PM Amanda's house

March 7<sup>th</sup> – 7:30PM Anya's house.

Those being all the matters, the meeting was closed.