

OLRA November 10th – Draft

Present : Anya Dunning, Trudy Murray, Bob Laughlin, George Niblock, Amanda Holden, Tom Pugsley, Simon Palmer, Marcia Todd

Regrets :

Clemens van Zeyl, Chris Coderre, Boyd Waites

Approval of Minutes from last meeting:

Some minor corrections were made to the minutes from the previous meeting. Including corrections a motion to approve was proposed by Tom, seconded by Amanda and carried.

Treasurer's Report

As at Oct 31st \$5,382.68 Trudi has a statement prepared for chairman. The term deposit is due December 27th, Treasurer will arrange to extend for 90 days. Details of cheque book were given to George and arranged between George and the Treasurer. Clarification for printing bill for newsletter, it will be picked up by Tom from the printer and brought to the Treasurer who will pay it.

Membership, Newsletter, Web Site

Membership (May to May):

336 entries in spreadsheet (total contacts)

266 emails that we distribute to routinely (77%)

62 entries expired within 18 months

54 expired 18-60 months ago

65 no record of payment, but have information (address/email)

155 paid and in good standing

Newsletter:

May lists good standing and expiring

Fall newsletter has all members

Amanda proposes that after the newsletter goes out (newsletter has an invitation and form) to send a note to invite membership. Who should receive the note? All expired and unpaid names on the list.

They still receive emails etc. so what's the point in membership? Entrance to the AGM is for membership only, but otherwise something to consider whether we restrict any access or communications in the future.

Anya offered to go door to door on her street to canvas membership given the number of new people moved in. Can sort the list by postcode. Amanda will send Howard and Chartwell.

Communications:

Facebook page up, not a huge amount of traffic, but it's there. Web site is partially up and will emerge as Amanda has availability. Minutes need to get added (Simon/Amanda).

Newsletter is done, except for Boyd's content which means a few articles are incomplete or missing, those being:

- Summary of survey results (Boyd, but could make it a generic thank you and there are some notes in the Sept 22nd minutes and refresh suitable for the newsletter)
- Cultural hub update (Boyd, George suggests the cultural hub could be lifted it from the town web site and offered to help, Amanda will send draft)
- Tribute to Joe Sarnacki (suggestions were made on other people who may be able to write Joe's tribute, Amanda to follow up).

We have delayed, but time is getting tight and the content will be irrelevant and it gets hard for volunteers to deliver. Amanda asked for help getting the remaining content together. Bullet point form would do. Amanda and George will send an update to Boyd with our plan including some prepared content for his blessing.

Content largely done, it's at 11 pages, it's normally 12, front and back colour. Need to get it out in the next 10 days or so. New deadline Sunday 15th November 9AM. Goes to printer, 16th/17th, delivery ~20th November.

Greenspace

Saw Whet OMB hearing was held and was partially finished before they ran out of time. There are 2-3 weeks in January added in which participants can present, but a note from the town says that it's unlikely that we'll be able to present, so it's likely to be June. This causes a welcome delay.

There is a proposal to close Glen Abbey and build 3,000 homes. The land has a very high value to its owners (Clublinks) and all it requires is re-zoning. Bob hadn't seen anything from the town about resistance to Glen Abbey.

From the mayor's plan George pointed out that some ravine lots were to be retained for green space. There are properties sold because of proximity to Glen Abbey, so some resistance may be expected. Bob will look out for updates. It's in the same ward as Saw Whet. There are also other considerations such as revenue from the Canadian Open and the Golf Hall of Fame, but until we know the town's position there isn't much we can do. There are also other local RAs that we may work with.

Planning & Heritage

Cultural Hub:

Nothing new, it has been put off until January.

Streetscape:

Awaiting an update from Boyd on what happened at the November 2nd Meeting

1st/2nd Street. From Susan Schappert, draft district plans and guidelines will be presented to Heritage Oakville Advisory on Nov 17th at 9:30am. Some amendments have been made:

- New section 1.6 to describe permit process for reviewing permit applications
- Guidance for staining masonry buildings
- Scaling and massing references to existing zoning by-laws
- Some things to make wording consistent with town guidelines

Advisory board will vote on that day and it will go forward to council. George will attend. Simon will encourage neighbours to attend.

474 Lakeshore:

Bob and Boyd attended. Bob presented as a neighbor and Boyd on OLRA. CoA turned down the variance not considering it minor. The owner filed an appeal to the OMB and Bob will be figuring out next steps. George asked whether the town speaks against it at OMB and that's the bit we aren't sure about. Town supported the application at the CoA, which is a bit of a contradiction to the liveable Oakville plan. OMB procedures need to be understood. Bob will be approaching the Clerk of the CoA to find out what to do.

The appeal is not expensive so it was expected that they would appeal. If we continue to oppose it at OMB we would need legal opinion and Bob needs to talk to Boyd about taking that step. We have a contingency fund for such eventualities.

Anya may have a contact who could help direct us. There is a very specific by-law which covers the properties in question, including Bob's, so it's a surprise that there is an issue.

Meeting Schedule

8th December @ O'Finn's

Simon to book a room at O'Finn's 7:30pm – 10pm

Simon to book a room for AGM 6:00pm opening for 7pm start.

Any other logistics for AGM: A/V, 50 cookies, 50 coffees (~\$550) date May 31st

Those being all the issues, the meeting was closed. Thanks go to Amanda for her generous hospitality.