

Meeting Minutes
WHITEOAKS LORNE PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7:00 p.m. Tuesday February 27, 2024
Zoom Meeting

AGENDA

1. 2023 Year Recap and Financial Report
2. Priorities for 2024
3. Election of Directors
4. Members' Question Period
5. AGM Closure and Adjournment

Attendees from the Board of Directors:

- Lalli Marrato
- Sylvie Chicoine
- Gillian Chassels
- Yvette Dubajic
- Lotus Menezes

Pre-Authorized Movers and Seconders:

- Lalli Marrato
- Samantha Karamountzos

Secretary: Gillian Chassels

Post-Meeting Guest Speakers:

- Constable Rowena Pryce, Peel Regional Police
 - Councillor Alvin Tedjo
-

<p>Welcome & introduction</p>	<p>Welcome and introduction of the Board of Directors.</p> <p>This meeting is designated for current members of the Whiteoaks Lorne Park Community Association. We are aware that there are participants here tonight who are outside of our area and we welcome you to listen in. We will, however, prioritize questions from our members, as they are the primary audience for this meeting.</p> <p>- - - - -</p> <p>The association is community led – everyone on the board lives in this neighbourhood and our goal is to foster community and enhance the overall quality of life within the neighbourhood.</p> <p>We are focused on events and on sharing information with the community. Our role is not to act as liaison between parties in the area, and are instead a source of information in an unbiased way.</p> <p>We are a registered community group with the city of Mississauga and thank them for the benefits they provide that contribute towards our operation.</p> <p>- - - - -</p> <p>The WLPCA has been around for a long time and the catchment area has grown over the years, we've absorbed smaller community associations over time and our current map looks like this.</p> <p>To be a member or volunteer with the board, you must live within the boundary.</p>
<p>We remember</p>	<p>Before we begin, we do want to take a pause and acknowledge the passing of a leader within our community, Boyd Upper.</p> <p>Boyd was a very active member within the WLPCA, he represented the association on the Petro Plant Board for many</p>

	<p>years and was an avid supporter of The Compass, which is a local charity that is close to our hearts.</p> <p>We would like to thank Boyd for his many contributions to our community.</p>
<p>Motions Carried:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quorum - Agenda - Last Year's Minutes 	<p>Quorum: We technically need at least 10 people who are active members to be here tonight.</p> <p>Participant Count: 149</p> <p>- - - - -</p> <p>Approval of Last Year's Minutes: The Agenda and minutes from last year's meeting were circulated.</p> <p>Is the agenda acceptable to the members?</p> <p>LALLI: I so move.</p> <p>SAMANTHA: I second the motion.</p> <p>None opposed.</p> <p>Motion carried. Hearing no objections, the agenda has been approved.</p> <p>- - - - -</p> <p>Approval of Last Year's Minutes: The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were circulated to the members. If there is no objection from the floor, the Minutes shall be taken as read.</p> <p>LALLI I so move</p> <p>SAMANTHA I second the motion.</p>

	<p>None opposed.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>
<p>2022-23 Review</p>	<p>Looking back on 2023, we shared with you our priorities for the year and are happy to say that we checked all those boxes.</p> <p>We secured significant sponsorship that allowed us to fund our events.</p> <p>We've operationalized how we engage with our volunteers at LPSS to make it easier to recruit.</p> <p>And we grew our director group – from three to what should be six by the end of tonight.</p> <p>In terms of events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PUMPKIN PARADE – Enhanced safety measures HOLLY JOLLY SANTA TOUR – Evolved to prioritize gathering ADDED SPRING AND/OR SUMMER EVENT <p>- - - - -</p> <p>We also continued to provide information to our members as important matters come up.</p> <p>I do recommend that everyone here subscribe to Alvin Tedjo's newsletter – it is the most comprehensive and regular communication related to our Ward.</p> <p>Important to note: whenever someone new takes over as ward 2 councillor, their email lists don't port over – so for example if you received Karen Ras' emails when she was councillor, you wouldn't automatically receive Alvin's. If and when Alvin vacates the seat, same thing, we'll all need to subscribe to the new councillor's email list.</p>

<p>Events in Review - Movie Night</p>	<p>Taking a look at movie night!</p> <p>We produced and hosted the movie night, and sadly it was rained out on our original date and lost some steam due to that and a make up date that wasn't ideal.</p> <p>We had a lot of fun in the park, but will not be proceeding with this event type again for various reasons, but the two main reasons being the difficulty in getting permission from the city to stake in the park, and the contingency on weather.</p> <p>- - - - -</p> <p>We are so grateful to our generous sponsors who helped to put on this event.</p> <p>Sam McDadi as our lead sponsor, with the support of Rudy Cuzzetto and Vrait Blinds & Shades, and the free popcorn was provided by Alvin Tedjo.</p>
<p>Events in Review - Pumpkin Parade</p>	<p>In the fall we held the 14th Pumpkin Parade in Whiteoaks Park.</p> <p>Notable for this year was a new "family-friendly" start time.</p> <p>As this event has run for so long, it has built up a reputation and we've noticed a significant increase in attendance just in the past 3-4 years, with lines forming to get through the path.</p> <p>To address this, we've extended the event by an hour, starting one hour earlier than usual to allow family and anyone who wants a bit more light to go safely through the path.</p> <p>- - - - -</p> <p>We are also managing the line ups as they are now out towards the parking lot.</p> <p>If anyone has crowd control posts with retractable belts (like the airport) that we can borrow for this year's event, that would be</p>

	<p>greatly appreciated.</p> <p>Of course it takes a lot of muscle power to move that many pumpkins! So we thank our incredible volunteers, many of whom are on this call tonight or have children at LPSS who earned volunteer hours that day – thank you to all who volunteered</p> <p>And thank you to all of you who contributed non-perishables for The Compass. We filled an entire bin at their drop off location.</p> <p>- - - - -</p> <p>We are so grateful to our generous sponsors who helped to put on this event. The Papousek Team and The Regan Team.</p> <p>This is our largest event and this is the first year we offered it for sponsorship.</p>
<p>Events in Review - Santa Meet & Greet</p>	<p>Our holiday event in December bring Santa to Lorne Park.</p> <p>You may recall the Holly Jolly Santa Tour started in 2020 at the height of lock down. The association wanted to bring some holiday cheer to the community and having Santa tour the area was the solution to having an event while ensuring social distancing.</p> <p>The Santa Tour was re-imagined to allow us to gather in the same way that the pumpkin event allows us to do.</p> <p>This was a great success and we are going to be hosting this again in 2024.</p> <p>We are doing an open call for sponsors at this time. AND for Santas! Santa and hot chocolate are our biggest expenses for this event and we'd love to know if anyone in the community has a Santa suit and wants to play Santa for a couple of hours in December.</p>

	<p>We'll send out an email about this, as well, but wanted to get you thinking about that in case you know anyone who would be interested.</p> <p>- - - - -</p> <p>We are so grateful to our generous sponsors who helped to put on this event.</p> <p>Huge thanks to our lead sponsors Chuck's Roadhouse and Sam McDadi. As well as support from Alvin Tedjo, Hometown Orthodontics, and the folks at Sing who led everyone in the holiday tunes.</p>
<p>A Look at Our Operating Costs</p>	<p>Last year we shared with you for the first time the financial breakdown of each event, but for this meeting we wanted to focus on our costs just to operate.</p> <p>The cost just to operate as an association is our biggest expense.</p> <p>These administrative costs include things like insurance, website domain and hosting, our PO Box, banking fees, etc.</p> <p>Given these costs, we need to do more than cover the costs of our events – we actually need to generate a profit as that is what goes to covering our mandatory expenses.</p> <p>One of our 2024 priorities includes finding operational efficiencies. We're going to look at switching banks to Tangerine, which offers no-fee banking and will provide a couple hundred dollars a year in savings. Hopefully this will offset some of the increases we're seeing in things like insurance, etc.</p>
<p>Motion - Financial Statements</p>	<p>The next item of business is to present the Association's financial statements. For those who were with us last year, the group approved a motion to change our fiscal year from a Sept 1 start date to a January 1 start date.</p> <p>As such, you'll see that we're reporting on the most recent fiscal</p>

	<p>as well as the interim period that brought us up to the end of December 2023.</p> <p>Fabulous news to share on the financials over last year.</p> <p>In the prior year our cash position had declined. And we are now in a better position going into 2024.</p> <p>This is entirely driven by our focus on generating sponsorship. Our sponsorships allowed us to introduce a third event to the community and gives us some breathing room going into 2024 to be able to cover our expenses that typically hit in the first half of the year, while our events mostly happen in the back half.</p> <p>I ask that the financial statements be moved to be approved as presented.</p> <p>LALLI I so move</p> <p>SAMANTHA I second the motion.</p> <p>None opposed.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p> <p>[Note: there was an objection in the meeting, however the objection was to a typo on the “Look at our operating costs” and not to the Financial Statements that were requiring approval. The typo on the Operating Costs slide was updated.]</p>
2024 Priorities	<p>For 2024, we’ll continue to prioritize event sponsorship, continuing to build relationships with our volunteers, and look closely at our operating costs to offset the impact inflation has on our bottom line.</p> <p>You can expect three events from us again this year:</p> <p>We’re going to replace movie night with a summer solstice music night in Whiteoaks Park – aiming for June 22 – mark for</p>

	<p>your calendars.</p> <p>We'll continue the pumpkin parade, as usual, and will continue "family hour".</p> <p>The Santa Meet & Greet was a huge success and we are booked for year 2 – save the date for Saturday December 7, 2024!</p> <p>Really excited about the year to come.</p>
<p>Thank you</p>	<p>Of course we couldn't do this without the help and contribution of so many.</p> <p>The Association wishes to thank:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The City of Mississauga's Community Group Registry Program ● Sauga Celebrate ● Mayor Bonnie Crombie and her staff ● Councillor Alvin Tedjo and his staff, especially Ryan Vopni ● MPP Rudy Cuzzetto and his staff ● All of our amazing SPONSORS! ● The Compass Food Bank ● Our INCREDIBLE volunteers!!! ● All of you, our members and neighbours
<p>Election of Directors</p>	<p>The Board of Directors is elected every year at the Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>Five directors are up for re-election and one director is up for election tonight.</p> <p>For Re-Election:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lalli Marrato ● Sylvie Chicoine ● Gillian Chassels ● Yvette Dubajic ● Lotus Menezes <p>For Election:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Samantha Karamountzos <p>Could I please have a motion from the floor to nominate such persons for election as directors of the Association to hold office for the ensuing year, so that the Board is not nominating themselves?</p> <p>Donna: I so move.</p> <p>Bruce Annis: I second the motion.</p> <p>None opposed.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>
Get Involved	<p>Being part of the Whiteoaks Lorne Park Community Association means being more closely linked to your community.</p> <p>There are four ways to get involved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Become a member at wlpca.ca 2. Volunteer at our events 3. Help us find event sponsors (or contribute materials) 4. Join the Board of Directors <p>Stay informed and get involved!</p>
Resolutions	<p>We have one (1) resolution to review, to ratify the motions made by the Board of Directors for the past year:</p> <p>Be it resolved that: All acts, contracts, By-laws, proceedings, appointments, elections, and payments enacted, made, done, and taken by the Board of Directors since the last Annual General Meeting referred to on written resolutions of the Board are hereby approved and confirmed.</p> <p>I ask Lalli Marrato to move a motion to ratify the motions made by the Board of Directors for the past year:</p>

	<p>LALLI I so move.</p> <p>SAMANTHA I second the motion.</p> <p>None opposed.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>
Q&A	<p>We are happy to take questions from members, for which we have a few minutes.</p> <p>Q: Will these meetings ever be held in person again?</p> <p>A: It is something that we discuss every year. We do find that participation increases significantly when people can join from home, but we agree that live meetings have a role to play.</p> <p>We will consider polling the members ahead of next year’s AGM to determine what format is preferred by the majority.</p> <p>- - - - -</p> <p>If there is no further formal business, I ask for a motion to terminate this annual meeting of the members of the Whiteoaks Lorne Park Community Association, before we turn it over to our guest speakers.</p> <p>LALLI I so move</p> <p>SAMANTHA I second the motion</p> <p>None opposed.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p> <p>I therefore declare the formal part of this annual meeting of members terminated.</p>

	<p>On behalf of the Board, I thank you for attending this evening.</p>
--	--