

**Notes from Regal Heights Residents' Association meeting,  
January 17, 2023 via Zoom**

Attending: John Keating, Richard Cavanagh, Margaret Smith, Mary Anne Quance (recording), Marit Stiles (Agenda item 2)  
Regrets: Linda DiGiorgio, Rosa Cordiano

**1. Review/Revision to Agenda and Approval of Agenda**

- a. Deferred to next meeting

**2. Reports from Local representatives** [an opportunity for updates from elected officials]

- a. Marit Stiles provided updates on issues of concern to Davenport residents:
  - i. Development on Greenbelt: coordinating with other parties to strengthen arguments against this. Concerns expressed to Integrity Commissioner and Auditor General.
  - ii. Recent provincial government announcement to expand private clinics: Marit's team is analyzing the proposal to form an opinion on how well it serves the people of Ontario. Of obvious concern is that the proposal doesn't address the current shortfall of nurses and doctors in province and has the potential of making the HR situation in hospitals even worse.
- b. On February 4, Marit will be confirmed as leader of the Ontario NDP.
- c. On February 5, Saturday, at 2 pm, Marit is hosting a Skating Party at Campbell Park (south of Dupont, west of Landsdowne) for the residents of Davenport. See <https://mailchi.mp/ndp/davenport-community-update-january-13?e=5c8d809e89>

**3. Projects / Updates** [by members who are leading the projects]

- a. RHRA Newsletter (Brigitte & John, John reporting)
    - i. Regal Heights Review is on track for printing at the end of this month: John just finished the layouts for all the pages. A 2<sup>nd</sup>/final proof reading is yet to be done.
    - ii. This issue is 12 pages (the previous issue was 8 pages)
    - iii. John & Brigitte estimate the cost for printing & mailing to be about \$1,000.
1. Printing costs for 12 pages is +/- \$750. (8 pages is +/- \$550)

- iv. Mailing cost is +/- \$200
- v. Attendees supported the \$1,000 budget as appropriate use of RHRA funds.
- b. Report on Regal Heights A-frame Sign (Mary Anne)
  - i. Mary Anne reminds people that the sign is available for use at RHRA activities and events.
- c. Laneway Project (John & Peter)
  - i. The laneway project addresses the lane between Dufferin and Westmount, north off Rosemount.
  - ii. On January 23, John & Peter will engage with homeowners along Westmount to survey their level of interest and engagement. John will also connect with the library on Dufferin.
  - iii. Implementation is scheduled for the summer with construction complete in the autumn
- d. Recognitions – Marie Goldthorpe, Florence Watt (John)
  - i. John proposed that the RHRA recognize the many years of Marie's contributions to the community by adding a plaque at the stairs between Springmount and Glenholme Aves.
  - ii. There is good support for this proposal. John will take a good look at the retaining walls at either side of the stairs and make a recommendation on location for the plaque.
  - iii. There is desire to provide a plaque or other recognition of Florence's major contributions to the RHRA. Daffodil hill is a possibility [but has already been targeted for a plaque identifying it as a RHRA project (see Nov. 2022 meeting notes)]. The Dick Watt steps might be enhanced with an additional plaque.
  - iv. We might also speak with our councillor regarding naming opportunities for Florence Watt.
- e. Candidate-debate De-brief
  - i. Filing documents on Google drive is considered a good idea and John will set it up and share the link with RHRA members.
  - ii. The first documents on the Google drive have already been prepared by John and Margaret regarding 'Lessons Learned' from organizing candidate debates.
- f. Oakwood Collegiate OCI

i. The RHRA takes pride in OCI being in our neighbourhood and looks forward to opportunities to assist OCI in communicating to the neighbourhood

ii. John will chat with the principal of OCI to make the offer.

iii. Margaret suggested that OCI might consider participating in Doors Open in May as a chance to let the broader community learn what the school offers and achieves.

g. February Pub Night

i. The December Pub Night was well attended and convivial. Prior to the pandemic, Pub Nights were scheduled 2 months apart.

ii. Support to hold a Pre-Valentines Day Warm Up pub night on February 9.

h. Regal Heights Maple Syrup (John)

i. More maple trees are always welcome and a 'shout out' will be sent shortly

ii. Sap collection starts in mid-February (weather permitting)

iii. The public "Boil Down" happens in mid-March (again, weather permitting)

i. Porch Music Tour (Mary Anne)

i. The Regal Heights community includes many people who make music as a profession or as a hobby.

ii. Mary Anne introduced the idea of people preparing a short piece (3-6 minutes?) to be performed on their porch to an audience that walks as a group from porch-to-porch through the neighbourhood. This would be scheduled for some time in late May or early June.

iii. Mary Anne is looking for a volunteer to team with her to explore this idea further.

iv. Margaret will touch base with others at the Carol Sing (Dec.2022) to identify the opera singer who participated that evening.

**4. Seasonal Events / Updates** [by members who are leading the projects]

a. Report on Pub Night, December 8, 2022

i. The Pub Night was well attended and a joyful start to the holiday season.

ii. Many thanks to our local Santa, who, once again, brought delight to all.

b. Christmas Carol Sing, December 16, 2022

- i. The Carol Sing was well attended. The weather cooperated.

5. Communications [Peter Norman]

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6. Police Community Partnership [Rosa]

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7. **Street Beautification Coordination** [Gardening - Mary Anne] [Daffodil Hill - Richard]

a. Coordination strategy with TDSB

- i. Mary Anne spoke with the principal of OCI who then connected her with a teacher who is interested in enhancing her program with gardening opportunities. The collaboration will focus on the bed at the corner of Oakwood & Rosemount.

b. Barrel Planters and winter finery

- i. We are down to one arborist since Richard Eaton moved away
- ii. Richard provided Mary Anne with Trevor Whiteside's contact information. Trevor did not have evergreen boughs available.

c. Daffodil Hill

- i. Richard continues to try to connect with Trevor Whiteside to get trees identified and dead stuff removed

- d. Initiative: Add a plaque to the retaining wall along Davenport advising pedestrians and drivers that 'Daffodil Hill' is planted and maintained by RHRA. Budget anticipated around \$300. Harry will look into this. Update pending.

8. **Community Welcome Project** [Harry]

- a. Earlier today, Harry emailed the updated statistics for property sales.

- b. "Something of a quieter marketplace in 2022 with 8 houses changing hands, as compared to 15 in 2021. The sale of 47 Northcliffe Boulevard was unique in that the lawn sign indicated that the house was "not haunted".

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9. **Finances to January 17, 2023** [Linda]

Operation	\$3,074.01
Heritage	\$ 76.00
Street Sale	\$ 192.00
Petty Cash	\$ 31.35
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$3,373.30</u>