



## **Minutes of the Executive Meeting**

**Tuesday, September 19, 2023: 7:00 – 9:00 pm**

**Meeting at 2 Glenhome Avenue**

Present: Richard Kavanaugh, John Keating, Mary Anne Quance, Harry Lay, Linda Di-Giorgio

Regrets: Janak Handa, Margaret Smith, Brigid Higgins, Robert Robert Szarchrajuk

### **1 – Reports from local representatives**

- a) Our federal MP: Julie Dzerowicz could not attend but expressed her eagerness to attend future meetings and Pub Nights
- b) Our provincial MP: Marit Stiles – sent her regrets
- c) Our city counsellor: Alejandra Bravo (represented by Tanya Vijeyenthiran, EA) spoke to the issue of congestion on Alberta Ave. (Transportation Services to investigate, possibly changing the street direction to 1-way), to the issue of noise complaints in the vicinity of Northcliffe and Rosemount, to the issue of driver misbehaviour along Northcliffe Blvd.

### **2 – Projects and events**

- a) TTC repairs to the St. Clair right-of-way: Linda questioned Tania V. as to the reason for the projected year-long repair schedule.
- b) Walk-Roll map of the city: Janak to continue liaising with Lee Adamson from the Walk Roll map of Toronto and encourages members to consult the app, <https://walkrollmap.org/>
- c) Shooting on St. Clair W./ Northcliffe: per Janak's notes, Toronto Police Services have said that no further threat exists to the public.
- d) Porch Concerts Tour on Saturday 16 September: considered to be a great success, and well-attended. Hopefully this event will take place again next year. See the notice on the RHRA website. Thanks to the organizers and the publicity generated by Mary Anne Quance, Brian Crabtree and John Keating.
- e) A Pub Night at the Fox and Firkin is proposed for Thursday October 5 at 6:00 p.m.

### **3 - Communications and Planning**

- a) Parkland expansion initiative: John tabled the article from <https://www.blogto.com/city/2023/09/toronto-park-major-expansion/> that discusses the initiative to expand Roseneath Park south through the No Frills parking lot to St. Clair. This is a real opportunity to create a significant park space in an area historically deficient in parkland. It is important for our City Counsellor to step up to this opportunity and lend her vote in support of the project.

- b) Job opening available for Director of Communications (to replace Peter Norman)

**4 - Police Community Partnership**

- a) Opportunity to participate in the Community Police Liaison Committee (CPLC): Rosa Cordiano has been obliged to step away from her role in liaising between the Police and the RHRA. There is now an opening on the committee for an interested RHRA resident to take Rosa's place.

**5 - Street Beautification and Environment**

- a) Gardening update: Mary Anne Quance discussed the need for mulch bed protection and for renewed bulb planting around the neighbourhood. Daffodil bulbs (350 approx.) should be planted on Daffodil Hill.
- b) A request was made to the Councillor's office for free city compost and free mulch for our public beds.
- c) As well, Mary Anne said that a fall cleanup was needed for all beds, and in the case of Daffodil Hill, a thinning of the overgrown forest. The Councillor's office was asked to make available city services to remove any culled material left after the work on the city sidewalk.
- b) City of Toronto plantings at Springmount and Regal Road : Mary Anne praised Lynda Lemberg's efforts to rally neighbours and upgrade the initial work done by the City in planting beds on the north and south sides of Regal Road. Mary Anne will suggest a date later in the fall when any bags of leaf waste collected by neighbours could be deposited beside these new beds and beside beds along Rosemount. Linda di Gorgio will ask Oakwood Collegiate if students might be able to erect appropriate signage on these beds indicating their significance.

**6 - Community Welcome Project:** Harry reported that he and Beth Marcilio continue to mail letters of welcome to new neighbours. The Councillor's office was asked to submit its own letter of greeting for inclusion in our mailings.

**7 - Finances (Linda)**

	June 2023	September 2023
Operating Fund	1659.26	
Heritage Fund	192.76	
Street Sale Fund	76	
Petty Cash	41.35	
<b>TOTAL</b>	1969.37	

Regarding the modest balance of the account, Mary Anne asked whether a funding campaign might be worthwhile, given the ongoing expenses that include bulbs, soil and mulch. John Keating will consult with Dave Meslin for advice about such a campaign.

**8 – Other business:** John Keating talked about his involvement with the United Neighbours to sponsor a 3<sup>rd</sup> refugee family and the need for donations to enable this humanitarian effort. See also <https://www.stmattsunited.com/united-neighbours> .