

Mississippi Mills Residents' Association

Board of Directors, Minutes of Meeting

July 6, 2005, 7:35 pm

Board Present:	Guests/delegations
Sue Anglin	x
Mike Boire	✓
Marnie Bruce	✓
Arnie Francis	✓
Steve Handfield-Jones	x
Jill McCubbin	✓
Andy Tamas	x
George Yaremchuk	✓
<i>Quorum req'd = 5</i>	5

Approved-Jul 27/05

#	Item	Discussion/ Action	Action by & Date by
1	Minutes of Previous Meeting (approval)	None	
2	Additional Agenda items (approval)	<i>Agenda approved (Francis/Yaremchuk)</i>	
3	Business Arising	None	
4	Treasurer's Report	Not available	Sue, Jul 27/05
5	Membership Report	Board agreed that Fall is better time to undertake a Membership Drive. George to look at different strategies to develop and maintain membership: e.g. e-mail, "join now-pay later", review listing from AGM (Sue has list and money)	George
6	Follow-up items /status:		
i)	Planning:		
	▪ WTR	WTR: OPA amendment expected for sewer connection to edge of development only. OPA Meeting August 2/05	
	▪ Ann St. Dev	Ann St: Nil	
	▪ Ottawa St. Strip Mall	Town has imposed a stop-work on front of building, pending Jul 8 deadline for site plan, site plan application and zoning amendment application. Public meeting August 2/05.	
		Discussion about continuing MMRA pressure on Council. MMRA needs a strategy to address lack of planning, long term, on part of council. JM to follow-up with planner Jul 8	Jill, Jul 11/05
ii)	Environment:		
	▪ Pesticides By Law	Bill Slade provided some valuable background to the EAC recommendation to Council to pass a Pesticides Control By-Law, and fielded Q's & A's. Likely a phase-in period, starting Jan 1/06 if passed. Bill to try and find the previous public survey on pesticides and pass to George.	George
		Board concern that <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council does not take its advisory committees seriously 2. Staff support for this, but future enforcement difficult and lack of political will. Board members to seek out opinion of Councillors before vote and pressure closer to election.	

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		<i>APPROVED that: Board sends a letter to Council requesting adoption of the proposed by-law. (Boire/ McCubbin)</i> Finalize draft and send	George, Jul 20/05
		<i>APPROVED that: Board organizes a petition among MM residents to support the by-law. (Yaremchuk/Bruce)</i> Draft, circulate, finalize (hardcopy and web-based)	George, Jul 20/05
		Petition logistics: Before August 5 Planning meeting. Marnie to lead petition initiative, Mike to assist – esp rural; Solicit help from potential “neighbourhood captains”; e.g. Erica Meysick-Fracke, Sietze Praamsa, Doug Fleming, ? Langstaff and perhaps others on EAC. Solicit counter space from local retailers – but some may have commercial interest in sale of products.	Marnie, July 27/05
		Awareness: MMRA needs to develop public awareness. Hardcopy and web-based petitions a good start. Also call councillors, write letter to Council, conduct surveys. Also, MMRA can help to distribute the dormant stock of Lawn Signs/Kits from Town’s previous Greening initiative (Pauline Donaldson?). Mike to check.	Mike, July 27/05
7	Communications (in and out)	Jill to ask if Melanie can include pesticides issue in Gazette column / write-ins.	Jill
8	Delegations	None	
9	New Business: i) New Board	<i>RESOLVED that the following be appointed as officers of the Association (Yaremchuk/Francis)</i> Officer Positions: President: (pending) Vice President: Marnie Bruce Treasurer: Sue Anglin Secretary: Arnie Francis Other functions were accepted by members present: Membership and Webmaster: George Yaremchuk Communications: Jill McCubbin Directors-at-large: Andy Tamas, Steve Handfield-Jones, Mike Boire	
	ii) Conflict of Interest	Discussion around Councillors who do not disclose “commercial interests and possible conflicts”. Staff and Council cannot “force” disclosure – individual must self-disclose. However, public can raise questions at council/ committee meetings.	
	iii) Long-term strategy	MMRA needs to take a long-term view to addressing planning, development, environmental issues, etc in Town. Need a strategy, including constituency polling, leveraging technology. Arnie to develop and propose “charter”.	Arnie, Sept 28/05
10	Next date/ time/ place of meeting	Wednesday, July 27, 7:00 pm (note time change), Hyla Boardroom	
11	Adjournment (time)	9:40 pm	