

**Annual General Meeting of
The Mississippi Mills Residents' Association (MMRA)
May 30, 2007, at the Almonte Old Town Hall, Auditorium**

Welcome: Arnie Francis, 2006-07 President, welcomed members and guests present. There was a quorum of members present.

Minutes of the 2006 AGM: Minutes were read by Board Secretary

Motion to approve the minutes of the 2006 AGM. Moved by Jill McCubbin, Seconded by David Steventon. (carried)

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jill McCubbin outlined the few expenses (mostly AGM related) and revenues (solely from memberships sold) as well as the bank balance as of April 1, 2007.

Membership Report: Shaun McLaughlin reported that memberships had increased slightly, with 142 members but current memberships paid were 36.

President's Report: Arnie Francis presented a deck on "dialogue towards an inheritable community-2010" initiative, to take the MMRA to the next municipal election. The presentation briefly covered the MMRA's short but active history between 2002 and present, and proposed a more collaborative process with other groups to work towards an "inheritable community." Community values such as the environment, agri-food, downtown business, urban/rural development and food/water were stressed. The lack of a community vision in the Community Official Plan was deemed a shortfall and a community vision statement seen as an objective for community collaboration.

Nominations Committee: The Chair of the Nominations Committee, Cliff Bennett, explained the nominations process, the vacancies required to be filled and then called for nominations from the floor. The following 7 individuals agreed to let their name stand for election:

Shaun McLaughlin
David Steventon
Bill Duncan
Amanda Gorman
Arnie Francis
George Yaremchuk
Jill McCubbin

Motion that the nominees be acclaimed as Directors of the MMRA Board. Moved by Cliff Bennett and seconded by Shaun McLaughlin. (Carried)

Community Leaders: Formal invitations had been previously offered to a number of community groups to briefly describe their groups within the context of the MMRA's Inheritable Community initiative. Speakers included Alison Ball and David Steventon of the Appleton Community Association (ACA), Bill Duncan of the Lanark Landowners' Association (LLA), Mike McPhail of the Mississippi Valley Field Naturalists (MVFN), George Yaremchuk for the Porchlight Project and Elizabeth Swarbrick for the Main Streets Association of Almonte and Pakenham (MAAP). Other groups not represented but invited were the Almonte Horticultural Society, the Women's Institute, the Mississippi Mills Arts Council, the Quarry Group, the Spring Street Extension Group, and the Mississippi Mills Trails Group.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm

Guest Speaker, Jeff Kohl of the Ontario Healthy Communities Coalition provided a presentation and answered questions on principles and practices of healthy communities.