

Mississippi Mills Residents' Association (MMRA)

Minutes of Board Meeting, September 11, 2008, 7:30 pm M2W Boardroom

Present: Kim Curran (Chair), Shaun McLaughlin, George Yaremchuk, Jill McCubbin, Paul Zollman, Arnie Francis (minutes), Linda Tranter

Regrets: Amanda Gorman, Tracy Julian.

KC welcomed board members and asked for changes to the agenda

1. Budget: SM reported bank balance was \$1479. No major expenditures outstanding.
 - a. The Board does not have a budget or expenditure policy, but all expenditures have been traditionally approved at Board meetings.
2. Speaker's Night:
 - a. Oct 14: Due to the Federal Election call, speaker date has been cancelled. JE following up with Sue Campbell, OVWRC, for Oct 21, or Oct 23. No news yet. Once speaker confirmed JM will confirm location and Board will handle promo. Sept 22 is deadline for Oct Humm. Action: All Board, once date confirmed
 - b. January Speaker event – LT indicated she is unable to coordinate this event. Other suggestions welcome. Action: All Board
3. Website:
 - a. KC noted website generally getting good reception. Would like to see a “Community” tab to provide info to new residents, etc. Also possible links for “Parent info”. Content submission to come from KC/Board members, etc and AF to set up appropriate page once content is there. May subsume FAQ tab. Action: KC, AF
Action PZ volunteered to prepare a publicity article about the web site.
 - b. Recycling info – GY to put together tips and hard to find information. AF to create a subheading in Links page when info received. Action: GY, AF
 - c. Email address: mmra@sympatico.ca is not reliable – owned by GY. GY to see if domain-based (e.g. info@mmra.ca) generic addresses can be easily set up. If not, AF to set up Yahoo address (e.g. info.mmra@yahoo.ca) Action: GY, AF
4. Interfacing with other groups:
 - a. Pakenham Business/ Community Association – KC to try and make contact/ invite this group to our next BoD Meeting. Check with Shirley Deugo at Fultons. Perhaps have next MMRA meeting in Pakenham Library. Action: KC
 - b. AF noted that a couple of attempts were made in 2006-07 to engage Clayton community, but no response.
5. Email and Board decisions:
 - a. Email is seen as useful way to pose issues for further discussion and on some items to seek consensus and decision (e.g. editorial items). But expenditure decisions usually made at meeting, unless emergency. Board members' email addresses clarified.
6. Sewage Treatment Plant (STP):
 - a. Board members discussed Mayor's intent to solicit funds from Province. Board generally felt that Province should hear a balanced view. Motion: To draft a letter to the Province by Sept 25/08 about STP funding in light of various residents' concerns. AF/SM. *Motion carried*
Action: SM to find and circulate Amalgamation Agreement
Action: LT to determine date of Mayor's submission to Province and advise Board.
Action: AF to coordinate draft /Board members to provide initial input, critique/ edit/approve final draft. Town will be informed of our submission to Province
7. Lanark County Transportation Plan:
 - a. LT and JM reported on focus group sessions and importance of input, by Sept 24. Questionnaire on County website. Action: AF to include in next Communiqué.
8. New Business:
 - a. AF suggested a donation to Riverwalk to help get MMRA some recognition (donor branding on handrails). No action.
9. **Next Board Meeting: Thursday October 9, 2008, 7:30 pm. Action: GY to Chair, book Pakenham Library Room. JM to book M2W Boardroom as backup**