

DRAFT Minutes

Annual Meeting

April 29 , 2025 6:45 pm-9 pm

Location: Pinecrest-Queensway Community Health Centre



**Woodpark
Community
Association**

1.
(45 min.)

President's Welcoming Remarks

- The meeting was called to order with a quorum of Members and Board Members present.
- The WCA President welcomed participants in the room and noted that a number of people were participating via Zoom
- The President provided an Indigenous land acknowledgement
- She thanked the Pinecrest-Queensway Community Health Centre for space and provided information on some of the programs/activities offered through the centre.
- Introductions of the Board were made to the room/online participants.
- Introduction of the Community Garden volunteers, with some brief information on opportunities for further community involvement.

Administrative matters:

- Approval of agenda
- Approval of Minutes from May 2024 AGM
- A year in review: Sue Milburn-Hopwood, President
 - Introduced the Wood Park Community Association
 - Summarized key programs of work over the past year including: engaging and representing the community on issues related to infrastructure and development; promoting greenspace and ensuring the City meets its commitments; organizing and supporting many community events; and promoting awareness of and action on sustainability in the community.
 - Provided a summary of key community issues coming up and proposed priorities for WCA focus including: preparing for the opening of the LRT and intensification, continuing to advocate for more useable green space in Woodpark and restoration of park space removed during LRT construction, preparing and making available a welcome kit for new residents moving into the neighbourhood, engaging parents in a Park Pals Committee and continuing to support many community events.
 - Community is invited to provide input on these or other priorities.
- Financial Statement
 - Jennifer Plank, Treasurer, provided a summary of financial activities of the WCA over the past year. She noted the current balance of \$2,548 is higher than usual at this time of year due to some cost-saving measures (such as the move to electronic

	<p>newsletter), but that some of our activities are becoming more expensive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Election of Board for 2025-26: Larry Ladell ran the election. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 10 current board members were re-elected. <p>Presentation on Parking Restrictions in Woodpark: David Levesque, Vice President and Steve Hopwood, Chair of the Traffic, Parking and Safety Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Presentation focused on the myriad of parking restrictions across the community and how to prepare for increased challenges as a result of the O-Train and intensification. ● A discussion in the room included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No park and rides are planned for Moody Drive, Queensview or Lincoln Fields LRT stations. Woodpark would be the first place where people could easily park if they travelled in from the west or south. ○ Residents must call bylaw if they are concerned with parking on their streets; otherwise bylaw is unlikely to be in the neighbourhood ○ Any changes in parking restrictions on streets require consultation of residents of those street and would typically require a petitions where $\frac{2}{3}$ of the people living on that street support the change. ○ Permits are not typically used as an option in neighbourhoods anymore, but may be considered where no parking is available to residents. ○ A one-size-fits-all approach for the community may not be feasible with different parking issues in different areas.
3. (45 min.)	<p>Comments from Councillor Kavanagh/Qs&As</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Councillor provided community updates and responded to questions from residents. ● Updates on changes to traffic patterns on Richmond/Byron starting May 12. ● Informed the community that Richmond upgrades are next to happen with Byron Avenue upgrades to follow, which means there will be ongoing construction in 2025. ● Throughout the construction, walkability to the river will be preserved. ● She indicated that traffic to support the construction of the new highrises on Richmond will be limited to Ambleside Drive and that the water upgrades to support this construction will be completed with the broader work going on. ● She clarified that the City budget for red light and speed cameras has been preserved for road safety and traffic issues. ● She noted that the City's transportation master plan is putting an emphasis on pedestrian and cycle safety, and efforts are underway to design new roads/streets in a way that discourages speeding as well as to look at other measures for existing roads.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She summarized some recent developments to support affordable housing in the neighbourhood, the new zoning bylaws, the lack of requirements for parking spaces for new developments, and efforts being made to preserve trees and restore green spaces.
4. (5 min.)	<p>Closing Comments & Adjournment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community invited to make donations to support the work of the WCA and were encouraged to get their neighbours to join the WCA.

Documents in Support of Business Meeting

- Agenda
- Minutes from last Annual Meeting
- Financial Statements
- By-Laws
- Proposed Slate of Directors for 2024/2025