

Westwood Hills Residents' Association
Virtual Board Meeting
Minutes of January 20, 2021
7:30 – 9:30pm

APPROVED

Present: **Dustin O'Leary** (President), **Justin Ells** (Vice-President) **Trevor Magarvey** (Director), **Carol Grimmitt** (Director), **Melissa Nurse** (Director), **Debbie Whyte** (Director), **Carrie Edwards-Young** (Director), **Stephen Nurse** (Treasurer), **Natalie Jay** (Director) & **Julie Gratzner** (Secretary)

Regrets: **Richard O'Fegan** (Director)

21.01.01 **Approval of the Agenda**
 Steve/Trevor **All approved** **Motion carried**

21.01.02 **Approval of the November 5th, 2020 minutes**
 Debbie/Trevor **All approved** **Motion carried**

21.01.03 **Matters Arising**

a) Crosswalk between Tim's and Arena

The traffic between both sides of the road was studied twice by HRM in the past and it was felt that there was not enough traffic to warrant a crosswalk. Dustin recently reached out to the owner of the private school at the SMB Centre; they sent a letter of support to have the traffic studied again. The new councillor (Pamela Lovelace) has been contacted and is in support of this study to be done again. Dustin has asked to be on next agenda for the St. Margaret's Bay Board.

ACTION: Justin to follow up with councillor Lovelace.

b) Bike lanes / walking lanes

ACTION: Julie to bring this item forward to the next meeting agenda

c) Recreational activities

ACTION: Deb and Nat to meet to come up with some ideas for the next meeting.

There was a suggestion to have an information session (FB Live/Zoom) regarding taxes. Deb and Nat to work on the details of this.

d) Fireworks

Melissa reached out to Glow to ask about low noise options. Glow indicated that this is not used for large displays like we do.

e) Patchwork pavement in WWH

ACTION: Justin to contact HRM and the new councillor, to find out when future road work construction is to be done in Westwood and then the Board can inform residents and if there are any problems on their roads, they can call 311.

f) Annual Fire Smart

Important messaging to go out to folks - use the message board for reminders.

ACTION: Deb to collect various messages and send to Carrie (for the message board) and Dustin (for content for latest newsletter).

ACTION: Dustin to reach out to Erica Fleck to re-form connection regarding fire smart and update documentation to show Justin Ells as the Vice-President.

g) Facebook Policy – moved to discussion below

h) Neighbourhood clean-up initiative

ACTION: Carrie to present her ideas for this initiative at the next meeting. A suggestion was for a neighbourhood clean-up on April 22nd – Earth day.

21.01.04 Christmas and Food Drive

Dustin thanked Jennifer Fitzgerald Kearney for all her work in organizing the Food Drive. The Food Drive this year was extremely successful. **ACTION: Julie** to design thank you cards with the WWH logo for the Board to use in the future if needed.

21.01.05 WWHRA FB Page

Discussion regarding the needs of the board to get information out to residents versus the connection of residents for other discussions via the FB page. **ACTION:** A small working group (Dustin, Justin, Steve, Deb, Jon James and Julie) to meet to discuss further, look at options and bring a proposal to the April Meeting. **ACTION: Julie** to set up meeting.

21.01.06 2021 WWH Blvd Maintenance

ACTION: Steve to ask for quote from Muddy Boots for clean up of weeds etc. for the Blvd.

ACTION: Julie to put this on the Feb agenda for approval.

ACTION: Dustin to talk to councillor Lovelace about past and future changes re this issue.

21.01.07 Next meeting – FB Live with all residents

ACTION: Julie to draft agenda for the FB meeting and set up for a Zoom link

21.01.08 Possible Canada or Labour Day event (pending restrictions)

We will follow provincial guidelines. **ACTION: Julie** to add to the AGM agenda in May.

21.01.09 Other Business

Area Rate – should we not take it from residents again this year? We need to consider that that will mean less money for the trail project. **ACTION:** Julie to add this to the Feb agenda. Suggestion was to prepare two plans for budget – one with the area rate and one without.

Trial project update – Justin will be joining Dustin to help with this project. They to meet with trail designers (Cobequid Consulting) in the near future to discuss plan so far. **ACTION: Dustin** to ask Garnet and Alexia for a bill for their work so far.

21.01.10 Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn the meeting

Steve / Debbie

All approved

Motion carried

Meeting adjourned 9:00pm

Respectfully submitted by,
Julie Gratzner, Secretary