

**Westwood Hills Residents' Association**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**Minutes of May 30, 2018**  
**Tantallon Public Library**  
**7:00 – 8:30pm**  
*APPROVED*

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**Executive Present:**     **Dustin O’Leary** (President), **Nick Horne** (Vice-President), **Melissa Nurse** (Treasurer), and **Julie Gratzner** (Secretary)

**Directors:**           **Trevor Magarvey** (Director), **Penelope St. Laurent** (Director), **Justin Ells** (Director),  
**Shawn Beaulieu** (Director), **Richard O’Fegan** (Director),

**Regrets:**             **Francine Galloway** (Director), **Carol Grimmitt** (Director), **Shawn Duggan** (Director), **Nola Button** (Director), and **Virginia Boon** (Director)

**Guests:**               **Ben Jessome** (MLA)

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**Westwood Hills residents in attendance:**

Conor McDevitt, Tony Howell, Mike Maher, Megan Maher, Natalie Jay, Rebecca Summers, Chris Turner, Greg Lawsen, Tina Lawsen, Audrey Moritz, Crystal Hendren, Christine Alward, Joey Garyin, Cathy Baker, Melanie Neglia, Rhonda Dean, Marianne Stanford, Robert Sager.

**18.05.01           Welcome Address**

Dustin thanked all the Board members for all their dedication and hard work this year.

**18.05.02           Approval of the June 21, 2017 AGM Minutes**

***MOTION to approve minutes as circulated***

***Steve Nurse / Nola Button       All approved       Motion carried***

**18.05.03           Matters Arising**

**3.1 – Floating Dock Update**

Nick gave a brief history regarding the ownership of the dock. HRM took \$3000 out of the WWHRA account for maintenance without any discussion with the WWHRA.

**3.2 – Asphalt Plant Update**

HRM staff has had consultations with residents. The info has been gathered and is now being discussed at Regional Council. Community Council will be discussing the Staff Report in next couple of months.

**18.05.04           Election of Executive Committee for 2018-2019**

***MOTION to dissolve Executive for 2017-2018***

***Nola Button / Steve Nurse       All approved       Motion carried***

Calls were made to the members in attendance for the positions of President, Vice, President, Treasurer and Secretary. **Dustin O’Leary** put his name forward as President. **Nick Horne** put his name forward as Vice-President. Melissa Nurse stepped down as Treasurer and **Stephen Nurse**

put his name forward as Treasurer. **Julie Gratzner** put her name forward as Secretary. No others volunteered for these positions.

**MOTION to approve the Executive for 2018-2019 as Dustin O’Leary** (President), **Nick Horne** (Vice-President), **Stephen Nurse** (Treasurer) and **Julie Gratzner** (Secretary)  
**Nola Button / Melissa Nurse All approved Motion carried**

Dustin O’Leary indicated that two of the Directors from the 2017-2018 Board will be stepping down – Shawn Duggan and Virginia Bonn. **Chris Turner, Chrystal Hendren and Melissa Nurse** put their names forward to fill the remaining positions as Directors within the Board. These were approved by acclamation. The continuing Director members are Trevor Magarvey, Penelope St. Laurent, Justin Ells, Shawn Beaulieu, Richard O’Fegan, Francine Galloway, Carol Grimmitt, and Nola Button.

**18.05.05 2017-2018 Budget Review and Approval**

Melissa reviewed the circulated budget (attached).

The question was raised regarding the large surplus in our account.

At a residential meeting last year (March 2017) there was a vote for 3-4 main projects to be pursued.

The Movie Nights have taken place but equipment is being rented instead of purchased as more economical. This year more money will be invested for the rental of a larger screen and a professional sound system now it has been determined that the movie nights are very well attended.

A sub-committee is working on the Community Garden project – more info below.

The request for an additional Playground will be pursued this coming year.

There was a suggestion for a Scholarship Fund. This will be discussed at a future Board meeting.

**MOTION to approve the 2017-2018 WWHRA Budget as presented.**  
**Steve Nurse / Nick Horne All Approved Motion carried**

There will be new projects coming up. Residents were encouraged to bring forward any ideas to Board members.

**18.05.06 Review of 2017-2018 Events and Initiatives**

The residents of WWH participated in the following events this year: community yard sale; Canada Day celebrations; holiday food drive; carolling and tree lighting; fireworks for New Year’s Eve; movie nights; neighbourhood soccer and a Facebook live residents meeting.

The WWHRA on behalf of the WWH residents planned many of the events above and also tackled issues and initiatives including: the Neighbourhood Evacuation Plan; the floating dock; traffic calming; WWH logo contest; community garden; and the new WWH Website.

**18.05.07 New Website**

Kevin Esty presented the new WWHRA website to residents in attendance. All were very impressed. There were a few questions and residents were encouraged to contact Kevin with any additional information they would like to see on the site.

There was a suggestion to send out a mailing to announce the new website.

**18.05.08**

**Ongoing Business**

Traffic Calming – Justin Ells reviewed the circulated report (attached). The speed sign is effective to some degree. Police officers have noted from the data that there are areas and times of concern and have made themselves present accordingly.

The question was asked as to why there isn't a cross-walk by the St. Margaret's Bay Community Centre. Answer: HRM requires that there are sidewalks in order to put a cross-walk. Some time ago a traffic study was performed at that "intersection" and it was determined that there wasn't enough traffic to justify sidewalks. HRM also wouldn't set up cross-walk flags without a cross-walk. Residents requested that this item be on the agenda for the WWHRA to pursue in the New Year. It was suggested that there be a video made to show this area and the safest way to cross. This video to be put up on the WWH website for kids to see.

Community Sign – Dustin reviewed the circulated report (attached). This project is moving forward. The placement of the sign will have to be different and consider lighting.

Fire Safety and Evacuation Planning – Nola Button reported on these two initiatives. The first of it's kind in the whole of HRM. See attached report.

Community Garden Project – Nick Horne reviewed the circulated report (attached). The sub-committee is waiting to hear from HRM re what the process is for us to purchase the land or for the developer to get credits to donate the land.

**18.05.09**

**The Year Ahead 2018-2019**

a. Canada Day – it was suggested for WWH to contract more services out so we require less volunteers the day of the celebration.

**Motion that the WWHRA explore options for contracting more services out so we require less volunteers the day of the celebration; if volunteers aren't available.**

**Nick / Kevin E.**

**All approved**

**Motion carried**

b. Outdoor Movies – Dustin reported that Haliburton Subdivision has asked to join in on the Movie Night events. They have offered to split the cost of a rental of a larger screen and a profession sound system. Each subdivision would take turns hosting.

**18.05.10**

**Update from Councillor Whitman – sends his regrets**

**18.05.11**

**Update fro MLA Ben Jessome**

B. Jessome expressed his appreciation to WWH for holding so many residential events - Community Yard Sale, Remembrance Day ceremony, etc.

\* SJA skill Trades Centre will be up and running in September.

\* The Pre-primary in this community won't be this year but following two years.

\* Speed limit on Hammonds Plains Road was reduced by 10 km/hr.

\* New family doctor in the area. He is an emergency room doctor. If you need a family doctor please make sure you are on the list. Call 811.

\* Nola Button asked about a Fire barrier (clear cutting space). **Ben** will connect with Nola.

**18.05.12**

**Other Business**

a. Volunteer Pool – Julie asked if there is any one that would like to sign up for the volunteer pool to add their name and contact info to the list.

- b. Garbage cans – Melissa has a case # with HRM to add garbage cans to the Greenspace, Boat Launch and neighbourhood garbage cans. We need to consider the cost for us to hire someone to empty them.
- c. Ladder at Dock – Nick has inquired with HRM and will be following up.

**18.05.13**

**Adjournment**

**MOTION to adjourn the meeting**

***Steve N / Ronda D      All approved      Motion carried***

Meeting adjourned 8:36pm

Respectfully submitted by,  
Julie Gratzner, Secretary