

Westwood Hills Residents' Association
Board Meeting
Minutes of September 18, 2019
Lefty's Restaurant
7:30 – 9:30pm
APPROVED

Present: **Dustin O'Leary** (President), **Justin Ells** (Director), **Carol Grimmitt** (Director), **Melissa Nurse** (Director), **Penelope St. Laurent** (Director), **Stephen Nurse** (Treasurer) **Nick Horne** (Vice-President), **Chris Turner** (Director), **Crystal Hendren** (Director), **Debbie Richard O'Fegan** (Director) & **Julie Gratzer** (Secretary)

Regrets: **Trevor Magarvey** (Director)

- 19.09.01** **Approval of the Agenda**
Other business – Facebook (#8), Financial Update (#9)
Richard / Melissa *All approved* *Motion carried*
- 19.09.02** **Approval of April 17, 2019 Meeting Minutes**
MOTION to approve minutes as circulated
Nick / Richard *All approved* *Motion carried*
- 19.09.03** **Matters Arising**
3.1 – Scholarship Fund (Carol, Richard and Penelope)
At the AGM in May it was approved to *move forward with the idea as long as the results of HRM and the area rate don't put any restrictions regarding this type of initiative.*
Discussed further below.
- 19.09.04** **On-going business**
4.1 – Traffic Calming (Justin)
Justin reported that speed information is still being sent in to the RCMP. **Justin** will check in to see where we are on the list with the traffic calming measures via HRM.

4.2 – Community Sign Update (Dustin and Justin)
Dustin reported that the sign is finally up and committee members expressed their appreciation and commented on how great it looks.a

4.3 – Park/Recreational Space / Trail Development Planning (Dustin and Nick)
Dustin has asked Cobiquid Consulting to come out to review the plots of land and provide free estimates. HRM will need to review this proposal before we can go ahead. Nick reported that he has sent numerous e-mails to HRM regarding the trails.
- 19.09.05** **Municipal approach to area rate funding**
Board members discussed expenses (allowed and not allowed) with respect to the Summary of the Community Area Rate Administrative Order.

Re-examination of area rates was also included in this review. Results of this review will be coming in the future.

Given this new legislation, the impact effects:

- * the Scholarship Fund – need to consider the use our surplus now for the Scholarship
- * the Community Garden at the corner of Hemlock and Wyndham
- * speed radar signs (will need clarification on this)
- * insurance for Director's? Will this be covered?
- * is maintenance retroactive for currently existing projects – the new sign for example

Dustin investigate further and will communicate to board for review and then residents soon.

Board members indicated that whatever we want to do now, we need to put in a proposal to HRM.

19.09.06 Remembrance Day Ceremony (Dustin)

Dustin asked for a volunteer to lay the wreath at the ceremony. Carol or one of her family members offered to do this.

MOTION to approve the purchase of a new wreath to the maximum of \$100

Melissa / Carol

All approved

Motion carried

19.09.07 Community E-mail Newsletter (Dustin)

65 people have signed up for this community e-mail newsletter. **Dustin, Justin and Melissa** to volunteer to put these together four times a year. A draft will be circulated to board members

19.09.08 Other Business

8.1 - Facebook

Businesses inconsistently approved/not approved. Decision was that businesses cannot be added to the FB membership list. Individuals or groups of individuals can recommend businesses on our FB page.

Justin and Melissa will wordsmith and send board a draft of the revised policy.

Approved revisions will be added to our newsletter.

8.2 - Financial Report

Steven reported that we are on track to spend our annual budget and we reduced our surplus account (i.e. via new sign, etc.). We lost money at Canada Day this year (even after being reimbursed from HRM). The Westwood Hills subdivision has 697 houses and more are being built.

19.09.09 Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn the meeting

Melissa / Steve

All approved

Motion carried

Meeting adjourned 8:49pm

Respectfully submitted by,
Julie Gratzner, Secretary