

Orchard Heights Homeowner's Association 2020 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Mike Kuliszewski, President of the OHHA Board of Directors, opened the meeting with some initial remarks regarding:

- The Planning and Development meeting on Feb 3 at City Hall to learn about and speak objection to the plan to add 22 houses to the Star Academy property located immediately north of the Sedona Edencrest development. Elm Cormack (2017) Inc had first proposed a mix of semi-detached and detached homes but, after the first community meeting, altered it to 22 single family homes. The members of the BOD would like to see the Sedona model applied to the new subdivision which would not require a zoning change.
- Speed limit in our neighbourhood has been reduced throughout from 50 kph to 40 kph. The next step is to have an enforcement campaign that would result in either a ticket or an informational warning letter
- He encouraged everyone to provide their email address and subscribe to the neighbourhood Facebook pages to keep informed, as physical mailings are costly

Stephen Dasko, Ward 1 councillor next stepped up and provided remarks about some developments in the area - and other topics of interest.

- He has spoken to Peel Police about an enforcement/information campaign re the reduced speed limit in the neighbourhood
- Star Academy will be moving from their current premises this summer. Stephen is working with them to find another suitable location within the neighbourhood (Lakeview)
- St Luke's church has closed and no-one from the church has approached his office concerning any changes to the property. He noted that there is a cemetery on the site which would complicate any repurposing of the lands.
- Stephen reiterated Mike's comments about the Elm development and the necessity to both attend the meeting and send emails/letters to the city detailing your objections
- Stephen's office provides an monthly email 'blast' to provide information to Ward 1 residents. You can sign up for it on <http://www.stephendasko.com>
- There has been some damage to lawns resulting from snow removal operations. Stephen assured residents that this will be fixed when weather permits. In the meantime residents are directed to contact Stephen's office to report any damage.
- Plans for the proposed Jim Tovey bridge which is to cross the Etobicoke creek is currently in a state of limbo. The earliest plan had the bridge placed in the flood plain and current thinking is that it 'could' be placed on property owned by the Toronto Golf Club. The city will be approaching the golf club to float the idea of them selling the required property for the bridge location.
- Slate Realty purchased the Dixie Mail about a year and a half ago. They have held a meeting to gather input from the community concerning redevelopment and will be holding similar subsequent meetings. Dates for such will be communicated in Stephen's monthly email and also on his web site.
- Finally, Stephen applauded the quarterly meetings that take place among Sherway, Applewood, Orchard Heights homeowner's associations and his office commenting that best results will be attained through strength in numbers, whatever the subject.

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Wan Chi Ma, Chris Schiller and Graham Sled representing the MTO next presented a history, current operations and future plans for the Dixie Interchange and adjacent areas

- Preliminary design study was begun in May 2012 and completed Jan 2016. The project was approved Sep 2017. Throughout the process there were a number of community workshops and meetings. The work was divided into 2 contracts.
 - Contract 1 (Fall 2018 thru Nov 20121) dealt with construction from Dixie Road to the East Mall and included replacement of the Etobicoke creek bridge, retaining and noise wall repair and replacement, median rehabilitation and other bridge repairs.
 - Contract 2 (2012 thru 2025) deals with construction from Cawthra to Dixie Roads. It includes replacement of the Dixie Road and Ogden bridges as well as all work to rework the interchange into a more 'regular' design.
- One of the main takeaways and of most concern to residents is the planned closure of the South Service Road QEW eastbound entrance from about Apr 2021 thru Oct 2021. Preferred access to the QEW eastbound will be at Cawthra Road. This lead to a great many questions and suggestions from the members. Namely,
 - Ensure signage is placed back as far as Cormack to ensure that people are aware of the closure and therefore do not enter our neighbourhood
 - A need to alter signal light timing at Cawthra as, with the closure of the QEW entrance, there will be much increased traffic
- A complaint directed at the current construction work is that there is a great deal of noise in the middle of the night by trucks dumping material at the temporary dump site on the west side of Dixie Road. We were assured that the bulk of such work was completed and the noise would not be a regular thing going forward.
- A resident brought up that the sidewalk on the current bridge doesn't often get cleaned and it is hard for pedestrians to cross. The answer for this was that the new bridge would have somewhat wider sidewalks.
- Comments are welcome and can be submitted on <http://www.qewdixiedetaildesign.ca>

OHHA Treasurer Tonya Elmazi next provided her financial reports for 2019. Anyone who would like a copy should email her. If you are not an OHHA member and would like to join simply send an e-transfer payment to her.

- She had a comment related to the information meeting held at the Dixie Mall information session. 'We need more young families to turn out at the AGM'

President Mike Kuliszewski next displayed the current list of officers and members of the Orchard Heights Homeowner's Association Board of Directors and asked:

- If any of the members present were in favour of or did not object to the current board, and
- Were there any members present who would like to join the board

There were no objections to the makeup or membership of the board and several people volunteered to help at the neighbourhood events. One person offered to join the board, namely Elaine Amaral.

Neighbourhood Watch coordinator Tonya Elmazi next provided a short update.

- Crime is VERY low in our neighbourhood. If you would like to track incidents <http://www.peelpolice.ca> has a map application that details incidents by type
- Tonya will send an email to the neighbourhood watch email list
- One resident highlighted that a pedestrian bridge over Etobicoke would likely increase crime in Orchard Heights by allowing a convenient way into the neighbourhood. He suggested that simply by comparing crime rates in the adjacent neighbourhood would prove this point.
- Stephen Dasko performed a door by door survey of the residents of Orchard Heights and his results were 70% in favour and 30% opposed to the pedestrian bridge.

Dimitra next did a short presentation about coyotes. Questions and comments followed – mostly about deer and fox and the good job coyotes were doing keeping the squirrel and rabbit populations in check.

Dimitra also appealed for volunteers to help at events but also to join the BOD. The following came forward to help at events.

- Daniel Mazzucco 647-231-1333 dmazzucco@gmail.com
- Amber Leon 647-282-1710
- Lorna Flawn 416-333-3999
- Katie Hockton 647-498-8977 katie.hackton@gmail.com

She also proposed the following dates for neighbourhood activities:

- Garage Sale - May 23
- BBQ – June 20
- Movie Night in the Park – September 19
- Pumpkin Walk – November 1
- Lighting of the Cedars – December 5

Dan Higashi, Board member and president of the Orchard Heights Tennis Association next provided some history and update about the tennis club.

- There are 19 community tennis clubs in Mississauga and ours is in the unique position of not trying to recruit new members. There are currently 342 members and only half of them live in the community. People come from as far away as St Catharine's to play on our courts. Part of the attraction is that there is no through traffic in our community.
- He also talked about pickle ball providing a description and the short history with the club. One advantage of pickle ball vs tennis is that the game is much slower yet provides a good workout. The courts have been marked to permit play.
- Realizing that there is little for tennis players to do (in the sport) in Mississauga, Dan has run an indoor clinic and may run another if interest is there.
- Regarding the fading tiles on the courts, Dan is discussing the issue with the vendor as they have a 15 year warranty.

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- Dan noted that the recently planted cedar hedge is 7+ feet high. It should grow to 15 feet before any trimming is required.
- He floated his idea of installing a video camera exclusively aimed at the signup board to facilitate court reservations from members living remotely. Cost is expected to be about \$60/month.

Meeting was adjourned.

Thanks to Tim Horton's for providing coffee for the meeting and thanks to those who brought donations for the food bank and for Australian animal relief.

Thanks also to the Star Academy for hosting this year's meeting.