



West Willowdale

Neighbourhood Association

AGM Minutes

Date: February 26, 2020
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Present

- Board: Michael Koor, Mary Lynn Simpson, Steven Biggs, Eugene Terenzio, Michelle Oliveira, Jim Gratsas, Suranjita Khaund (7).
- 24 people in attendance (including board)

Location: Canterbury Place, 1 Canterbury Place, North York

Welcome

Michael Koor (President) welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

- Quorum was met.
- As votes were required during the meeting, it was explained to members how to vote by holding up voting card.
- Thank you was extended to Canterbury Place for hosting the meeting and providing the refreshments.
- Sarah McCabe from the Ontario Historical Society and Markus O'Brien-Fehr from the councillor's office were recognized

Guest Speaker

Introduction of guest speaker by Eugene Terenzio

Deidre Cameron spoke about the neighbourhood watch program that she set up in her Lawrence Park neighbourhood.

- Showed video about the program that was created by Global News
- Explained the process of creating a Google group
- Talked about information sources such as Toronto Police Service, the news
- Answered questions

Current Board of Directors Introduction

Board members introduced themselves: Michael Koor (President), Jim Gratsas (Vice President), Mary Lynn Simpson (Treasurer), Steven Biggs (Secretary), Suranjita Khaund, Eugene Terenzio, Michelle Oliveira. Regrets: Anna Baranowsky, David Chapman

Review Agenda

Michael Koor reviewed the agenda.

2018 AGM Minutes Review

The 2018 AGM minutes were reviewed by Michael Koor.

Motion to approve was made by Michael Koor and seconded by Linda Nolan. Vote carried with no objections

President's Report

Michael Koor reported on the work of the WWNA over the past year.

Accomplishments included:

- WWNA board members participated on Yonge Street Tragedy Steering Committee which commemorated the April 23rd Van Attack and co-ordinated 1000-person community dinner in eight locations and provided trauma resources
- Continued to provide input into Abbotsford Park revitalization and participated in the official park opening September 2019
- WWNA participated as Community stakeholder in meeting regarding the future of Mel Lastman Square

Events included:

- Hosted our second emergency preparedness session
- Co-ordinated second-hand Sunday
- Co-ordinated our first annual historical tour with York Cemetery
- Held our third annual community garage sale
- Hosted our second member appreciation mix'n mingle
- Hosted fourth annual Canada Day barbeque
- Participated with a table at Doors Open
- Held plant & book swap at Churchill Public School
- Co-hosted Willowdale bird migration meet-up at Edithvale Community Centre
- Led Dempsey Park Clean TO
- Co-hosted community safety town hall in conjunction with Councillor's office
- Held fourth Earth Hour walk

A motion to approve the Presidents report was made by Mary Lynn Simpson and seconded by Jim Gratsas. Vote carried with no objections.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Lynn Simpson reported that at the end of the fiscal year the Association had 76 memberships (including 19 Associate/Corporate).

Balance at end of fiscal year of December 31, 2019 is \$809.08.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Jim Gratsas and seconded by Martin Wills. Vote carried with no objections.

Constitution

Steven Biggs discussed the process to amend the constitution, and explained that the board voted to extend the boundaries of the association.

1. The Constitution may be amended at a special meeting of the Board of Directors, attended by not less than two thirds (2/3) of the Board, and called for this purpose giving notice to all Board members of not less than fifteen (15) days.
2. Report of all changes shall be made to the members at large at the first Annual General Meeting following any changes. The annual general meeting shall have the right, if a quorum is present to approve or rescind such changes but not retroactive prior to date of said Annual General Meeting. If a quorum is not present, such amendments shall be deemed as having been approved by the members.
3. Motions for amendments to the Constitution by members in good standing must be given in writing to the Board of Directors at least fourteen days before the annual general meeting.
4. Constitutional amendments must be approved by 2/3 of the members in good standing present at the annual general meeting.

A motion to amend the boundaries as listed in the constitution, article 4, part 2 (below):
The West Willowdale neighbourhood boundaries are currently:

- North side of Churchill Ave.
- West side of Beecroft Road
- East side of Senlac Road
- South side of Park Home Ave.

The motion is to amend the boundaries to include houses on north-south streets, north of Churchill up to the south side of Horsham Ave., but not including houses on Horsham Ave. These streets are: Claywood Rd., Abbotsford Rd., Tamworth Rd., and Basswood Rd. The reason for this amendment is that these houses are not included in the catchment of the Edithvale-Yonge Association to the north.

A motion to approve the changes to the constitution was made by Michelle Oliveira, and seconded by Linda Nolan. Vote carried with no objections.

Looking Ahead:

Events, Membership

- Mary Lynn spoke about the benefits of Neighbourhood Associations as well as about upcoming WWNA events that are in the planning stage for 2020.

Get Involved

- Michelle Oliveira and Steven Biggs spoke about becoming involved in the association, by volunteering to help at events, or working with the association board to undertake projects of interest
- Steven Biggs gave the example of collecting the history of the West Willowdale neighbourhood

Neighbourhood Watch

- Suranjita spoke about the West Willowdale Neighbourhood Watch, explaining what has been done, and how it will work as a Google group. She explained how to join, and answered questions about the initiative.

Open Discussion

No issues were raised.

Election of Directors

There are currently 9 board members. The constitution allows a maximum of 9. There has been no expression of interest from any other members to run for the board. An invitation for nominations was included in an e-mail sent to the e-mail distribution list.

Board members are elected for a 2-year term, with one half of the up for election one year, and the other half in the subsequent year.

Michael Koor is not be seeking re-election to the board.

Jim Gratsas, Mary Lynn Simpson, and Suranjita Khaund are seeking re-election for a 2-year term:

Motion to acclaim Jim, Mary Lynn, and Surjanita to the Board by Michael Koor, seconded by Michelle Oliveira. Vote carried with no objections.

The Board will decided who will hold the executive positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary in a future board meeting.

Remarks by Vice President

Jim Gratsas thanked Michael Koor for his leadership as President of WWNA since it's inception. In addition he thanked Canterbury Place for hosting the AGM, attendees, Deidre Cameron, and other sponsors of the association.

Door Prizes:

A draw was made for door prizes. Thank you to the following who graciously donated door prizes Bravo Learning (Chapters Gift Card) Persuad Law Group (Ice wine),

Northtown Dental (teeth whitening kit), and Emma Biggs) and to Nortown Dental for all gift bags for attendees.

Adjournment – A motion was made by Michael Koor and seconded by Mary Lynn Simpson to adjourn the meeting. Vote carried with no objections.

Mix and Mingle:

After the meeting the community members were invited to enjoy refreshments and spend time talking.