

Minutes RARA Annual General Meeting

Wednesday May 18, 2016

18 McMaster Ave.

RARA President, Pym Buitenhuis welcomed approximately 70 residents to the AGM.

Pym's announcements were:

1. The 2nd Solstice Party, organized by Nichole Anderson was held Dec 21st, the spring clean-up of Pumpers' Park was well attended and the subsequent Easter egg hunt, organized by Hannah hosted over 100 children. The RARA sub-committee on rail safety was financed by RARA with a \$2500 donation to support website design and signage.
2. RARA's role within the community was explained.
3. Rathnelly Day is tentatively scheduled for June 17th 1917 with the theme of 1967 and the Summer of Love to commemorate RARA's 50th anniversary.

Metro City Councillor, Josh Matlow addressed the group regarding rail safety; a 1 year pilot project for 1 hour parking limits on Rathnelly Ave.; the move to have Green "P" parking lot revert to daily rates; the Roycroft Trail improvement completion date of June 30th; Mabin School's local steering committee is awaiting new plans; the refurbishment of Glen Edith Park; the ongoing plans for EcoPark along the railway lands; the De la Salle plans to build townhomes on existing green space and the escarpment of early Lake Ontario; transportation infrastructure plans for Toronto and a potential traffic calming to ensure one-way traffic on MacPherson Ave.

Rathnelly resident, Nichole Anderson reported on the status of rail safety. She along with Claire Hervey-Kilgour and Murray Campbell have spearheaded a coalition of resident associations and with the support of city council, mayor John Tory and the newly elected Liberal federal government CP is experiencing increased pressure to make rail safety a priority. Initiatives range from reduced train speed, train length, type of railcar and increased line maintenance to "The Missing Link", whereby CP moves its loads to the CN corridor north of the city centre and the existing rail line is used for passenger traffic. www.railsafetyfirst.com can be accessed for updates.

The following matters were voted on and adopted/approved:

- Minutes of the 2015 AGM
- Treasurer's Report, which will be posted on the RARA website
- The RARA Executive of Pym Buitenhuis, Kendra Thompson, Marnie Gold, Larry Peloso, Judi Frost, Val Davey, Pippa Sargent, and Nichole Anderson was confirmed.
- Kendra Thompson was elected as President, Pym as Past President and Grace Zeppilli as representative for Poplar Plains Cres. Heli Donaldson and Erica Rayment were thanked for their service.

A lane naming "Heritage Project" was unanimously agreed upon by attendees. To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Republic of Rathnelly, all 5 neighbourhood lanes will be named this year. George Proudano will be the leading the project and suggested names should be put forward over the summer.

Rathnelly resident, Burn Waddie from Cycle Toronto updated the group on work done by this lobby group on the Davenport strip and the crossing of St Clair at the top of Poplar Plains.

Kendra Thompson was introduced as the incoming President. Her husband, Ben Unsworth displayed the new website design while Kendra discussed how RARA will communicate through the website and twitter and on welcoming young families into RARA. Pym was thanked for her time and energy with a gift.

The meeting ended at 8:30pm followed by a raffle, drinks, pizza and chocolates and an opportunity for neighbours to meet.