

Credit Pointe Residents Association

Minutes – Annual General Meeting May 26, 2022

Hybrid (Zoom and In-Person at Mindshare, Erin Mills Town Centre)

Attendance:

Andrew Hunter - AH

Fred Leon - FL

Mike Matic - MM

Nazar Ahmad - NA

Neha Balooja – NB (via Zoom)

Robert Martellacci - RM

Sandra Shehadeh - SS

Regrets:

Sophia Makridas - SM

Harry Malawi - HM

Call to order: 7:08

Welcome and President's Opening Remarks – MM

- President's message is focused on the past, present and future:
 - 7+ years ago there was a rash of break & enters (30+) which served as the alarm/catalyst to reignite the CPRA – a new iteration
 - Reaction was that neighbors looked to each other first for support & guidance and became more than casual acquaintances and a new CPRA board was established with councilor's support and police engagement guaranteed
 - After holding a police town hall meeting with police commanders: 100+ attendees, police presence increased and investigations resulted in arrests
 - As a result: crime plummeted, improved police relations, neighborhood calm
 - Next steps – realized the CPRA must continue to flourish - so as not to return to the roots that ignited the unrest.
- Subsequent years:
 - CPRA building blocks laid and foundation continued to be strengthen with the dedication of long term board members continuing neighborhood & community outreach
 - Councilor Starr's support never waived – introduction of resources
 - CPRA evolved from reactive to proactive – manifested its social footprints via major events, dedication, innovation and response to needs
- Major events: some award winning and recognized by city hall:
 - CPRA evolution: from 100+ attendees for a police town hall to 200+ plus neighbours meeting in a social safe environment - summer park picnic
 - Award winning picnic in the park with music, sports zone, demos, tents, castles, police, fire trucks and classic cars on display
 - Movie nights: growth 50, 70, 100+ families
 - Special events: Halloween and holiday meet n' greets; skating events at the local rink and city hall

- This past year we have continued to collectively face covid-19 challenges and restrictions. Many came on board to pilot us through those troubled waters and we continued to persevere via:
 - Movie nights – when restrictions allowed
 - Holiday cookbook – well received
 - Newsletters
 - Continued PRP community officer support, safety walks, front line officer response, WhatsApp chat group and social media info sharing
 - Mississauga food bank & clothing drive
 - Main project city renowned - CPRA ice rink
- Special attention – CPRA Ice Rink special note of appreciation:
 - Board Lead: Sandra Shehadeh (Capo)
 - Board Members: Robert Martellacci, Andrew Hunter, Fred Leon
 - Special Volunteers: Mikolaj Zielinski and Jeffrey Leon
 - Special Recognition: Board and Members Recognized with a Special Award – COVID Heroes Award for the body of work
- Future:
 - The CPRA was realized out of urgent need some 7 years ago, our neighbors came together, laid the foundation, as time passed - it strengthened and continued to evolve to meet the needs of our neighbors. This was our drive and it was realized via dedicated efforts and collective neighborhood support.
 - Throughout - succession planning has been discussed and new members came on board and made a difference!
 - I believe new membership and leaders is key and remains integral for the future success of our CPRA. New members have made an immediate impact and difference! And I look to others to pick up the torch and accept the baton as we move forward into 2022 and beyond.
 - I – we as a board look forward to meeting our neighbors over this upcoming year. We encourage new members to join our ranks in assuring the CPRA continues to grow/evolve to serve you best.

Update from Ward 6 Councilor Ron Starr

- Always a pleasure to work with the CPRA
- CPRA didn't start out on a good note because of B&Es, now among the best in the City in terms of safety
- Shared the proposed improvement in the Credit Pointe Village Park which includes:
 - New Trail Extension
 - New 3v3 Basketball Court
 - New Fitness Pod
 - New Shade Shelter
 - New Site Furniture
- The City plans to start in the Summer of 2022 with expected completion in the Fall of 2022
- Door is always open, reach out if you need anything or have suggestions
- Thank you to CPRA, looking forward to next AGM

Safe City Mississauga Update - Gerald Adad

- Provided overview of the Neighbourhood and Business Watch programs in the City of Mississauga
- Explained what the watch program is and isn't; it is about observing and reporting, implementing crime prevention education and engaging your community
- Provided overview of the new Crime Prevention Management System, which provides online educational content, is used as a communications tool to connect members and provide instant alerts as well as being used as a volunteer management system
- Requirements include designating the Neighbourhood Watch area, having community buy-in with at least 20 members, a designated Team Lead (who is the liaison with SCM), support from certified crime prevention practitioners and registration on the new Crime Prevention Management System
- Looking forward to working with CPRA at upcoming events, door is always open

Peel Regional Police Update - Constable Rowena Pryce, 11th Division Community Liaison Officer

- Provided an overview on how to make a report to PRP, i.e. online reporting and when to contact the police directly instead
- Elaborated on the different scenarios to call in an Emergency (911) versus Non-Emergency Line (905-453-3311)
- Informed about how Peel Crime Stoppers works, what they do with the tips they receive and provided stats on how Crime Stoppers works
- Provided the Home Security Challenge Checklist pdf
- Crime mapping is online tool provided by Peel Police that allows community to get an idea of what's going on criminally or otherwise in community
- Any reportable crime is input by crime analyst who then has them reflected on the map
- Not all crimes are reflected, but most are, gives good idea
- More compliance means less likely people will come through and try your neighbourhood
- If you see anything suspicious, or you are unsure as to whether or not you should report or if you're unsure what kind of report to file please contact the Community Liaison Officer Constable Pryce #3773 at 905-453-3311 EXT 1160 or email me at 3773@peelpolice.ca
- Overall message: Please report crime happening in your neighborhood so that we can track crime trends and address issues before they become a significant problem. You are not bothering the police, we are here to serve you and work together as a community

Review and Approval of Minutes from AGM May 19, 2021 – SS

- Circulated last year after AGM

Lisa Mitchell of Heathfield Mews moved to approve, FL of Ballantrae Dr. seconded

Community Events Report – SS

- Although Covid restriction continued into 2021, the CPRA in the spirit of building community, continued with several community events including three movie nights. Special thank you to

our neighbor, Michael Vardalos from Flamborough for providing the large inflatable screen and playing the movies on his laptop!

- Special thank you to Cllr. Starr for donating \$500 to be used towards the purchase of an inflatable screen
- CPRA has continued in its annual Halloween Spirit event with a hot chocolate stand run by AH, RM and MM
- CPRA introduced a new contest for best costumes; eight neighbourhood children were the winners of the contest: Godzilla, Lady Bug, Lumber Jack Gone Wrong, Doll, MineCraft, Prisoner, JarJar Binks, and Jellyfish
- The CPRA Ice Rink championed by SS had another successful year, thanks to the volunteer efforts of Mikolaj Zielinski of Netherley Ct. and Jeffrey Leon from Ballantrae Dr. as well as several of the CPRA directors, including AH, MM, RM, FL and SS
- Stay tuned for new and fun community building events in 2022 and feel free to suggest an event if you have any ideas

Safety/Security Report – MM for SM

- CPRA board working with Peel Regional Police 11th division liaison:
 - CPRA visited 11th division
 - CPRA shared PRP website, 11th division specific
 - CPRA shared PRP crime mapping tool - know community
 - CPRA working with 11th division officer Rowena Pryce #3773
 - CPRA advised on difference between a 911 and non-emergency call
 - CPRA information shared on WhatsApp continually
 - CPRA shared break & enter info. and secure & protect your home info.
 - CPRA shared CEPTED info. re: inspections available, contact info shared
 - CPRA - PRP attend our events and neighborhood on patrol; and
 - CPRA had traffic complaints addressed – information shared.
- CPRA board and volunteer measures:
 - Safety walks and bicycle patrols
 - Know your neighbor and neighborhood awareness info.
 - Listen and learn from each other's discussions
 - Social media messaging on all platforms
 - WhatsApp Q & A – chats / concerns responded to
 - Slow down signs – child safety
 - 40 kmph zone posted zone
 - Neighborhood watch posted signs
 - Raise neighborhood issues with Councilor office/response reported
 - Speed measuring pilot
 - Request trail patrols – peel officers attended on bicycle
 - Tennis court parking concerns raised

Communications Report – RM for NB

- Communication tactics going forward will be for paid members only; \$25 per household is not a lot and yet it provides many communications venues including a CPRA newsletter, twitter and Facebook accounts and a WhatsApp group
- Signage has been effective but we need to invest in permanent signage
- Shared the CPRA WhatsApp chat purpose and guidelines/rules
- Going forward CPRA will have two passionate directors working on communications
- Shared the new CPRA Business Directory, another communication tool, that will provide information on businesses owned by CP residents as well as referrals/recommendations and tips on who can help with different trades; there is potential to even use it for paid advertising

Treasurer's Report – NA

- 2021 financial statement was displayed on screen
- 2021 was another difficult year due to the pandemic. Our activities were drastically curtailed. However unlike 2020, we did receive one sponsorship (\$500 from City of Mississauga) and membership fees were also received - \$890 vs \$560 received in 2019 - an increase of 60%
- Cash expenses, excluding amortization of \$361 on capital assets, were \$1,110. This represented payment for \$880 for the purchase of ice rink liner, \$131 for Halloween candies and contest prizes
- The rest were bank service charges of \$56.00 and Ont. Government filing fee of \$42.00
- Our cash position increased from \$1187 a year ago to \$1467 mainly due to lack of events during the year
- During 2021 our membership fees were kept at \$20/household, in 2022 this amount has been increased to \$25/household
- Invited everyone who hasn't paid to pay membership fees - \$25 per family
- Can e-transfer membership dues to cpra.membership@gmail.com - please include address, names, phone numbers and email addresses in the transfer comments so you can be identified and added to the different communication tools

MM requested motion to approve all the reports, Mikolaj Zeilinski of Netherley Ct. moved to approve all reports, Ram Chopra of Covington Terr. seconded

Introduction / Election of 2022 CPRA Board of Directors

Current Directors:

- Michael Matic – President
- Sandra Shehadeh – Secretary
- Nazar Ahmad – Treasurer
- Sophia Makridis – Safety & Security
- Andrew Hunter – Director at Large
- Fred Leon – Director at Large
- Robert Martellacci – Director at Large

Special Recognition to Outgoing Members:

- Neha Balooja – Communications
- Harry Malawi – Special Events

New Directors:

- Harry Sohal – Director at Large
- Kathy Zhao – Director at Large
- Lisa Mitchell – Communications Director
- Michael Vardalos – Communications Director
- Mikolaj Zielinski – Director at Large
- Mitch Mattarollo – Director at Large

MM called to accept the proposed board – Mujtaba Hameed of Kettlebrook accepted, Yashpreet Parmar of Hewick Lane seconded

Community Q&A

- Some comments and questions from the attendees both virtually via Zoom and in person included:
 - Moving picnic tables back to open field as they were moved recently closer to the playground
 - Requests to send the Home Security Challenge to all via email
 - Requests to send the Constitution again via email
 - Requests to send the powerpoint slide deck from today's AGM via email

MM thanked our special guests and adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.