

**Credit Pointe Residents Association**  
**Minutes – Annual General Meeting May 24, 2023**  
**at River Grove Community Centre**

**Directors Attendance:**

Mike Matic - MM

Fred Leon - FL

Sandra Shehadeh - SS

Andrew Hunter - AH

Nazar Ahmad - NA

Robert Martellacci - RM

Mikolaj Zielinski - MZ

Kathy Zhao - KZ

**Directors Regrets:**

Sophia Makridas - SM

Lisa Mitchell - LM

Michael Vardalos - MV

Mitch Mattarollo – MM2

Harry Sohal - HS

Call to order: 7:08

**Welcome and President's Opening Remarks – MM**

**The Winds of Change – New Board, New Leaders, New Energy & Continued Positive Evolutions**

With this year's Annual General Meeting (AGM), the CPRA Board is genuinely turning its attention from the both the past and immediate to the longer term future. It is integral that we contemplate new and real opportunities for positive change within our evolving times.

I believe Sustainability and Renewed Commitments within the CPRA Board, our new Ward 6 Councilor and his support team, as well as, Peel Regional Police and Safe City Mississauga is integral and achievable via a holistic and all-inclusive neighborhood engagement. This is intrinsic for our collective neighborhood success by way of rejuvenated community mobilization efforts. Therefore, I recommend the aforementioned as vital elements for our new boards primary focus and engagement over the next months leading up to the summer months, through fall and winters events and beyond the next AGM.

Change is an inevitable part of neighborhood life, and this is the reality for your current CPRA Board as tenure for many of its longest serving executive members has come to pass inclusive of my role as your President. Determining the best method of transition is of paramount importance to ensure historic, ongoing, and newly advanced projects are maintained by way of capable, dedicated and neighborhood passionate individuals.

To assist– I (we) must be resilient in the face of this challenge to ensure adjustments are made easier and encouraged this evening with appointment of your new CPRA AGM Board. A Board that will be supported by both remaining and outgoing members alike throughout the

aforementioned transition phase.

Board training and awareness is currently underway for existing members and a number of possible, as well as, newly identified candidates having just come forth – this piece is integral to success and is continuously required. Both new members and leaders are needed to come forth, assume leadership roles, and make a difference!

While we can't control the unpredictable "winds of change", we can collectively manage how best to respond, and lead with a positive mindset to make a difference in our Credit Pointe Village. The CPRA future is bright with dedicated councilor support already exhibited, transitioning roles of current members underway, and the potential for a newly energized, properly elected and invigorated AGM Board of Directors.

After our AGM and in the coming weeks, look forward to your new board making it faster, easier and more convenient for neighbors, friends, and local businesses to access each other on evolving social media platform services.

Now more than ever, CPRA members can expect improved, consistent and improved communication and services designed for them by your talented new board and communications team – A team motivated to deliver – a commitment to make it simpler, faster and better via neighborhood connections.

In closing, I extend a sincere note of appreciation to all CPRA Board members past and present, as they exhibited what is truly special about our neighborhood – a group of selfless, honorable, and dedicated individuals coming together to make a difference. I extend special thanks to Past Presidents Andrew Hunter and Robert Martelacci that have served selflessly in countless CPRA roles over 8 plus years of genuine dedication to our CPRA community. Lastly, thank you for the opportunity to have served our neighborhood earnestly throughout the winds of change. Most importantly,

I bid you a fond farewell, and wish tremendous success to the new CPRA Board and members – I hope to see you on our neighborhood ice rink, upcoming socials, spring dance, AGM and/or as I spin around the Credit Pointe Circle on my bicycle.... For the 10,000<sup>th</sup> lap 🤪.

### **Presidents Report – Past, Present, and Future Overview**

#### **PAST**

- 8+ 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; and
- Next steps – realized the CPRA must continue to flourish - so as not to return to the roots that ignited the unrest.

#### **PRESENT**

- CPRA building blocks laid and foundation continued to be strengthen with the dedication of long term board members continuing neighborhood & community outreach
- Summer Picnic Events with 220+ neighbours coming together in community spirit
- Winter Ice Rink – talk of the Town
- Numerous Award Winning Board and Special Events
- Special Recognition: Board and Members Recognized with a Special Award – COVID Heroes Award for the body of work
- Councilor, Safe City Mississauga, and Peel Regional Police support has never wavered – introduction of resources and neighbourhood watch tools and technology; and
- CPRA continues to evolve from reactive to very proactive – manifested its social footprints via major events, dedication, innovation and response to needs.

## FUTURE

- The CPRA was realized out of urgent need some 8plus 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 additional membership, a new Board, and dedicated leaders is key and remains integral for the future success of our CPRA. Past members have made an immediate impact and difference – I look forward to an immediate impact from CPRA 2.0 ! I pass the proverbial baton and look to others to pick up the torch, accept that community mobilization baton and move CPRA forward to new heights in 2023 and beyond
- I encourage New CPRA Board to meeting with our neighbors over the immediate weeks, take existing events and enhance them over the upcoming months and year; and
- Lastly – I encourage new members to join their ranks in assuring the CPRA continues to grow/evolve to serve you best.

## **Review and Approval of Minutes from AGM May 26, 2022 – SS**

- Circulated last year after AGM

Andrew Hunter of Credit Pointe Dr. moved to approve, Bruno Morgado of Credit Pointe Dr. seconded

## **Community Events Report – SS**

- 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 helping us purchase a CPRA screen using the donation from Cllr. Starr and for providing speakers and playing the movies on his laptop and projector!
- CPRA has continued in its annual Halloween Spirit event with a hot chocolate stand run by AH, RM and MM
- Another successful BBQ in the Park was held in early September with lots of fun activities such as a bouncy castle, soccer nets, bocce balls, and other lawn games. Thank you to all the CPRA Board for doing the many activities that made it a success including barbequing the burgers and hotdogs, giving out the drinks and chips, making cotton candy, signing up new members

and selling food tickets; a big thank you to Lisa Swatagor for leading the CPRA's inaugural CPR Training during the BBQ!

- The baton has been passed from SS to MZ to champion the CPRA Ice Rink but alas the weather was not cooperative this last winter. A big thank you to the volunteer efforts of Fred Leon and his son Jeffrey Leon from Ballantrae Dr.
- We held our annual Winter Social event in January, where we met our new Ward 6 Councilor; Thank you to RM for providing the venue at MindShare in Erin Mills Town Centre
- Stay tuned for new and fun community building events in 2023 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 11<sup>th</sup> division liaison and Safe City on many initiatives that they will present on later in the meeting.

### **Communications Report – SS for LM**

- Communication tactics going forward will be for paid members only; \$25 per household is not a lot and yet it provides many events and communications venues including a CPRA newsletter, twitter and Facebook accounts and a WhatsApp group
- Shared the CPRA WhatsApp chat purpose and guidelines/rules

### **Treasurer's Report – NA**

- 2022 financial statement was displayed on screen
- 2022 was a year where we started to recover from the pandemic. Our activities were not yet back in full form
- We received one sponsorship (\$500 from City of Mississauga) and membership fees were also received - \$1925 vs \$890 received in 2021 - an increase of 200%. It was helped by an increase of \$5 (from \$20 to \$25), as well as a higher membership recruitment
- Cash expenses, expenses of \$1891, included food purchases for the Picnic, as well as supplies for the skating rink
- The rest were bank service charges of \$69.00
- Our cash position increased from \$1467 a year ago to \$2606 mainly due to a donation of \$500 and greater number of members
- Post Year-End Update: So far in the current year 2023, we have made a major purchase of a projector (\$800) and have received a donation of \$300
- Invited everyone who hasn't paid to pay membership fees - \$25 per family
- Can e-transfer membership dues to [cpra.membership@gmail.com](mailto: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, Lisa Swatagor of Credit Pointe Dr. moved to approve all reports, MZ of Netherley Ct. seconded

### **Election of 2023 CPRA Board of Directors**

Special Recognition to Outgoing Members:

- Andrew Hunter – Past President and Director at Large
- Sophia Makridis – Safety & Security Director
- Michael Vardalos – Communications Director
- Lisa Mitchell – Communications Director
- Harry Sohal – Director at Large
- Mitch Mattarollo – Director at Large

MM thanked AH for his many years with the CPRA and for being a past president, and requested motion to dissolve current CPRA Board of Directors, FL of Ballantrae Dr. moved to dissolve current CPRA Board of Directors, Lori Mitchell of Credit Pointe Dr. seconded

New Directors to be Voted On:

- Lori Mitchell and Mikolaj Zielinski – running for President
- Sandra Shehadeh – running for Secretary
- Treasurer Position: Vacant
- Charles Corey – running for Communications Director
- Lisa McDonnell-Swatagor – running for Safety & Security Director
- Michael Matic – running for Director at Large
- Nazar Ahmad – running for Director at Large
- Kathy Zhao – running for Director at Large
- Fred Leon – running for Director at Large
- Robert Martellacci – running for Director at Large

MM asked the two runners for the President position to say a few words sharing their vision. After doing so a paper ballot was distributed to the paid households in attendance; SS collected the 20 completed ballots and did a count with assistance from NA and KZ and announced the new President as Lori Mitchell of Credit Pointe Dr.

For the vacant Treasurer position and after a call out for any interested in the position, Bruno Morgado of Credit Pointe Dr. put his name in and was voted in

MM called to accept the following proposed board – SS of Credit Pointe Dr. accepted, NA of Covington Terr. Seconded

- Lori Mitchell – President
- Sandra Shehadeh – Secretary for 3<sup>rd</sup> and last year as per Constitution
- Bruno Morgado – Treasurer
- Charles Corey – Communications Director
- Lisa McDonnell-Swatagor – Safety & Security Director
- Mikolaj Zielinski – Director at Large
- Michael Matic – Director at Large
- Nazar Ahmad – Director at Large
- Kathy Zhao – Director at Large
- Fred Leon – Director at Large
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**Update from Ward 6 Councilor Joe Horneck**

- A pleasure to work with the CPRA
- Good turn-out at the park to discuss the proposed improvement in the Credit Pointe Village Park which includes
- Over 200 filled out the survey regarding the proposed improvements
- Door is always open, reach out if you need anything or have suggestions
- Thank you to CPRA, looking forward to attending events

#### **Safe City Mississauga Update - Gerald Adad**

- Provided overview of Safe City Mississauga and Neighborhood Services:
  - Formed by the City of Mississauga in 1992
  - Tasked with providing Mississauga with crime prevention programs and campaigns
  - Programs offered at no-cost, in partnership with Peel Police and City of Mississauga
- Provided an update including Hazel Heights; and an 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 and the new content of the Crime Prevention Management System:
  - Senior Safety
  - Intimate Partner Violence
  - Crash Course in Criminology
- Looking forward to working with CPRA at upcoming events, door is always open

#### **Peel Regional Police Update - Constable Michael Wood, 11<sup>th</sup> Division Community Liaison Officer**

- Provided a detailed presentation on Ward 6 including Crime Mapping Tool, Vehicle Theft, and many tips to avoid falling prey to crime
- Shared Home Security Challenge, Home Security Basics and Protect Your Motor Vehicles flyers

MM thanked our special guests and adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.