

## **AGENDA - AWWCA BOARD MEETING**

Monday, October 7th, 2019 - St. George's Church / 134 Emerson St.

**Call to Order:** 7 p.m. Ira Rosen, President

**Recording Secretary:** Ken Moyle

**Quorum:** Five

**In Attendance:** Carolyn Kinsley, Scott Innes, Ken Moyle, Sgt. Darren Murphy, Mary Louise Pigott, Ryan Tse, Ira Rosen, Sarah Rosen, and Tracy MacKinnon

**Guests:** David Hitchcok and Kareen Bouwman

### **Agenda Items:**

1. **Police Report:** Sgt. Darren Murphy - FOCO was successful in terms of safety of the students. There were approximately 15,000 people in attendance. Representatives from McMaster said there were about 4,000 people. Some charges were laid (one for drug trafficking), 7 by-law tickets given to households, 14 medical calls which were mainly alcohol related, and one tree jumper who broke his ankle. Students were well behaved and respectful. There were adequate police resources during the day, but would need to have more officers for the nighttime parties. Ira and Ken felt the parties were the worst they have been in years. Yellow tape around homeowners' properties kept students off private property. Scott wanted to know the cost of policing. Darren said that the police service paid 90 hours of overtime.

Ira stated that AWWCA's position is that we don't want the street party in our neighbourhood. Darren will take this statement to the October 29th debriefing meeting at the Central Police station. Ira spoke with Sandy Shaw and discussed having a provincial law against gathering in an area.

**Hate crime at Beth Jacob Synagogue:** Ira mentioned that Hamilton has the highest hate crime rate in Canada. Darren explained that our statistics are extremely accurate whereas other communities may be recording crimes differently

### **Crime Report for September 2019**

- 17 theft reports
- 7 break and enters-some were student houses
- 7 motor vehicle thefts-arrests were made
- 8 mischief to property
- 7 thefts from cars
- 5 assaults (3 minor, 2 incurring bodily harm)
- 5 frauds
- 4 robberies (2 gas stations)
  - 1 robbery was FOCO related
- 4 stolen autos
- 1 arson
- Other offences: breach of probation/uttering threats
- Hamilton Police services are considering a bait bike program.

### **MotoSocial/Grain & Grit incident in Ainsley Wood:**

200 motorcyclists arrived unexpectedly. Parked illegally, garbage, open drinking, popping wheelies, etc. Sarah and Ira wanted to know why the police officer who was parked on the street did not intervene when people were engaging in illegal acts, nor did he return to the site later in the evening. The owners of Grain & Grit were extremely apologetic and had not anticipated this many people.,

Mary Louise said that people from Toronto came after that Moto/Social had been cancelled. Ira called the police and was referred to by-law. By-law said that if a property owner doesn't directly call about an infraction, then, they cannot do anything. Darren mentioned the lack of police resources in Hamilton and also stated that sometimes it is better for an officer to remain calm, especially when one is out numbered.

2. **Councillor: Maureen Wilson / Mary Louise Pigott** (assistant in the constituency office):

Scott asked about the snow shovelling proposal from last meeting. There is no progress on this file. Scott suggested that area rating funds could be used. Funds can be used for capital purchases only. Rental housing licence is in limbo. The council wants to have a 3 year pilot project in Wards 1 and 8 to decrease red tape to make repairs and proper conversions to rental properties.

**Community Cleanup Needed in Westdale - Resident Complaint**

This was not discussed

**Unsolicited advertisements/flyers in plastic - Resident Complaint**

Maureen is aware of this and is looking into a by-law that would enforce the delivery of flyers to be put in a mailbox and not thrown on a driveway

**Parking Enforcement In Westdale - Resident complaint**

Some members have seen by-law officers in the area. One concern was raised by Whitney and Ofield. Residents from a nearby building are parking in the area while their parking lot is being repaved. There are alternative parking areas for these tenants. Ira asked Darren whether it was possible to look into this.

**Fire Hydrants:**

It is great that the city is changing the paint to a reflective one to make them more visible at night.

3. **MSU: Ryan Tse, Associate Vice-President, Municipal Affairs**

A budget is being prepared which addresses the priorities of McMaster students and will be presented to council. One major concern is the lighting in the area. Ryan stated that the MSU is committed to working with police on FOCO. Student safety is a priority for the MSU.

4. **Westdale BIA: Tracy MacKinnon**

Ira thanked Tracy for the beverages and treats that were provided at the AGM. Oktoberfest was quiet due to the weather, but families did come out. Upcoming events include:

- Hallowe'en Event- Saturday October 26 from 12-4 pm. Trick or treat in the village
- Winter Wander-Friday December 6-hot chocolate, shops open late, Santa rides
- November 13 is BIA's AGM at Westdale library-open to the all

5. **Approval of minutes from previous meeting**

Deferred to next month's meeting

6. **Debriefing of AGM:**

Low attendance-may look for another venue for next year-need to advertise the meeting better-perhaps people didn't come because their dues were paid

7. **MotoSocial/Grain & Grit:**

See police report section (1).

8. **Nominations and Elections:**

David Hitchcock, Ken Moyle and Kareen Bouwman to Interim Positions and Scott Innes to director. Ken asked to appoint Scott Innes to the board as director. Ken moved to accept Scott as director. Sarah seconded the notion. All were in favor. Ken asked to appoint David Hitchcock as treasure. Ken moved to accept David Hitchcock as treasurer . Cary seconded the motion. All were in favor. Ira moved that Ken steps down as recording secretary and becomes membership secretary. Sarah seconded the motion. All were in favor. Ira moved that Kareen be appointed to the board as recording secretary. Cary seconded the motion. All were in favor. Ken and David will work together on how best to deal with memberships and dues.

**9. Upcoming hearing re. Traymore/Main residence**

AWWCA is opposed to this development because of the height of the 3 towers, lack of parking and far too much intensification. The city has asked the developer to change all four corners of the building to enable a safe line of sight from the sidewalk to the road. Originally, the developer believed that only one corner needed to be altered, but the city stated that they want all corners. They are now arguing over this issue. There will be a LPAT meeting at City Hall on Tuesday October 15.

**10. Concerned Residents of Westdale (CROW) Meeting - October 10, 2019, 7 pm**

Cary will be attending the CROW meeting on October 10th.

**11. Community Cleanup Needed in Westdale - Resident Complaint**

See Councillor Wilson report (section 2).

**12. Unsolicited advertisements in Westdale - Resident Complaint**

See Councillor Wilson report (section 2).

**13. Parking Enforcement in Westdale - Resident Complaint**

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**14. Donation to St. George's Church**

Ken moved to donate \$100. Cary seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion

**15. FOCO 2020**

See police report (section 1).

**16. Upcoming AWWCA Developments**

- Ewen Rd. Property - Platinum Condos has bought this property as well as surrounding properties except for Grain & Grit Brewery.
- Leland Property - there seems to be some movement on this property. New signs have been posted.
- King/Paradise Property - City has recommended the same alterations to the building as in the Traymore and Main residence in terms of field of vision for oncoming traffic.

**New Business:**

**Treasurer's Report:** No report

**Membership Secretary's Report:** No report

**Corresponding Secretary's Report:** Carolyn Kinsley - See below

**Committee Reports:**

**PACCR** - Not until February 2020

**TGAO** - Ken mentioned that he would like to know the cost of FOCO/HOCO and St. Patrick's Day

**SAC** (Superintendent Advisory Committee) - Sgt. Darren Murphy will be leaving in January 2020

**Next Meeting:** Monday, November 4th, 2019

**Corresponding Secretary's Report (CK):**

- 9.3 Betty Bechtel forwarded Gord Arbeau's reply to her about safety concerns in Ainslie Wood North
- 9.9 Gord Arbeau confirmed his and Mary Williams' attendance at our AGM
- 9.10 Betty Forwarded the city's response re lack of parking enforcement in Ainslie Wood North
- 9.10 Scott Innes wrote to our Ward 1 councillor re sidewalk snow clearing
- 9.20 Ira forwarded to the board emails about partying on Ewen Road 9/19
- 9.20 McMaster sent out Neighbourhood News (limited circulation) about the fake homecoming party on 9.21, plus McMaster's off-campus code of conduct
- 9.21 Two emails from Betty about partying in her area, AWN
- 9.21 Ken Moyle's reply to Betty with the partying he was seeing in Westdale South