

MINUTES - AWWCA BOARD MEETING

Monday, January 6, 2020 - St. George's Church / 134 Emerson St.

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

Recording Secretary: David Hitchcock

Quorum: Five

In Attendance: Ira Rosen, Sarah Rosen, David Hitchcock, Carolyn Kinsley, Scott Innes, Tracy MacKinnon

Regrets: Ken Moyle

Guests: Mary Louise Pigott

Agenda items:

1. Police Report: Sgt. Darren Murphy

There was no report. Sgt. Murphy was not present.

2. Councillor: Mary Louise Pigott

- a. Does Maureen/City Hall have a plan to reduce storm water inflow to our sanitary sewers? Maureen supports a stormwater fee. Staff has produced a proposal, with prices (\$7.50 a month for homes in the city), as reported in the Stoney Creek News on Dec. 5, 2019. The revenue would go to improved infrastructure. It would be a disincentive for stormwater runoff. There might be a rebate for properties that minimize their stormwater runoff. New homes are being built with zero stormwater runoff. Other councillors object. This matter will be brought up during budget deliberations. Delegations are possible on February 10. The Board has not taken a position on stormwater fees. Public education is another part of reducing stormwater flow.
- b. What about a satellite sewage plant in AWW? Mary Louise had no information. She will check with Maureen. All the CSOs (Combined Sewer Overflows) direct to the city's single wastewater treatment plant.
- c. Update on Climate Crisis from Maureen's Report given December 4th, 2019: Staff got no direction from council to view this year's budget through a climate lens. Staff assures her that it will happen next year.
- d. LRT News - What is going to be happening now that the province has pulled out funding? The city is not giving up. The city is working for the Ford government to reverse its decision, as it has done on other issues. Too much has been done already in preparing for the LRT. There are already years of planning and investment behind it. The promised billion dollars is financing, which would have to be paid back from revenue. It is not cash for projects that do not generate revenue.
- e. Updates on the following development properties:
 - i. Paradise & King: no update
 - ii. West Park & Main: plan resubmitted in response to planning department comments (andrea.dear@hamilton.ca)

- iii. 77 Leland: under construction, Leland Street has been damaged by the construction, Mary Louise undertook to contact the relevant department
 - iv. Ewen Road: developer met with the planning group, who directed the developer to undertake certain studies, developer is to go through (optional) design review
 - v. Cline and Main: at same stage as Ewen Road, developer has increased the number of parking spaces (from 150 to 240) and the number of units (from 300, by 30 or 40), with total height still 15 stories
 - vi. 75 Carling: Committee of adjustment on Dec. 5 with plan to increase number of parking spaces, which concerns the neighbours
- f. Hard copies of the operating budget are available at the Westdale Library and the Locke Street Library.
 - g. Maureen is looking at creating a ward-wide community council joining the three existing community associations. The downtown community associations did so in Ward 2 on their own initiative. The Board expressed support for such an initiative in Ward 1, and a willingness to participate.
 - h. The Board reiterated its position that it should be cheaper to park on campus than to park off campus.
 - i. A study has been done of Westdale and Ainslie Wood transportation, including all-way stops and parking restrictions. The recommendations will go to the capital budget preparations. Bigger ticket items will be based on priority. The transition from 50 to 40 km/hr is ongoing. But the signs at entrances to the city say that the speed limit is 50 km/hr unless otherwise posted. There are to be PSO signs for crossing pedestrians at the rail trail (except at Stroud Road), which may not have flashing lights. The flashing lights that now exist may be too high for drivers to see. There is to be exploration of four-way stops at Haddon and King. Concerns were expressed about pedestrian safety at Paisley and King, and at North Oval and King.
3. MSU: Ryan Tse, Associate Vice-President, Municipal Affairs
There was no report. Ryan was not present.
 4. BIA: Tracy MacKinnon
Students are back. The businesses had a good Christmas season. The \$2 movies for kids went well. The old ones were the best attended. There was almost no vandalism. Free parking for December ended December 31. The Christmas tree will go to the RBG. The burned-out building on King West between Marion and North Oval is to be restored.
 5. Approval of minutes from previous meetings:
Cary moved to approve the minutes from December. Scott seconded the motion. All were in favour.
 6. Christmas Tree/RBG Initiative (SI)
Appreciation was expressed to Scott for finding and publicizing RBG's request for Christmas trees.
 7. Discussion of re-establishment of Sub/Committee of Adjustment

Postponed until Ken comes back.

8. Discussion of re-establishment of Block Representatives

Postponed until Ken comes back.

9. Nomination and Election of David to Recording Secretary and Scott to Treasurer.

Cary moved to approve David as secretary. Sarah seconded. All were in favour.

Cary moved to approve Scott for treasurer. Tracy seconded. All were in favour.

Scott will work with Ira to be authorized.

10. Report on Traymore/Main Residence Telephone Conference

Nobody present participated in the conference.

11. Discussion of AWWCA's stance on Environmental standards for all new builds.

The Board's stance has been to ask if there is to be LEED certification of new developments. There are various LEED ZERO certifications. There is an issue about greenhouse gas emissions during construction. Mary Louise undertook to let the Board know of somebody who could speak to the Board on this issue.

12. Upcoming AWWCA Developments: (IR)

nothing to report

New Business:

Treasurer's Report: Scott reported that we have a balance at the end of November of \$4,028.

Membership Secretary's Report: Ken Moyle was absent.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Carolyn Kinsley's reported as follows:

Nov. 28: E-mail from Sharon Addison alerting us to a CoA [Committee of Adjustment—DH] hearing Dec. 5 about 75 Carling St. with an illegible attachment about the hearing. She said there's no room to expand this building and take away parking space.

I sent out 64 Mailchimps in 2019, one per week except over the summer and some holidays, plus additional ones for last-minute items or corrections. These e-mails are our main method of keeping in touch with members between annual general meetings. Their purpose is to promote the Ainslie Wood and Westdale neighbourhoods as places to live (largely by promoting local events) and to alert members to issues that may affect the liveability of our area.

Committee Reports:

1. PACCR - Not until February 2020
2. TGAO – no report
3. SAC (Superintendent Advisory Committee) – no report

Next Meeting: Monday, February 3rd, 2020