

**MINUTES**  
**Winchester Park Residents' Association**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**November 6, 2018**

7 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – WPRA Business

- Dee Lewis, WPRA President and Marnie McCallum, WPRA Vice-President welcome those in attendance
- Heather Wilberforce, WPRA Past President, gives an update on the rooming house transition, including that the City has approved the variances requested by Margaret's House, so the construction needed can begin.
- Marnie McCallum gave an update on the work being done to get the needed repairs done to the sidewalk on Ontario Street. The people at 311 have suggested having this work tagged on with other upcoming repairs and have cautioned that it could be years before it is done.
- Krista Lamb, WPRA Secretary, gave an update on the work being done by the WPRA to have the City name the parkette on Bleecker Street. Currently, it is considered an extension of Winchester Park, despite not being directly connected to the main park. This is a safety concern.
  - There was a question about having a naming contest for the parkette name and the WPRA agreed to consider this if possible.
- Marnie McCallum gave an update about the construction being done at Hugh Garner, which was required due to the need to repair their underground parking. This construction is behind schedule, but phase one is expected to be completed in December.
- Krista Lamb explained the WPRA's decision to move from a constitution model to a terms of reference. This ensures that there is continuity on the Board, as new members are asked to commit to a two-year term. There is also more focus on the mission of the WPRA to support the community and less emphasis on administrative issues.
  - No concerns were raised
- A request was made for nominations from the floor for those wishing to run for a seat on the Board. No nominations were received.
- Christina Robinson, WPRA Treasurer, presented the financial report for the year (see attached).

- Heather Wilberforce made a request for volunteers and donations
- There was a call for questions – none were received

7:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. – Suze Morrison, MPP

Suze Morrison, MPP for the Winchester Park area spoke about the new government, the issues the NDP faces as the opposition and the work she is doing to support the community. She discussed issues in the area, including increased gun violence, and encouraged everyone to visit her new office (at Parliament and Dundas) if they have questions or concerns.

7:45 p.m. – 8 p.m. – Tyler Johnson, Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam's office

Tyler Johnson spoke on behalf of Kristyn Wong-Tam, who will become the City Councillor for the Winchester Park area in December. He stressed that she is very interested in the concerns of the area and will commit to regular meetings with the WPRA and other residents' associations. He expressed that he will be the representative for our area and is happy to help the WPRA with issues such as the parkette name, needed repairs and community safety. He and Councillor Wong-Tam look forward to working with everyone.

8 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. – Tom Rees, City Planner

Tom Rees, City Planner did a presentation about the proposed development in St. James Town. He went over the developer's application and said that the City has requested that they re-submit a plan for a tower with fewer stories. While the City is aware of the concerns of the community, they do like aspects of the plan and the developer's commitment to improving the overall flow and design of the area. The City has concerns about the number of new residents, in particular because the school on Rose Avenue is already over-capacity.

There was extensive discussion with questions from the community in regard to the other properties that the developer has in the area. Many of these are in poor repair and the fire at 650 Parliament was caused by an electrical issue. What is the developer doing to repair these buildings and why should the community support a new development before the existing ones are repaired? The City has

asked for a peer review of the existing properties to ensure that they are maintained before the new development moves forward.

Parking concerns and issues related to TTC were raised and the City feels that this would be manageable.

Tom Rees stressed that this is still early in the process and that no final decisions have been made. The developer has been asked to provide a new plan with a shorter tower and other changes and the City may have other requests following the peer review.

8:45 p.m. – Dee Lewis gave closing remarks and there was a draw for door prizes.

9 p.m. – Meeting adjourned