

**SGCA Annual General Meetings Minutes
May 2, 2018.**

Present 16 members

In Attendance;

Sandy Knapp- moved out of area, but will handle keeping as a volunteer
Carl Keller- not in the area, but will keep community posted on LRT project
Valerie Bradford
Amanda Matessich
Sandy Knapp
Lauren Ross - city rep
Claudia Schultz
Scott Schultz
Lurdes Jordao
Jamie Aung
Helen Van Osch
Deanna Diaz
Marge Stevens
Rod Clements
Erin Vandahl
Rosemarie Tossell

1. Meeting called to motion.

Carl motioned 1st to call meeting to order. Claudia, seconded the motion.

2. Acceptance of 2017 Meeting Minutes. 1st motion Carl and 2nd motion Deanna. Minutes from last year were reviewed and accepted.

3. Current Board and City of Kitchener representatives.

Lurdes Jordao-President
Carl Keller-Vice-President
Sandy Knapp-Treasurer
Helen Van Osch-Director (Landscaping duties)
Jamie Aung-Director at Large
Christine Bettencourt-DaSilva (Marketing and Advertising) *not in attendance
Lauren Ross-City of Kitchener representative

4. Summary of objectives:

As a member of the Settler's Grove Community Association, we feel it is important that you know the benefits the Association provides to you.

The Association was created to advance the cultural and social interest of permanent owners and residents, residing on properties in the Settler's Grove Community Association, located in the city of Kitchener, Ontario.

The Association dues that are collected from each member resident are used to maintain the lawns, plants and trees along the entrance to Settler's Grove on Deer Ridge Drive, the landscaped island on Master Court and the entrance to the trails off Deer Ridge Drive and Winifred Street. These dues are also used to allow the Association Board to provide activities designed to promote a sense of community among the

residents of Settler's Grove. In past years these activities have included a yearly General Meeting, a children's park, wine and cheese parties, skating events and holiday parties.

5. Summary of Events in 2017;

- Skating Events
- Easter Hunt
- Earth Day Clean Up
- Garage Sale
- Progressive Dinner
- Annual BBQ
- Neighbour's Day
- Movie Matinee
- House Decorating Contest
- Annual Holiday Celebration

In 2018; we will be offering the following events;

- Skating Events
- Easter Hunt hosted at Chicopee Centreville (offsite)
- Earth Day Clean Up
- Annual BBQ
- Neighbour's Day hosted at Chicopee Centreville (offsite)
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additional social events may be available offered in 2018 dependent on interest of the public and resourcing/volunteers availabilities

6. BIG ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

We won the \$20 000 capital improvement grant. We get to work directly with the city of Kitchener to utilize the funds. A committee has been set up of which Valerie, Claudia, and Erin are also part of to assist us in planning the usage of this award.

7. Facebook Page – Christine Bettencourt-DaSilva will be stepping down and we need a new volunteer to take over our Facebook Page; Jill Scherer, Claudia Schultz and Amanda Matessich to manage and implement security restrictions.

8. LRT Update: Carl-Billions of dollars spent on project, now on phase two. Carl feels that the city is not listening to the voices of the people. Not sure who owns the land and who is making decisions. Hoping the LRT spot is moved to Speedsville.
May 8 - Public Meeting. Lions Arena. 4-8pm

9. Presentation of our finances-Sandy Knapp;

Total Income for 2017; **\$42,521.80** (included Term GIC redemption of \$42,521.80)

Total expenses for for 2017; **\$38,650.83**

Net Loss of: **\$3,870.97**

Budget set for 2018; **\$23,545.00** expected income and **\$22,815.00** expected expenses including additional **\$5,000** for additional Social Events as agreed upon from 2017 AGM.

Note;

- Due to increasing costs; this year's annual dues have been set to \$75.00/year
- There are currently 9 outstanding accounts that have not paid their fees and we would like to consider a new collections agency to try to recover funds. (Helen to work with Sandy)
- A term deposit of \$25, 410 has come due and we have renewed it for another 1 year term.
- We have collected over 150 payments thus far in 2018 of the 277 households. Reminder letters to be sent out soon.
- Carl updated us that as a member you need to pay, and that a lien can be placed against your home. All real estate agents and lawyers should be confirming annual fees and payments by previous owners before changing ownership.
- Social Events budget set to \$5,000 for 2018

Acceptance of 2017 financials and budget for 2018 motioned by Marg and 2nd by Carl.

\$15 000

\$26 250

\$16 271.80 Association Fees

\$57 722 for the year

\$300 director's dinners

\$1260 insurance

\$317 mailbox

\$5656.89 social

\$123.61 postage/paper

\$5652.65 holiday celebration

\$25 000 landscaping

\$38 427 expenses

\$19 294 left

10. Can we have a cushion in case events pop up? (Erin)

We encourage the social committee to schedule a meeting and discuss an approval process for any adhoc events that may present themselves. Budgets are set at the beginning of the year and any additional events need to be approved before agreeing to support. The Board needs to approve all requests before

committing to an event. Rational: an event needs to meet the needs of many community members. We need a transparent way to promote community events and ideas. Communication is essential.

City of Kitchener Grants are accessible. Neighbourhood matching grant. \$15 000 maximum.

Social Committee is made up of the following volunteers;

Erin Vandahl , Amanda Matessich, Jill Scherer, Jessica Jordao, Claudia Schultz and Joe Sutherland (website administrator)

11. Neighbourhood Markets information presented by Valerie Bradford;

Pop up market idea to getting produce from our Kitchener markets and reselling it within our community. We would need a centralized space to run the market (ie Deer Ridge Plaza, Parks (Kuntz park) or perhaps even a street (ie Baden Court). **Kitchenermarket.ca**

12. Board of Directors nominations and voting:

Lurdes thanked everyone for contributing to the board for 2017

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Sad to see Sandy and Carl go. However, we are happy that they are still able to volunteer.

Nominations:

Val Bradford
Jamie Aung
Helen Van Osch
Lurdes Jordao
Marge Stevens

Votes completed and accepted all 5 directors; 1st motion by Erin and 2nd by Rosemary.

13. Focus Group for Capital Improvement Grant to get back to the Board of Directors on how to communicate ideas for the neighbourhood.

Some ideas that have been suggested as follows:

- garbage cans
- bat boxes
- mobile skate park
- basketball net
- work out equipment
- DO THE SURVEY <https://goo.gl/pXX5Xu>

Val motioned to adjourn the meeting and Jamie seconded.

THANK YOU TO ALL THAT CAME OUT TO PARTICIPATE!!!