

SGCA Annual General Meeting

May 1st, 2019

In Attendance: (14 participants)

Christine Bettencourt-DaSilva
Jill Scherer
Amanda Matessich
Sharon Mellor
John Mellor
Amber Tietz
Dennis Bailey
Kris Bailey
Val Bradford
Deanna Diaz
Chuck Williams
Sandy Knapp
Lurdes Jordao
Kirstan Howells

1. Meeting called to motion.
John Mellor 1st motion and Christine Bettencourt-DaSilva 2nd motion
2. Acceptance of 2018 AGM Meeting Minutes. 1st Motion; Amanda Matessich; 2nd Motion; Christine Bettencourt-DaSilva
3. Current Board of Directors (Thank you for your contribution in 2018!)
 - Helen Van Osch
 - Jamie Aung
 - Valerie Bradford
 - Marge Stevens
 - Lurdes Jordao

Thank you to our volunteers in 2018!!!

- Sandy Knapp
- Amanda Matessich
- Jill Scherer
- Erin Vandahl
- Joe Sutherland
- Claudia Schultz

A special thank you to our City of Kitchener representatives:

- Kirstan Howells
- Lauren Ross

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 enhancements to the SGCA children's park, Holiday Celebrations, Annual BBQ, Skating events, Earth Day Clean ups and Movie Matinees.

5. Summary of Events completed in 2018;

- Skating Events (2 dates provided)
- Easter Hunt (Chicopee Centreville)
- Annual BBQ
- Earth Day Clean up
- Neighbours Day (Chicopee Centreville)
- Movie Matinee
- Holiday Celebration
- House Decorating Contest

6. Update on our \$20,000 Capital improvement grant from 2017

Recommendations put forward:

- bat boxes for the wetland area including the SGCA park
- signage
- better crosswalks
- meeting w Johnathon from City of Kitchener on May 8th
- volunteers to help build boxes
- Team is currently in budge/costing phase of project.

7. 2018 Financials

Income:

Memberships \$19 815

\$25 410 investment in a GIC

Total: \$45 225

Expenses:

Yard \$16 419.62

Insurance \$1373.76

Social Activities \$631.16

Holiday Party \$5014.94

Directors Appreciation Dinner \$250

Office \$224.99

Property Tax \$306.18

Bank \$21.95

Total: \$24 242.60

***Shortfall as a result of delinquent accounts which have been sent to collections. (Creditmax)**

1st motion to accept 2018 Financials; Jill Scherer; 2nd motion; John Mellor

8. 2019 BUDGET

- Aim on break even as we are a non profit organization
- \$75 resident fee will continue for 2019
- Continue to reduce expenses for 2019-2020

1st Motion; John Mellor; 2nd Motion; Deanna Diaz to accept 2019 Budget
2nd – Deanna

9.. Reminders to residents;

- Traffic calming letter sent out by City of Kitchener. Please complete these letters and send back as soon as possible. We need 25% of residents to respond in order to get traffic calming measures to be put in. Please send in your entry!
- Notice of Public Consultation-King Street and Sportsworld Drive Reconstruction-Freeport Bridge to Highway 401 and King Street to Gateway Park Drive-Information Session being held on Thursday, May 2nd from 5-8 p.m.- Region of Waterloo Operations Centre-100 Maple Grove Road
- Are we interested in a LEVY? Idea to have City to collect annual dues with property taxes that would eliminate the need for billings and collections of fees. Monies would be collected by city and monies passed over to Settler's Grove Association to administer services (landscaping; social events). We currently delinquent accounts which placing leans against their homes is possible, would require a court judgement that may result in higher expenses than outstanding amount.

10. Questions raised at meeting:

- Why is area behind Candle Crescent area not being maintained by City of Kitchener? City of Kitchener has confirmed the area is a water catchment area and not deemed as a walking trail. We encourage residents with concerns regarding City property contact the city directly to voice their concerns. This can be done by calling the City of Kitchener Customer Service line.
- Garage Sale; Will we have one this year? Garage Sale event was discontinued after 2017 due to the low response rate. Residents are encouraged to host their own garage sales independently. In 2017, we only had 11 houses participate.
- Trees along Deer Ridge drive are not growing properly. We ask that residents call the City of Kitchener to raise their concerns by calling the City of Kitchener Customer Service Line.

11. Nominees for Board of Directors; 2019-2020;

- Valerie Bradford
- Lurdes Jordao
- Amanda Matessich
- Jill Roberts Scherer

Vote taken with 11 people for the new board members. 0 against.

1st Motion to accept vote results; Christine Bettencourt-DaSilva; 2nd Motion; John Mellor.

Thank you to everyone that came out and participated in this year's Annual General Meeting!