

Meeting called to motion by Christine Bettencourt-DaSilva (1st) and John Mellor (2nd)

1. Attendance; We had 23 people in attendance at this year's meeting
2. Introduction of current board of Directors for 2014-2015 conducted by Carl Keller.

Lurdes Jordao-President

Ivan Pejokovic-Vice-President

Sandy Knapp-Treasurer

Helen Van Osch-Director (Landscaping)

Jamie Aung-Director (City Events)

Christine Bettencourt-Da Silva-Director (Accounts Receivables)

Sherry Donegan-Director

Carl Keller-Director (ByLaws)

3. Objective and purpose of SGCA; presented by Carl Keller.

This Association was created in 1999 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 residence are used to maintain the lawns, plants and trees along the entrance to Settlers Grove on Deer Ridge Dr., the landscaped island on Master Crt., and the entrance to the trails off Deer Ridge Dr. and Winifred Street. These dues are also used to allow the 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, skating events, Easter Hunts, Annual BBQ, Garage Sales, Spring Clean up and Year End Holiday parties.

4. Acceptance of the 2014 AGM meeting minutes on record and posted on SGCA website; 1st motion-John Mellor; 2nd motion-Joe Sutherland

5. Highlights and Accomplishments of 2014 and SGCA objective presented by Carl Keller; This included an overview of the social activities offered in 2014 including; Skating events, Easter Hunt, Spring Clean-up, Garage Sale, Annual BBQ and a year end Holiday Celebration at the Deer Ridge Golf Club. Additional landscaping jobs completed including installation of mulch to general areas and special attention and clean up of the Settler's Grove trail entrance off of Deer Ridge Drive (corner of Deer Ridge and Candle Cres)

6. Financials from 2014 presented by Sandy Knapp and are available for viewing on the SGCA

website. We had one investment worth \$21,000 come due in 2014 which generated 10% interest over the term of 3 years, for total earning of \$2,100. The principal amount and interest earned has been re-invested for a 3 yr term (due in 2018). An additional \$21,000 investment is currently invested and coming due in 2017.

7. City of Kitchener presentation conducted by Councillor John Gazzola; Couple of highlights discussed:

City of Kitchener is currently looking into offering snow removal services for all sidewalks in the City of Kitchener

There have been 4 healthy trees cut down on corner of Deer Ridge and Grand Hill-why? (John to investigate and provide an update); information will be provided on the SGCA website when it becomes available.

Development plans for corner of Deer Ridge and King St? -What are the plans, who's building in there? John confirmed that in fact a service gas station is being built on the corner due to approved zoning. John will provide additional information on other businesses that are being planned for the area and will provide an update. The information will be provided on the SGCA website when it becomes available.

John has requested that anyone having questions or concerns regarding city matters to please contact him directly :

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The City of Kitchener is working into ideas on how they can take over common Landscaped areas in the SGCA boundary area

There were concerns raised from our residents regarding businesses and services being allowed to build in the property. Requests for zoning changes had been requested in the past, however not approved by the City. Current development plans are proceeding.

8. Open Floor Discussion- Questions/Concerns;

Why are landscaping costs higher? Landscaping costs primarily were a bit higher in 2014 due to additional work that was performed which included Mulch installation in common areas and a

major overhaul of the trail entrance off of Deer Ridge Dr (Deer Ridge and Candle). This entrance had become unsafe (no visibility for entrance) and overgrown. This entrance has not had any work completed in approximately 10 yrs, therefore the Board of Directors decided to update it in 2014. We are not planning any further work to the entrance in the near future.

Island maintenance looks terrible-We are working with the City of Kitchener to see if the city will take over the 2 islands and maintain in the future. For 2015, SGCA will not be maintaining the islands due to the ongoing construction occurring on the corner of Deer Ridge and King. We have confirmed that both islands are owned by the City of Kitchener.

Annual Billings are early this year and there is no due date or address indicated; We apologize for the oversight. We have upgraded to a new billing system and still working out the quirks. We thank you for profiling that the address was missing on the annual bills and a specific due date. The address for SGCA is indicated on the newsletter that was dropped off with the annual bills. The bills are due upon receipt. In past years, the due date was set to the 1st week of June, but this is too late in the year. The billing cycle runs from January-December of each year, therefore we are trying to get the bills out earlier, thus the reason the bills were sent out at the beginning of March this year. Please ensure you send payment as soon as possible.

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Abolish SGCA Corporation in the future? A question was raised about abolishing the SGCA Corporation which is an option should residents of SGCA request to do so at a General Meeting. This would mean that there would no longer be landscaping services provided nor any social activities. Any association that remained would be for the purpose of providing social activities and the program would be non-mandatory. The SGCA residents in attendance at this year's meeting do not want to discontinue/abolish the SGCA Corporation.

9. Nominations for Board of Directors for 2015-2016; Motion to conduct nominations and voting by Joe Sutherland (1st) and Christine Bettencourt-DaSilva (2nd)

Nominations as follows:

Lurdes Jordao

Sandy Knapp

Helen Van Osch

Jamie Aung

Christine Bettencourt-Da Silva

Carl Keller

Krista Brenner

Sherry Collins

Voted taken and all 8 nominations accepted to become the new Board of Directors for the term of 2015-2016

Motion to close the meeting; John Mellor (1st) and Joe Sutherland (2nd)

Thanks everyone for coming out to this year's annual general meeting!!!!