

**West Wellington Community Association
Annual General Meeting
May 23, 2009**

Minutes

1. Adoption of the Agenda
M/Ralph Wiesbrock; S/David Haskins; Adopted
2. Adoption of Minutes of 2007/08 AGM
M/Bob Daley; S/Christopher Duschenes; Adopted
3. President's Report
Peter Duschenes reported on the year's activities.

Road Reconstruction

- ✿ Big changes at the WWCA over the past year because the issue that had dominated the Association's activities – the road reconstruction, was winding down.
- ✿ Take a moment to acknowledge and celebrate the results of the road reconstruction. WWCA board members put countless hours into the planning and design of the road reconstruction through participation in the Community Task Force where residents, Community Associations, City officials and urban planners worked together to design and plan the road reconstruction. The Board members weighed in on everything from the choice of street lamps and the selection of the public art, to the configuration of the sidewalks, the traffic lanes and the placement of traffic signals.
- ✿ Now that the bulk of the work has been completed we can see the fruits of that labour and I think we'd all agree that it's a huge improvement to our neighborhood: the new street lamps, the wider sidewalks and now the trees are in and the plinths are in place for the artwork that will be installed soon. Not to mention all the out of sight improvements the infrastructure: water mains, sewers, etc.
- ✿ Great to see such a concrete example – literally in this case – of the effect that residents and community associations can have on the shape and design of our neighborhoods when we work collaboratively with the city and urban planners.
- ✿ In particular I'd like to acknowledge the work done by our past president Rob Bowman and our current planning committee

members, Christopher Duschenes and Ralph Wiesbrock for the many hours of work they put into the road reconstruction process.

☛ I'd also like to take a moment to acknowledge the work of Councillor Leadman not only in terms of the road reconstruction but for her work at City Hall on our behalf altogether. Councillor Leadman and her staff have made themselves very available and responsive to us: answering emails and letters, and attending and organizing meetings in the community. I look forward to continued collaboration in the coming year and years.

Town Halls

☛ With the road reconstruction well under way, the WWCA was able to take on a number of other initiatives. One of the most exciting was a series of two town hall meetings co-hosted by Collected Works bookstore, the first one on intensification and the second on greening your home. Both were well attended, particularly the one on intensification which featured several guest speakers including Jonathan Westeinde of Windmill Developments (GCTC). Jonathan spoke about innovative ways of looking at the process of development whereby developers, residents and city planners all work together starting early-on in the process to create win-win situations where everyone benefits from new developments.

☛ I think we all agreed that the evening raised the level of the discussion about intensification above the usual polarized confrontations between residents and developers that we see too often at development meetings.

☛ Greening evening: The greening your home evening was also very interesting with Ross Elliot, a home energy auditor, and Lynne Leblanc from Atel Air offering advice on the best ways to reduce the carbon footprint of one's home.

Keep Connaught on Ice

☛ Helping other communities: One of the goals the Board set for itself this year was to not only launch initiatives that benefited our community but also neighboring communities.

☛ Connaught: We found out that Connaught school, which lies just outside of the WWCA's borders, might have to discontinue their skating programs because many of their students have a difficult time obtaining hockey helmets so we launched a "Keep Coannaught

on Ice Campaign” in collaboration with the HCA, the Hintonburg Economic Development Committee and the Wellington West BIA. We struggled with that campaign and it never gained the momentum we were hoping it would but between the four organizations we did manage to contribute \$2,000 and several dozen helmets to the school. It’s an on-going project which we’ll carry on in the coming year with plans to approach the Ottawa Senators’ Foundation for help.

Developments

• There were many development applications we were asked to comment on. From the turnout and reaction to our intensification evening and the on-going applications the Association is asked to review for new developments and the emotions these proposed developments generate, it’s very clear that the biggest issue for our community and our community association in the coming year will be the question of intensification and how to do it in an intelligent way. The Board’s approach to the question of development was that at it’s core, intensification is a good idea – we can’t go on dealing with growth by building subdivisions west of Kanata – but how do we intensify in a way that doesn’t make us feel that our community is being steam-rolled by developers, by the Committee of Adjustment at the city and by the Ontario Municipal Board. How do we do this in a way that respects the character of the community and that actually benefits the community? I’d invite you all to become active in this discussion.

Other activities

- Fought the proposal to install parking meters.
- Commented on and undertook consultations pertaining to the Parkdale Market
- Organized an All Candidates’ Meeting for the federal candidates for Ottawa-Centre
- Participated in the Hintonburg Harvest Festival, A Taste of Wellington, Rosemount Library’s 90th birthday celebrations and last weekend’s Hintonburg Tulip Festival.

4. Treasurer’s Report

Peter Bleyer presented the financial report. The WWCA had a balance

of \$4,721.93 at April 1, 2008. Revenues and expenses for the year were 522.46 and 1,693.75 respectively with the bulk of expenses associated with website management, public meetings and promotion. In addition the Association held a balance of 99.24 in its segregated Hockey Helmet fund.

5. Planning Committee Report

Christopher Duschenes reported on another busy year for the Committee. Issues dealt with included 1433 Richmond, Ashcroft at Canadian Tire site, Uniform St. Georges' Yard, Parkdale Market policy changes, Bagelshop patio, 131-137 Holland.

6. Membership Report

David Haskins reported that the WWCA has an electronic mailing list of 176. He noted that the Association had a list of 320 past members and had received 50 paid memberships over the last year. David added that the WWCA website had been converted to wordpress for ease of use and that WWCA was running an RSS feed as well as an email subscription option.

7. Councillor Leadman

Christine noted that development and traffic were also among her key preoccupations. She noted that she had come to the conclusion that tightening up the language of the official plan on issues such as infill needed to be a top priority. Christine suggested that it was very important for the plan to include prescriptive language. She is working on some language with her staff and will run it by the planning committee when it is ready. In commenting on the debate around development at the City, Councillor Leadman mentioned that it cost the City of Ottawa \$1,000 more per home to service properties outside of the core.

Christine also raised her concern with the proposal to switch the main connection at the West end of downtown in the rapid rail plan from Bayview to Tunneys given the amount of bus traffic this could push onto local streets. She invited everyone to attend a forum on this issue on May 26 at the Hintonburg Community Centre.

Christine also mentioned that she will be following a major redevelopment plan on McRae very closely.

Ralph Wiesbrock (WWCA Planning Committee) underlined the importance of Council clarifying its development objectives and ensuring that these were pursued by City staff. He added that putting teeth into Community Development Plans (CDPs), for example by including them as Secondary plans within the Official Plan would be a

valuable step forward. He added that density credits for community benefit should receive much wider implementation.

8. Elections

Outgoing Association President Peter Duschenes formally acknowledged and thanked all of the current Board members who were not standing for re-election – Christopher Duschenes, Ralph Wiesbrock and Christine Rowsell.

The following members were elected to the 2009-2010 Board of Directors:

Peter Bleyer
Ken Duff
Peter Duschenes
James Gilbert
David Haskins
Susan Kennedy
Vivian Knapp
Bill Mohrmann-Watson
Katie Paris
Jason Thomson
Richard Van Loon

Motion to adopt the list of candidates
M/Ralph Wiesbrock; S/Christopher Duschenes; Adopted.

9. Other Business

Annie Hillis reported on BIA activities. She noted the following upcoming events: Taste of Wellington (September 26th), Bagel Shop Anniversary (June 7th), Victoria Day Celebration at Fisher Park (organized by the Fisher Park CRC).

Peter Duschenes thanked Bob Daley for providing extensive publicity for the AGM.

Next Board Meeting
June 15th, 7.30 pm at Fisher Park