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Minutes of Chautauqua Residents Association Inc.(CRA) Annual General Meeting (AGM)

September 14, 2020 in Chautauqua Park 6:30 p.m.

Those Board Members present - President John Gleddie, Kurt Hamm, Richard Harley, Peter Millard, Ross Robinson, Victor Tarnoy (Ruth Denyer & Daryl Rutt - retiring Board members)

Meeting was called to order @ 6:47 due to an unusually high turnout for purchase/renewal of memberships.

The President welcomed the membership to the 2020 AGM and told off the current members of the Board and gave thanks especially to Kurt Hamm for organizing Sound for the evening.

-Peter Millard was appointed Secretary for the meeting moved Ross Robinson & second Brian Crow. The Minutes of the 2019 AGM (which had been distributed to the Membership) were read; Sharon Morrison moved approval of the minutes Charlie Schott second; Approved.

-The President gave his Report. Thanked the Board for their participation and diligence including Kurt Hamm for Sound and Richard Harley of the Lake Report and especially thanked the retiring members of the board, Ruth Denyer and Daryl Rutt for their years of service. He spoke of proposed Chautauqua events for the next year including a Film Festival, a Dog Show ("Bark in the Park"), a Car Show in Chautauqua Park ("Park in the Park"), Carol Stroll tentatively set for Friday, December 11th - reminded members to check the website for confirmation.

CRA AGM 2021 set for Monday, May 31, if Pandemic is over, at the NOTL Community Centre.

One of Mr. Gleddie's aims for the next year is to move ahead with Stylized Street Signs for Chautauqua. (The Signs are the initiative of Victor Tarnoy who has been championing them since 2012.) The President mentioned timing of Board meetings and welcomed input to them. Also that there has been some discussion about making a limit to the term of Board members. Peter Millard moved acceptance of the President's report; seconded Buddy Andres; Approved.

The Treasurer gave highlights of the Financial report (which had been distributed to the Membership) including Donations: to The Lake Report (proposed by Peter Millard at the March 2nd Board meeting); and to Simply White Interiors - (who were making PPE) as well as an expenditure for the replacement of a Sugar Maple Tree in Chautauqua Park - also as a memorial/acknowledgement of the contributions of Mike Vriens to the CRA - Member and resident for many years - and Firefighter of our Community who died last year.

Clarification was requested as to the end date of the Financial Report (the distributed Report was incorrectly labelled "September 14 of 2020" (It was an error - a left over from the Template used to generate the report and that the Financial Report indeed covered only the Association's Fiscal year of May 1st, 2019 to April 30, 2020.) Victor Tarnoy moved adoption of the Financial report and David Laing seconded; Approved.

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The President called for the election of the Board. However, because of a number of misunderstandings and procedural errors and omissions, an Election was not completed. As a result, the remaining incumbent six Officers and Directors of the Board continue to hold Office. (A more complete explanation of the events can be found in the DOCUMENTS section of the CRA website titled "CRA -THE FACTS")

Holmes Hooke delivered an interactive Poem called Plant A Tree and urged people to go to the website mychautauqua.ca to find out more about the Chautauqua Oaks Rejuvenation Project and the assistance of Niagara College with the Project and that there will about 250 Oak trees ready for planting in 2 years time.

In new business...Margret Palmer spoke about the Committee of Adjustments Application for variances for a projected house build at 6 Luther that would affect a large, venerable Oak tree in her back yard that would be severely impacted if the variances were approved. She had a few copies of the proposed variances to give to anyone interested.

John Scott spoke about the concerns of the residents of the area he identified as North Chautauqua, and gave an overview of a draft report that has been generated by the Ryerson Park Vicinity Resident's Group about ways to address the various issues.

The President thanked Holmes Hooke for his contributions and Margret Walker for her information and John Scott for the work done on the Report. There were a few copies of the Ryerson Group's Draft Report available on the front table for interested parties to pick up.

A question was asked about the proposed development(s) on William Street, it was pointed out by Architect Victor Tarnoy that, unless variances are asked for and the lots are approved by the Town's Planning Department, there is nothing the residents of Chautauqua can do in the way of input. A question was raised about the capacity of the sewage System to handle these additional structures which, it seems, have been given the go-ahead since our last AGM where the Lord Mayor (who was present at that last AGM) said that no new construction would be approved until such time as the system could be sure of handling the current load. Peter Millard will follow up on this.

Millard moved that "we entrench going forward with a committee to pursue Victor Tarnoy's Initiative of Fund Raising for Heritage/Historical Street Signs for Chautauqua and that it be strictly funded by Fund Raising and not from the CRA Budget." Ross Robinson seconded. The motion carried.

It was announced that the Board would look to meet sometime after the next two weeks. No further business or questions being introduced the President asked for a motion to Terminate. Ross Robinson so moved; Bruce Dickson seconded. The President thanked all for coming out.

The Meeting terminated at 7:40 p.m. Respectfully submitted,  
Peter Millard