

## Minutes of the AGM of the Chautauqua Residents Association - May 28, 2018

President John Gleddie called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM

In attendance were executive members John Gleddie (Pres.) Peter Millard (acting Secretary-Treasurer) Ross Robinson and Daryl Rutt (Kurt Hamm join the meeting at 7:40)

In the first order of business, Ross Robinson moved that Peter Millard be accepted as Secretary Treasurer; Buddy Andres seconded; all were in favour and Peter Millard was elected as Secretary Treasurer.

The president welcomed all who were in attendance and began by expressing our sympathy at the loss of long time resident and favourite son of Chautauqua, Ramsay Alexander Morrison and offering our sympathies to his wife Sharon who was in attendance.

Ross Robinson spoke about a celebration of life for Ramsay Morrison which would be held on Saturday, June 16, 2018.

The president expressed his regret on behalf of the executive at the resignation of past president Lorraine Busbridge who had contributed enormous amounts of energy, innovation and time over the last number of years to the Chautauqua Residents Association.

Kate Sullivan moved adoption of the agenda for the meeting Charlie Schott seconded and the meeting accepted the agenda as presented.

Peter Millard read the minutes from the AGM of 2017 Ross Robinson moved that they be accepted and Gabrielle Jones seconded and acceptance of the minutes as read was passed.

In his President's report, John Gleddie spoke about the establishment of the playground swings that happened in the late fall of 2017 and with respect to questions to the town about improving the road surfaces in Chautauqua noted that the town of Niagara-On-The-Lake has been overburdened by the cost of removing an extraordinary amount of ash trees so that there is much less discretionary funding for things like road improvement.

He reported that the golf tournament of 2017 was the most successful in the history of the Chautauqua residents Association and offered praise to Kurt Hamm who spearheads the golf tournament each year. He also mentioned that the Golf Tournament for 2018 would take place on August 15. He also said the Corn Roast and Carol Stroll were very successful and he especially commended Santa Claus who made an appearance for our Chautauqua neighbourhood.

The President spoke of the \$2400 Grant from the Chautauqua residents Association to the Chautauqua Oaks Tree Rejuvenation project and offered a suggestion for a slogan "just watch them grow."

Again and he mentioned the establishment of the Swings in Chautauqua Park, the fact that due to the efforts of, especially, Ruth Denyer, water testing of Ryerson Park Beach would be re-established and that the discussion of a possible spring event in Chautauqua was ongoing.

He spoke of the website that had been established for the Residents Association, [ourchautauqua.ca](http://ourchautauqua.ca), but that a search was on for an alternative Domain name because the current name was felt by many to be too close to Leslie Frankish's proposed website about the Chautauqua Oaks Rejuvenation Project - [mychautauqua.ca](http://mychautauqua.ca) - which was to be soon established. Also, the number of leftover T-shirts from the previous year's Corn Roast have been purchased by an anonymous donor who was giving them to the Chautauqua Oaks Project so that they might offer them as gifts for donations to that initiative.

(Executive member, Kurt Hamm, joined the meeting at approximately 7:40 p.m.)

John Gleddie then called for the Financial Report from Peter Millard.

Peter began by thanking Joanna Gorski for doing the work over the past number of years of secretary-treasurer and expressed his great appreciation for her help in passing on records, information and knowledge.

Peter then read the Financial report which had been handed out to those in attendance. Peter and John then asked for comments or questions. Ruth Denyer and Kate Sullivan had questions about two line items with respect to money for Leslie Frankish's [mychautauqua.ca](http://mychautauqua.ca) website and for the Chautauqua Oaks Rejuvenation Project.

Even though separate amounts had originally been offered – one to Leslie Frankish to pay for the cost of the establishment of her website and the other for the planting of trees to Maple Allee – It was suggested that there might be some confusion in people's minds that money was going to Leslie Frankish or that she was being paid for her work. It was agreed that the two amounts of \$1000 and \$1400 be combined into one line item under the heading of the Chautauqua Oaks Rejuvenation Project and that was implemented.

Buddy Andre's, a past president of the CRA and a former Treasurer of the CRA, questioned the the excessive amount of bank charges. It was agreed that the Royal bank be asked for a method of reducing the costs to the association.

A discussion was also held regarding reinvesting money in a GIC and it was generally agreed that \$4000 was too much and that perhaps, at most, \$2500 could be reinvested in a GIC even though not much interest could be expected from such investment.

Ruth Denyer moved to combine the two line items regarding the Chautauqua Oaks Project Darryl Wright seconded it and that was passed.

Buddy Andres is then moved to accept the financial report as amended and Ruth Denyer seconded. Passed.

John Gleddie presented the slate of officers for election to the CRA executive. Having once again mentioned that Joanne Gorski would not be standing for election again he then presented the slate of himself, John Gleddie, Peter Millard, Ross Robinson, Kurt Hamm, Daryl Rutt, Ruth Denyer and Victor Tarnoy.

There being no other nominations, John Gleddie moved, seconded by Gabrielle Jones that all seven officers be elected for the 2018 2019 year. Passed.

In other business the President spoke about noise bylaws; that 11 p.m. is the cut off time for noise; that no extra bylaw officer would be hired by the town but that police will respond if necessary to complaints about noise as long as they are not otherwise engaged. Victor Tarnoy pointed out that if Chautauqua were to become a designated neighbourhood we might be able to influence or create our own rules regarding noise and the establishment of cottage rentals etc.

Daryl Rutt pointed out that an air B&B is simply an advertising site whereas a bed and breakfast establishment needs to be licensed by the town. Both Daryl and Victor spoke about the importance of the secondary plan which has been in the works for a number of years at the town and that this again might help our neighbourhood to control certain areas of these kinds of issues.

Ruth Denyer then reported on the Chautauqua Oaks Rejuvenation Project. She commended Leslie Frankish and Holmes Hooke on the project and pointed out that that the tree plan proposed by Frankish and Hooke had been accepted by the town of Niagara-on-the-Lake. Trees have now been planted on Circle and Wilberforce and that if anybody wishes to donate to the project they can do so on the town website.

65 property owners were invited to an information meeting at Ruth Denyer's home, 37 of those attended and of those 37, 36 property owners agreed to have trees planted on their properties.

In all, 74 new trees have been planted. Maple Allee along the lower part of Oak Drive across from Chautauqua Park has been completed with the help of voluntary participation of the Niagara College students along with their instructors who have been planting on private property.

Only the town is allowed to plant trees on Town property.

Ruth also pointed out that there are a great number of seedlings started at Niagara College and these have all these are all progeny of existing oak trees of existing trees.

They will be continuing street by street throughout Chautauqua in the coming years.

Ruth also reported that the mychautauqua.ca website would be up very soon and that it would contain lots of information about the history of the tree canopy and the area.

She thanks Holmes Hooke, Michael Burns, and Bruce Dixon who were the watering brigade and she thanked Leslie Frankish who directed the project and she thanked Brian Crow and Chris Earl for jumping in wherever help was needed.

Someone asked if the trees that were planted on town property would be cared for by the town and Ruth responded that yes they would be. She also said that the town has been very, very supportive of the whole project.

Victor Tarnoy also offered that St. Catherine's has been very good about replacing 1000 trees a year.

Other business

Daryl Rutt reported on a meeting with the Harmony group regarding the remediation of the rifle range and the work that had been done there clearing 24,000 tons of lead and tainted material. He said that the equipment should be gone by summer of 2018 and it will be two years i.e. 2020 before Parks Canada actually takes over.

Museum use approved Area is 5 acres which, unfortunately at present, plans to back right up against the backyards of the folks who live on Shakespeare. And as it is Federal land no real approval or consultation with residents is needed. The Lease is signed up for the 5 acre parcel. The CRA board and the Harmony group supported a letter that was sent requesting that that 5 acre parcel be moved away from the homes.

The federal manager of Parks and historical properties is in the process of taking proposals for the land. Darryl has maps and schematics of the campaign and it was planned for those to be put on the website but that has not happened yet.

A question was asked whether the Chautauqua Residents Association would have any influence on the location of the new doctors offices, but Ruth Denyer read out one section of the bylaws of the Chautauqua Residents Association saying that our objectives had to do only with maintenance and safety etc. and concerns of our neighbourhood.

The president entertain a motion to adjourn, Ross Robinson moved to terminate the meeting instead. Charlie shot seconded the motion. So moved and the meeting adjourned/terminated at approximately eight 8:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Peter Millard