

RARA Annual General Meeting Minutes — May 28th, 2019

General Welcome

Kendra welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited Councillor Josh Matlow to speak as he was short of time.

Councillor Josh Matlow

Josh spoke of the challenges of working with the Province, particularly in the areas of public transit, the fate of Ontario Place, support for childcare and public health, Bill 108 and more. He did say the council is working extremely well together and he assured us RARA has advocates. He also announced the gift of \$150,000 from Toronto Water to help rejuvenate the Pump Park. And finally while he knows the issue of pot holes is important to the neighbourhood, he attributed this to a dirth in resources.

President's Message

Kendra began with introductions of Executive Members with a brief explanation of her reasons for being involved with RARA over the past five years: to continue to foster this neighbourhood's incredible spirit of community, specifically by encouraging connections between older and newer residents of the Republic. Kendra updated the group on the following things:

- Congratulations to all for a very good year, marked by many successful events— Rathnelly Day, Winter Solstice Parade and Party; Pour House Social, Easter Egg Hunt, and Spring Clean Up, as well as our involvement in the support of Rathnelly Day.
- All active files we are working on on behalf of the neighbourhood will be posted on the Rathnelly Republic website.
- Nichole Anderson has signed up to be our rep on the Avenue Rd Safety project
- Larry Peloso is leading the charge on the intersection of MacPherson and Poplar Plains.
- She let the group know there were open reps for Poplar Plains Rd and Crescent as well as Avenue Rd. so if anyone was interested to please let us know.
- She reiterated that when it comes to neighbor on neighbor development concerns, RARA is happy to help but we cannot take a stance.
- And finally she spoke of developing a process to begin defining what renovations to the Pump Park should be

Rathnelly Day Update

Everyone was reminded of the June 15 date and encouraged to come forward with raffle or silent auction items! On the website there is a community calendar with meeting dates and locations should anyone be interested in getting involved. There will be door to door ticket sales, the ability to purchase tickets on line (as well as memberships), and

a registration table at the event should you want to purchase your ticket at the last minute. Please invite new neighbours and old ones too to join you at your table! The theme this year is Heroes and Villains.

Treasury Report

Pippa Sargent, RARA Treasurer, reported a healthy account balance of \$54,975.00 (including GIC investments), the majority of which is earmarked for emergencies (legal fees, etc.). RARA sponsored activities included a \$500 donation to the Brown School playground, Winter Solstice festivities, the Community Social at the Pour House and our annual Easter Egg Hunt in the Pump Park. A full report will be made available on the website.

Open forum + Q&A

- a) A question was raised about reinstating passports which the committee agreed to review.
- b) A question was raised about staying informed and the group was reminded of the private facebook community and following us on twitter for updates.
- c) The group was reminded to pay their RARA dues and told of the many ways to do this.

Kendra closed the meeting.