

DRAFT MINUTES - ALTA VISTA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting - Rideau Park United Church October 21, 2008

1. Welcome - Call to Order

President John Lark called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m. and welcomed those attending (approximately 35).

2. Approval of Agenda

The draft agenda was approved with the addition of two items under 8. Other Business: 8.1 Invasive Plants

(Tony Denton) and 8.2 Snow Removal on Alta Vista Drive (Garry Lindberg)

3. Approval of Minutes of 2007 AGM

The draft minutes for the AGM on October 23, 2007 were approved.

4. Audit Report and Approval of Treasurer's Report

Brian Irvine presented the annual financial report to September 30, 2008. Garry Lindberg presented his independent financial review and stated that all was in order. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

5. Election of Officers

The following slate of nominees was presented by the Nominating Committee: President: John Lark, Vice President Garry Lindberg, Treasurer: Brian Irvine, Secretary: Tony Bernard, Membership: Dorothy Valiant, Directors-at-Large: Brenda Ellacott, Anthony Hadwen, Bill Pugsley, Bill Davis. No additional nominations were received from the floor and the draft slate was approved by acclamation.

6. Elected Officials

MP David McGuinty presented brief remarks, noting the economic crisis, the growing numbers of seniors living alone and disabled neighbours, infrastructure and health care needs, monitoring NCC lands and Operation Porchlight.

MPP Dalton McGuinty's office: John Fraser expressed good wishes from the Premier's office and remarked on the new property value assessment process (IMPAC), the signing of a MOU to reserve half of the former NDMC lands for health facilities, and the financial choke point for the transfer of provincial funds to the city.

Councillor Peter Hume described upcoming local issues, including the provincial transfer of public transit funds to the City, the revamping of waste management to hold those responsible who add waste and the Emerald Ash Borer outbreak that will affect 90% of the tree cover in Alta Vista Ward (35% of the City).

7. Chair's Report to the Community

John Lark briefly summarized highlights from the past year, noting how participation of citizens in association issues can and does transform the community.

8. Other Business

8.1 Invasive Plants

Tony Denton reviewed several examples of invasive plants (Buckthorn and Swallow Wort) and plans to deal with them

8.2 Snow Removal on Alta Vista Drive

Garry Lindberg noted his difficulty in finding a snow removal service willing to operate on Alta Vista Drive.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Prepared by Bill Pugsley, November 5, 2008