

## **DRAFT MINUTES - ALTA VISTA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

### **Annual General Meeting - Rideau Park United Church October 23, 2007**

#### **1. Welcome - Call to Order**

President John Lark called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and welcomed those attending (approximately 40).

#### **2. Approval of Agenda**

The draft agenda was approved with the addition of two items under 8. Other Business: 8.1 Beautification Project and 8.2 Buckthorn Removal

#### **3. Approval of Minutes of 2006 AGM**

The draft minutes for the AGM on October 26, 2006 were approved.

#### **4. Audit Report and Approval of Treasurer's Report**

Brian Irvine presented the annual financial report to September 30, 2007. 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: Bill Pugsley, Membership: Dorothy Valiant, Directors-at-Large: Brenda Ellacott, Anthony Hadwen, Tony Bernard, Bill Davis, Lucy Béland-O'Keefe and Hetje Rival

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 development of the National Defence Medical Centre lands, public transit, the Porchlight project, health care and the issue of federal powers being debated in federal Parliament

MPP Dalton McGuinty's office: John Fraser expressed good wishes from the Premier's office and remarked on the developments with the NDMC lands, transit, health and education at the intermediate grades. In answer to a question about a pesticide ban, Mr Fraser indicated this was expected to be introduced shortly in the provincial Parliament.

Councillor Peter Hume described upcoming local issues including public transit and Light Rail and the coming budget discussions, noting in response to questions, the challenges posed to the local community by cut-through traffic, and the success of the Alta Vista tree program

#### **7. Chair's Report to the Community**

John Lark briefly summarized highlights from the past year, noting in the development of the Ottawa Train Yards, the effectiveness of input from the community in bringing about environmental and safety improvements.

#### **8. Other Business**

##### **8.1 Beautification Project**

Elizabeth Bokor described the City-sponsored project which led to the hanging of flower pots and wreaths along Alta Vista Drive over the last year and her hope that the next year there would be a different plant for each of the four seasons.

##### **8.2 Buckthorn Removal**

Tony Denton described the threat of invasive plants such as the Buckthorn tree and garlic mustard and the importance of removing them from nearby parks as well as from residential gardens.

#### **9. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

**Prepared by Bill Pugsley**

**October 27, 2007**