

Minutes of AGM for Pocket Community Association
16 May 2017, First Nations School of Toronto, 16 Phin Ave, Toronto

Present: 39 people attended including the current Executive Committee, composed of Susan McMurray (Chair), Marc van Beusekom, Garvey Chi, Rebecca Nelson, Gemma Parker, Diane Smith, and Lori Zucchiatti O'Neill. Guests and non-member Friends of the Pocket were also present.

Welcome: Susan McMurray as PCA Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05pm by welcoming all participants and introducing our guests. She provided highlights of PCA accomplishments in the previous year and upcoming initiatives for 2017. Susan also thanked Marvel Coffee, Tea-n-Bannock, Normandie Bistro, Von Donuts, and MPP Peter Tabuns for donations of prizes and refreshments they made to support the AGM.

Susan introduced our guest speaker Jonathan Kakegamic, Principal, First Nations School of Toronto, and our Parliamentarian for this AGM, Elisa McFarlane. Susan welcomed MPP Peter Tabuns, Trustee Jennifer Story, and noted Councillor Paula Fletcher would be joining later in the evening. MP Julie Dabrusin sent regrets and a greeting from her was provided by her Assistant.

Secretary's Report: Rebecca declared the quorum and the AGM was underway. Rebecca reported that the Executive Committee met bimonthly in 2016 and the minutes of meetings were published in the PCA website. Rebecca moved that the published Minutes of the AGM last year (28 January 2016) be approved. Don Smith seconded the motion and the meeting approved the minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Diane provided a breakdown of revenues and expenditures for 2016, reporting that the Association's net gain for the year is \$1,271.54. Primary fundraising drivers included donations, new memberships, and apparel (t-shirts, hoodies and toques) sales. Trish O'Reilly-Brennan moved, Bryan Dale seconded and the meeting approved the Treasurer's Report.

Election of New Executive Team: Lori Zucchiatti O'Neill as Member of the Nomination and Election Committee described the process utilized in identifying the PCA Members who were willing and qualified to serve as the Directors for 2017. This List of Nominees was circulated to PCA Members prior to the AGM. For the nine elected positions, the Committee received only one name for each position. Lori read out the name and position recommended for each individual on the List, as follows:

Chair:	Susan McMurray
Vice Chair:	Robyn Switzer
Secretary:	Rebecca Nelson
Treasurer:	Coline Morrison
Membership Coordinator:	Gemma Parker
Fundraising Coordinator:	Lori Zucchiatti O'Neill
Communications Coordinator:	Garvey Chi
Member-at-Large:	Allison Evans
Member-at-Large:	Dalreen Fobler
Past Chair:	Trish O'Reilly-Brennan (not an elected position)

Lori moved and Julie seconded that we elect the full List by acclamation. The meeting approved the List and welcomed the entire Board of Directors including our new Directors Robyn Switzer, Coline Morrison, Allison Evans and Dalreen Fobler. Susan McMurray thanked outgoing Board members, including Supriya Syal and David Smith, and gave particular thanks to outgoing Directors Diane Smith and Marc van Beusekom, appreciating their many contributions.

Feature Presentation: Trustee Jennifer Story introduced our guest speaker Jonathan Kakegamic, Principal, First Nations School of Toronto. Jonathan discussed the purpose and vision of the First Nations School of Toronto and answered questions from attendees of how the PCA can support the new school.

Motion: Diane presented a motion for the PCA to formally relinquish its Memorandum of Understanding with the Toronto Transit Commission concerning maintenance of the PCA portion of Oakvale Green, in accordance with City Council's decision under item PE15.6 on December 13-15, 2016, in order to facilitate turning over control and maintenance of the space to Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation, with the understanding that Parks will maintain the space according to the same standards as those currently adhered to by the TTC. Bryan Dale seconded, and the meeting approved the Motion with the provision that Parks provides written confirmation that the space will be maintained according to the same standards as those currently adhered to by the TTC.

Break for the Lemon Square Bake-off and Refreshments

Nomination and Election Committee: Susan recommended that Darlene Haywood and David Langille serve as PCA members on the Nomination and Election Committee for 2017-18, and the meeting agreed.

Results of Lemon Square Bake-off Competition: Rebecca won first prize and Anna Chi won second prize for providing delicious lemon squares that were enjoyed by all.

Door Prize: Was won by Michael.

Committee Reports:

- **Events:** Marc described the numerous events organized for the benefit of Pocket residents, and thanked the volunteers and sponsors.
- **TTC and Oakvale Green:** Diane reported on improvement work completed by the TTC to maintain the Oakvale Green Space. This committee will cease as the motion to relinquish the MOU passed. Diane thanked the TCC, Paula Fletcher and the PCA TTC committee for their support on the numerous projects.
- **Greening:** Marc reported that 12 trees were planted last year, contributing to about 150 trees over the last 3 years. He also noted a new initiative to plant butterfly and bird friendly plants in Phin.
- **Herb Garden (formerly Project X):** Marc noted the Herb Garden was built on May 8th by Gardenzilla.
- **Outreach and Membership:** Gemma reported that there were 391 members in 2016, thanks to the work of Ellen Titus and street captains. Strong membership supports and validates the PCA efforts to maintain a thriving and safe community.
- **Art-in-the-Park:** Jerry reported on the third year of this exceptionally successful project which provides artistic development for Pocket families and their children. In 2016 the project received a grant from the Toronto Arts Council, and is in the process of applying for a grant for 2017.
- **Safety:** Trish noted the committee continues to follow up on action items from the community safety/walkability consultation, and ongoing liaison with Toronto Police 55 Division.
- **Neighbourhood Support:** Lori recognized the projects completed in 2016, including St. John's Ambulance emergency first aid training and a number of resource lists/guides. In addition, new residents to the Pocket will receive welcome packages.
- **Fundraising:** Lori reported on the accomplishments of fundraising activities that support the numerous projects underway by the PCA.
- **Energy:** David Langille highlighted work underway for solar portable cell phone charging station and solar powered safe light. For 2017, David discussed a new energy project to explore options for transitioning the Pocket into a low carbon neighbourhood, through retrofits and other initiatives. Julia Morgan suggested the PCA send a letter to Major John Tory in support of the TransformTO climate change action plan when it is considered at City Council on May 24th and the meeting concurred.

Brainstorming on “Pocket Dreams”: Attendees submitted suggestions for new ideas at the close of the meeting.

Adjournment: Susan declared the AGM to be closed at 9:15pm with thanks to all participants and guests.

Minutes prepared by PCA Secretary Rebecca Nelson on 28 May 2017.