

**Minutes of AGM for Pocket Community Association
28 January 2016, St. David's Church, 49 Donlands Avenue, Toronto**

Present: 45 people attended including the current Executive Committee, composed of Susan McMurray (Chair), Jeff Otto, Don Smith, Diane Smith, Paul Woodman, Supriya Syal, and Susan Fraser.

Welcome: Susan McMurray as PCA Chair called the meeting to order at 7:35pm by welcoming all participants and introducing our guests. She provided highlights of PCA accomplishments in the previous year and upcoming initiatives for 2016. Susan noted the work underway with Refugee support groups in the Pocket. Susan also thanked Marvel Coffee and MPP Peter Tabuns for donations of prizes and refreshments they made to support the AGM.

Susan introduced our guest speaker Jacquelyn Hayward Gulati, City of Toronto Manager of Cycling, and our Parliamentarian for this AGM, Elisa McFarlane. Councillor Paula Fletcher provided her regrets as due to injury she was not able to attend (and a message was delivered by her Assistant, Ravi Joshi). MP Julie Dabrusin also sent regrets and a greeting from her was read by Susan.

Secretary's Report: Don declared the quorum and the AGM was underway. Don reported that the Executive Committee had met each month in 2015 except August and the minutes of meetings were published in the PCA website. Don moved that the published Minutes of the AGM last year (22 January 2015) be approved. Craig Jasman seconded the motion and the meeting approved the Minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Diane provided a breakdown of revenues and expenditures for 2015, reporting that the Association's net gain for the year is \$5200. Primary fundraising drivers included Project X, event donations, t-shirt sales and new memberships. Diane provided a hard copy "profit and loss" statement for Members at the Registration table. Ian Trumpour moved, Bryan Dale seconded and the meeting approved the Treasurer's Report.

Nomination and Election Policy – Review and Vote: Don provided a summary of the development and review of the Nomination and Election Policy. The Policy defines a process for nominating future Directors, to ensure appropriate separation of accountabilities between the Board of Directors and Members. The Policy had been previously circulated to and reviewed by PCA Members in several ways. Don moved, David Smith seconded, and the meeting approved the Policy.

Election of New Executive Team: David Langille as Chair 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 2016. This List of Nominees had been previously circulated to PCA Members in several ways. David introduced Kaye Leslie, Darlene Haywood, and Lori Zucchiatti O'Neill as his fellow members of the Nomination and Election Committee. For the nine elected positions, the Committee received only one name for each position. David read out the name and position recommended for each individual on the List, as follows:

Chair:	Susan McMurray
Vice Chair:	Marc van Beusekom
Secretary:	Rebecca Nelson
Treasurer:	Diane Smith
Membership Coordinator:	Gemma Parker
Fundraising Coordinator:	Lori Zucchiatti O'Neill
Communications Coordinator:	Garvey Chi
Member-at-Large:	Supriya Syal
Member-at-Large:	David Smith
Past Chair:	Trish O'Reilly-Brennan (not an elected position)

David moved and Bryan Dale 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 Marc van Beusekom, Rebecca Nelson, Gemma Parker, Lori Zucchiatti O'Neill, Garvey Chi, and David Smith. Susan McMurray gave particular thanks to outgoing Directors Jeff Otto, Don Smith, Paul Woodman, Jaki Freeman, Geoff Mosher and Susan Fraser, appreciating their many contributions.

Feature Presentation: Diane introduced our speaker Jacquelyn Hayward Gulati, Manager of Cycling. Jacquelyn provided an informative presentation of the City of Toronto's 10 Year Cycling Network Plan and the Ward 30 Study.

Break for the Butter Tart Bake-off and Refreshments

Results of Butter Tart Bake-off Competition: Ellen Titus won first prize and Jan Dunnell won second prize for providing delicious butter tarts that were enjoyed by all.

Door Prize: Was won by Bryan Dale.

Committee Reports:

- **Open House at the Mosque:** David Johnson and Don announced an Open House invitation from the Mosque for Pocket residents. The Open House is scheduled for 13 February 2016 at 12:45pm sharp. The PCA will advertise this event on behalf of the Mosque.
- **Events:** Jeff described the numerous events he and others have organized for the benefit of Pocket residents. Volunteers are needed for 2016, and information is available on the PCA website.
- **TTC and Oakvale Green:** Diane reported on improvement work completed by the TTC to maintain the Oakvale Green Space. The relationship between the PCA and the TTC, facilitated by the Memorandum of Understanding, is active and cooperative.

- **Greening:** Jeff reported that 12 trees were planted last year, contributing to a total of 150 trees over the last 3 years. Numerous projects were completed in 2015, including a water source for the skating rink, a Ping Pong table, and log installation to prevent erosion.
- **Project X:** Jeff reported this project is underway, thanks to the anonymous donor and Pocket donations. A herb garden is scheduled to be installed for Phin Park Clean-up Day. A new committee called Friends of Phin Park will be established for this project and other projects within the Park.
- **Outreach and Membership:** Paul reported that there were 500 members in 2015, up from 400 members in 2014, through the work of Ellen Titus and street captains. Increasing membership supports and validates the PCA efforts to maintain a thriving and safe community.
- **Art-in-the-Park:** Paul reported on the second year of this exceptionally successful project which provides artistic development for Pocket families and their children. In 2015 the project received a grant from the Toronto Arts Council, and is in the process of applying for a grant for 2016. Thank you to Michele Peterson for her efforts in pursuing the grant application.
- **Energy:** Craig Jasman discussed the objectives of the Energy Committee, 2015 initiatives and planned initiatives for 2016.
- **Safety:** Richard Brooks reported on a proposal sent to Councilor Paula Fletcher for a traffic improvement plan for the Pocket. Steven Tanner provided an informative update from Police 55 Division Community Liaison Committee on crime prevention measures.
- **Neighbourhood Support:** Lori reported on the progress of this committee, which was established on request from the previous AGM. A Neighbourhood Support Resource List was published and provided as a hand-out to Members. The listing will also be posted on the PCA website.

Brainstorming on “Pocket Dreams”: Suggestion for a Pocket Musical Ensemble Group was tabled.

Adjournment: Susan declared the AGM to be closed at 9:30pm with thanks to all participants and guests.

Minutes prepared by PCA Secretary Rebecca Nelson on 01 February 2016.