**Sherwood Forrest Resident’s Association**

**Minutes from the 2021 Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

**Date:** Tuesday November 9, 2021 @ 7:30pm

**Location:** Zoom (virtual AGM)

**AGM Panelists in Attendance:**

* City Councillor for Ward 8 – **Matt Mahoney**
* MPP for Mississauga-Lakeshore – **Rudy Cuzzetto**
* Peel Regional Police, 11 Division Community Liaison Officer – **Constable Rowena Pryce**
* Carmel Heights Redevelopment Committee (CHRC) Chair – **Harry Henderson**
* City of Mississauga, Division Chief of Fire Prevention & Life Safety – **Nigel Robinson**
* City of Mississauga, Manager of Development, Planning and Building Department – **Hugh Lynch**
* City of Mississauga, Manager of Forestry – **Brent Reid**

**SFRA Executive for 2021**

* President – **Bruno Galle**
* VP Internal – **Maria Fernandes**
* Treasurer – **Soni Sharma**
* Secretary – **Launa Crasto**
* Membership – **Alouise Henderson**
* Website, Newsletter & Design – **Al & Mary Zizek**
* City Liaison – **Steve Blaney**
* Advertising & Sponsorship – **Noella Caspersz**
* Communications – **Glenna Gallant**
* Events & Facebook – **Cara Cross**

We would like to thank McKenzie Edwards for his many contributions to the SFRA over the past years, he has been our former President and most recently our VP of External Affairs. He will be leaving the SFRA to pursue his career interests in Eastern Canada.

This year is an election year – some neighbours have offered to assist with various events/activities but have not expressed interest in holding an Executive Position at this time. Therefore, all existing SFRA Executives will stay on for another two (2) year term (until end of 2023). The VP External and VP Internal positions will be consolidated into one role, held by Maria Fernandes, now that work related to the Carmel Heights development application has stabilized.

**Recap of 2021 SFRA Events** *(update provided by SFRA President, Bruno Galle)*

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped run the many covid-friendly events we had over the past year and thank you to the volunteers who set up/maintained the ice rink in the park this past winter!

* Open House @ The Pump was cancelled, but we hope it can be back in future ☺
* NEW! Winter Wonderland Photo Contest
* Family Skate didn’t happen, but we had one of our best skating seasons ever!
	+ We thank Councillor Mahoney for supporting our neighbourhood by covering the annual cost of the rink liner.
	+ We ask that the neighbourhood stay off the ice when signs are posted – as it is either not ready or the conditions are unsafe.
	+ If you would like to volunteer to help maintain the ice rink this winter – please reach out to Brian Edwards bibs.inc@gmail.com
* Easter Egg Hunt became an Easter Word Scramble Hunt and was a great success!
* Earth Day didn’t happen (in person), but some neighbours picked up garbage found in public places nearby and the budding artists celebrated Earth Day with a chalk art contest!
* Fun Day & Summer Social were cancelled, but we’re celebrating our 30th next year!
* NEW! Halloween Pumpkin Giveaway and Jack-o-Lantern Carving Contest; trick-or-treating was also back!
* NEW! Little Libraries (two are up, one to go!)
	+ Children’s books are very popular – we ask that if you take a book, you kindly also leave a book.
	+ If you have books to donate, please drop them off at Cara Cross’ house (2279 Prince John)
* NEW! Virtual Book Club
* NEW! Zoom Fitness Classes
* **Upcoming event** --- Holiday Food Drive (to support Mississauga Food Bank) will be held on December 4th. Drop a donation off at Cara Cross’ house (2279 Prince John Boulevard) and enjoy some refreshments while catch up with neighbours. Further details to be posted soon on our Facebook page or website.

**Communicating with the neighbourhood** *(update provided by SFRA President, Bruno Galle)*

* Newsletter remains a significant communication channel for our association
	+ Thank you to Al & Mary Zizek for all their contributions to the design and content of our newsletters.
	+ Please patron the businesses in our newsletter when you can – we appreciate their support and many of them also live in our neighbourhood.
* Email distribution – currently 465 members. If you would like to be added to the email distribution list, please contact Bruno Galle.
* Facebook memberships increased to 415 (last year was 322).
	+ If you would like to be added to the FaceBook group, kindly contact Glenna Gallant
	+ Reminder – the FaceBook page cannot be used for Buy & Sell activities. Giving items away for free however is permissible.
* Website (www.sfra.com) continues to be up to date.
* Mystery writer(s) in the neighbourhood – some neighbours have received a complaint-style letter in their mailbox that was signed ‘Sherwood Forrest Resident Member’. The SFRA Executive would like address this issue and clarify that we do not send letters of this nature to neighbours, nor do we become involved in disputes between neighbours. We encourage neighbours to speak to each other directly or go through formal channels with the city by calling 3-1-1.
	+ To the person(s) sending these letters and signing them ‘Sherwood Forrest Residents Member’ we kindly ask that you stop using the SFRA in lieu of your own signature.

**Financial Update** *(update provided by SFRA President, Bruno Galle)*

* Revenue from Membership and Sponsorship have increased from 2020
* Our expenses went up as we held more events this past year, however lower than an average year given the biggest event we run (Fun Day/Summer Social) was not held due to covid.
* Overall our balance sheet is in a positive position.
* You can drop off any Membership Dues at Alouise Henderson’s house (2581 Robin Drive) or via e-transfer.





**Update from City Councillor, Matt Mahoney (Ward 8)**

Thanked Bruno and the SFRA team for all their support over the past year, as well as City staff present this evening to support Q&A in their areas of expertise.

* **Hammond House**
	+ Application was proposed initially 8-10 years ago. The applicant originally requested that Townhomes be built, and when that was declined by the city they filed an appeal with the (then) Ontario Municipal Board (OMB). A settlement was reached that 3 single family homes would be built that fit the character of the Hammond House, however there were still some conservation issues for the applicant to resolve. The city has not heard anything from the applicant in over two years. No new updates are available.
* **Pipe Twinning**
	+ Project has been ongoing for a number of years – a pipe being dug from Lake Ontario all the way to the 401. The drilling is now complete, they are finishing putting a coating on the inside of the tunnel/pipe. Eventually the boarding (at the corner of Erin Mills & Dundas) will be coming down in mid-2022.
* **Sheridan Mall project**
	+ New work being done on the façade of the mall is underway. Current owner wants to make the mall a bit higher end in the interim.
	+ A public consultation via the city planning exercise (called Reimagining the Mall) was undertaken a few years back, in which the SFRA participated. Long term plan is to have a mix-used site – walkable streets, restaurants, grocery, coffee shops, townhomes, some condos, etc. This will not happen in the near future – there are long term leases on the site, and it will take a lot of coordination and consultation with multiple neighbourhoods and stakeholders before a firm plan is in place.
	+ City would like the library to be maintained.
* **Lincoln Green Lot Severance Application**
	+ City staff felt it did not fit within the current zoning and the character of the community – the application was declined.
* **Toboggan Hill (Lincoln Green & Robin Drive)**
	+ Councillor Mahoney has reached out to Hydro One that owns this land to determine if there is an opportunity to continue to use this land for community purposes (eg – tobogganing)
* **Carmel Heights Redevelopment**
* Several previous community meetings have been held on this file in prior years – AGM 2019, City held a Community meeting, and City Planning and Development committee.
* The applicant responded but did not address all the concerns noted, so the application was returned to the developer.
* Current status – the developer has the application with an ask to address the outstanding concerns.
* ***Update from Hugh Lynch (Manager of Development, City of Mississauga)*** -- Planning staff took the concerns from the neighbourhood and asked the applicant to address several concerns over this past summer. The city is not supportive of the Dundas Street entrance to the development site, among other issues. The developer has indicated he will step back and re-evaluate options for the site rather than continue to push through the existing plan/application. The applicant has not exercised any appeal rights at this time, and we are currently in a holding pattern until we hear back from them.

**Update on Carmel Heights Redevelopment** *from CHRC Chair, Harry Henderson*

* There have not been a lot of new developments since the last CHRC public meeting in June this year.
* The developer reached out to CHRC over the summer and indicated that he would be willing to re-evaluate what could be done to the site (looking at different options), however no formal proposal was brought forward.

**Update from MPP for Mississauga Lakeshore, Rudy Cuzzetto**

* **COVID-19**
	+ Thank you to the residents for going and getting vaccinated – we have extremely high rates of vaccination in our area, and very low rates of infection.
	+ If anyone would like a wallet-sized laminated card with their Proof of Vaccination QR code – visit Rudy’s office and his team will create one for you.
	+ The Provincial government paused mandatory vaccination for Hospital workers at this time to avoid deferring surgeries/medical procedures, however the Hospital authority can mandate vaccination for their employees it if they choose (same for the Schools).
* **Healthcare Facility in Sherwood Homelands**
	+ Long term care beds with a Hospice.
	+ Target to have it up and running by Fall 2022
	+ 152 new long term care beds being built in Mississauga Lakeshore.
* **Redevelopment of Trillium Hospital**
* THP is going to be getting a total rebuilt (10 year project). A 32 story hospital to be built (the largest in North America).
* **Mississauga Road / QEW (Credit River) Bridge project**
	+ A new Twin Bridge will be built to take on the traffic
	+ Heritage Bridge will be kept as well.
	+ Construction targeted to wrap up in August 2023
* **Brightwater Development**
	+ Old refinery land near the Port Credit lakefront that is being developed into [mixed use community space](https://experiencebrightwater.ca/). However it will take time to build.
* **Transit in Mississauga** - investments have been made in support of the following:
	+ Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) on Lakeshore
	+ Light Rail Transit (LRT) on Hurontario – currently underway
	+ Investing in highways – the new 413 highway will be built to alleviate traffic concerns

**Update from Constable Rowena Pryce (Peel Regional Police, Community Liaison Officer)**

* Contact information for Constable Pryce:
	+ Tel: 905-453-2121 ext 1160,
	+ Email: 3773@peelpolice.ca
* Upcoming Peel Police public meeting: 11 Division Virtual Community Meeting
	+ Tuesday Nov 16th, 2021 from 7:00-8:30pm.
	+ Pre-registration required – [click here](https://forms.peelpolice.ca/Registration-Forms/11-Division-Virtual-Community-Meeting)
* Increase in vehicle thefts (September had 30 thefts across Mississauga). The Police are partnering with Safe Cities Mississauga and have been doing crime-prevention education. As a result, thefts are decreasing over the last two weeks and believe the initiative is helping.
* Police have found that the **Neighbourhood Watch Program is effective in deterring crime** for communities that have set them up.
	+ Communities are notifying each other of suspicious activity by connecting through WhatsApp and other various means
	+ Police would like to receive suspicious videos – they can send you a link via text or email to upload your videos. Initially the Police had a stumbling block in the beginning with sending videos into them, but this has since been resolved.
* Crime Map – can be looked up by residents ([www.peelpolice.ca](http://www.peelpolice.ca) ). You can filter by the type of crime to see what is happening in your area.
* Encouraging residents to **call in or send in videos of suspicious activity** **seen in the neighbourhood**. If residents see someone on their video cameras and it’s a few days after the incident – its still not too late to send in the video. Even if the video is grainy or the people have masks on, the videos are still very useful to the police.
* **Speeding on Hammond & Robin Drive** – encourage residents to report traffic incidents online ([www.peelpolice.ca](http://www.peelpolice.ca)) – all you need to provide is an email address and location of the incident. The report gets sent directly to the Road Safety Services (RSS) department and an Officer is tasked with attending that site and following up on the issue. Additionally, you can call Constable Pryce and she can have an Officer to go out in person (with a quicker response time than the RSS process).

**Question and Answer Period**

1. ***Are there any particular vehicles being targeted in thefts?*** *(answered by Constable Pryce)*

Yes, Lexus is being targeted as thieves have coding they can access. Asking residents to purchase Faraday Boxes and keep the keys away from the front door. For high-end vehicles – keep them in the garage, or park them up at the top of the driveway with another vehicle behind it. Have well-lit front driveways. There are some groups that are quite brazen and will operate in well-lit areas. Get a ‘Beware of Dog’ sign posted at your gate and at your front door – often criminals don’t want to take the risk of a dog inside the house. Some residents have a doorbell that initiates a dog barking sound which has been effective in scaring some criminals away.

1. ***Can you describe the project at Mississauga Road and the QEW?*** *(answered by MPP Cuzzetto)*  ***–*** the construction relates to the bridge and the rebuilding of the westbound onramp to the QEW.
2. ***Are there any more HOV lanes forthcoming?*** *(answered by MPP Cuzzetto)*  Yes, we are always looking at ways of moving traffic more effectively. More HOV lanes are under review.
3. ***Can you explain where the new highway 413 is going in?*** *(answered by MPP Cuzzetto)*  The highway will start at the 400 & Kirby Sideroad and go through Vaughn, Caledon, Bolton, and reconnect at Winston Churchill and the 401.
4. ***Any comment on Enbridge Gas Pipeline that erupted close to our neighbourhood?*** *(answered by Councillor Mahoney)* A private contractor hit the gas pipeline which caused the issue. The city doesn’t own this infrastructure, but our Fire Department has been working with Enbridge to ensure safety protocols are in place.

*Nigel Robinson (City of Mississauga, Division Chief of Fire Prevention & Life Safety) further expanded on the answer*– Enbridge and their contractors have in-depth safety protocols. The city has meetings with Enbridge in advance of major projects/installations. There have been a greater number of issues with natural gas lines being hit when people don’t take the time “call before you dig” and have the gas line locates done on their own property before undertaking a project. Please Call before you Dig.

1. ***There is a resident in the neighbourhood with multiple chickens in their backyard, is this allowed***? *(answered by Councillor Mahoney)* Currently this is not a permitted practice. Matt is aware of the property and bylaw enforcement are looking into this issue. There was a motion put forward at council a while back (to have backyard chickens) and it was not supported by council however a pilot project was initiated in Ward 5 and Ward 6. Our Ward (8) is not a part of the pilot, so chickens are not permitted in backyards (there are concerns with them attracting coyotes, etc).
2. ***Is there anyway to look at the timing of the light at King Forrest and Dundas?*** *(answered by Councillor Mahoney)* Yes, it is a long light. The city has looked at it before however there are considerations (around light timing) needed for the fire station that is close to the intersection. Matt will follow up with traffic/signals department.
3. ***There has been digging and markings on Sherwood Forrest Circle – any idea what this is related to?*** Please email Matt.Mahoney@mississauga.ca with more specifics and he can look into it further.
4. ***Can someone comment on utility wires being strung across trees in the neighbourhood (for long periods of time)?*** *(answered by Councillor Mahoney)* This continues to be a challenge because the utility companies don’t bury their cables deep enough, so they often get severed when people dig on their properties. If wires are strung above ground (e.g. across trees) they are supposed to buried within 30 days of being hung (so long as temperatures allow for digging). The city has a person now following up with Rogers & Bell on properties where this remains an ongoing issue. Please contact Matt Mahoney with specific location details so they can look into this further.
5. ***It was another noisy summer with speeding and mufflers – any updates?*** *(answered by Councillor Mahoney)* Peel Regional Police have started Project Noise Maker to stop these loud mufflers. Police have ticketed a few 100 people. This is a GTA-wide issue, not specific to Mississauga. The City is working with the Province to amend the Hi-way Traffic Act to make stronger fines to deter this activity. Speed limits are being reduced in all Mississauga neighbourhoods from 50 km/hr to 40 km/hr – the city is in the process of changing the speed limit signs.
6. ***The 32 story Trillium hospital you mentioned earlier – which trillium site is being rebuilt?*** *(answered by MPP Cuzzetto)*  The Trillium Hospital at the Hurontario & Queensway site will be rebuilt. Additionally Camilla Care was bought out by Trillium.
7. ***Someone has permanently parked a mobile home in their driveway – can the city look into this?*** *(answered by Councillor Mahoney)* Yes, absolutely we can look into this. Concerned residents please send Matt the address.
8. ***Where can residents find more information on the LTR and BRT projects?*** *(answered by MPP Cuzzetto)*  Residents can call Rudy’s office directly, and his team can provide more information on these projects. The LRT is under construction and the BRT is proposed right now.
9. ***Can you please talk about Lodging House bylaws (people not from the same family)?*** *(answered by Councillor Mahoney)* Lodging houses are not legal, however there are challenges with enforcing the bylaw on some properties. Lodging houses have a narrow definition of having 4 or more individuals with locks on their doors, individual leases signed, etc. If there is a property of concern, please send Matt an email with the property details and they can look into it further as there is a process that has to be followed when investigating (Bylaw enforcement has to go in first, then Fire Department).  ***Follow up question - What evidence do you need to be able to enforce the bylaw?*** A copy of the advertisement/MLS listings, first-hand experience inside the home, disclosure from the property owner that it is being used in this manner are helpful forms of evidence. Unfortunately viewing the comings/goings of people or cars parked in the driveway is not sufficient.
10. ***Can you please speak to the tree bylaws?*** *(answered by Brent Reid, Manager of Forestry City of Mississauga).* Presently the tree bylaw allows for 2 private trees to be removed per year. In December of this year, the Forestry Department is bringing forward a recommendation to change the tree removal bylaw to ensure that any private tree of 15 cm in diameter or greater requires a permit to be obtained prior to removal.

If the neighbourhood was designated as a “Residential Woodland” it would require the Forestry Department to review any development application that is brought forward.

 **Closing Remarks:**

* Thank you to all the volunteers and community supporters who have helped to make our neighbourhood a great place to live!
* Please support your local establishments and those who support our neighbourhood.