

Call to order – George Niblock, President, OLRA

The AGM was called to order by the OLRA President, George Niblock, who acted as Chairman. Amanda Holden acted as Secretary for the meeting. George welcomed everyone in attendance.

Approval of Minutes of May 23, 2018 AGM – George Niblock, President, OLRA

The minutes had been distributed in a package to all attendees. No questions or comments were heard from the attendees. A motion was made by Tom Pugsley and seconded by Chris Coderre, that the minutes of the previous AGM be approved as written and recorded.

Treasurer’s Report – Chris Coderre, Treasurer

Chris Coderre presented the audited and signed off Cash Flow statement of Income and Expenses for 12 months to December 31, 2018. There were no questions from the floor.

OAKVILLE LAKESIDE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION		
Cash Flow Statement		
Period Ending December 31, 2018		
	2017	2018
Opening cash balance	\$ 7,460.26	\$ 7,311.28
Cash In		
Membership	\$ 3,070.00	\$ 2,830.00
AGM Donation	\$ 250.00	\$ --
Garden Party	\$ 840.00	\$ 630.00
Bank Interest	\$ --	\$ --
GIC Cashed	\$ --	\$ --
	\$ 4,160.00	\$ 3,460.00
Cash Out		
Printing	\$ 1,317.51	\$ 962.48
Meetings	\$ 188.67	\$ 281.26
P.O. Box/Postage	\$ 210.18	\$ 214.70
Garden Party	\$ 772.39	\$ 811.54
Legal Fees	\$ --	\$ --
Consulting	\$ 1,157.36	\$ --
Bank Charges	\$ 0.88	\$ 12.00
Web Hosting	\$ 278.41	\$ 224.83
AGM	\$ 433.58	\$ 533.93
Donations	\$ --	\$ 50.00
	\$ 4,308.98	\$ 3,090.74
Less: Outstanding cheques		(\$ 669.09)
Closing cash balance December 31*	\$ 7,311.28	\$ 8,349.63
Chris Coderre OLRA Treasurer	George Niblock OLRA President	Rosanne Hironcek-Van Hees CPA, CMA

Introduction of the Current Board Members and Election of the New Board Members – George Niblock, President, OLRA

The President introduced the current Board members, who were thanked for their services. These Board Members represented the members at large and the current Board was dissolved. George

then asked the attendees to refer to the nomination list for the upcoming year, 2019/2020, and asked the attendees if there were any further additions to the list. There were not.

The following nominees were elected as the 2019/2020 OLRA Board: George Niblock, Bob Laughlin, Chris Coderre, Amanda Holden, Anya Dunning, Geoff Godard, Tom Pugsley and Laura van Zeyl.

President's report – George Niblock, President, OLRA

Good evening everyone.

I'd like to thank everyone for joining us tonight and a warm welcome to our special guests from the Town, Jane Clohecy, Commissioner of Community Development, Colleen Bell, Commissioner of Community Services. As well as our esteemed Ward 3 Councillors Dave Gittings & Janet Haslett-Theall and MPP Stephen Crawford. Mayor Burton sends his regrets due to a conflict. Thank you all very much for joining us.

Our board of directors is made up of volunteers and I would like to once again thank them all for their time and hard work this year. We have board meetings once a month (except in the summer, of course) and we attend all sorts of other Town Planning meetings on behalf of our membership. We also meet regularly with the Mayor and other Ward 3 residents associations to align our visions for the various town projects that we are involved in.

Our board does an exceptional job in publishing our twice-yearly newsletter which is expertly assembled by our Director of Communications Amanda Holden. We also have a dedicated army of volunteers who deliver your newsletters rain, sleet, snow or shine. Some of them must be here tonight and I would like to thank them for their efforts.

Our 2018 garden party was generously hosted by Cath and Len Sparling on King Street in their magnificent garden and was a huge success and the rain cleared up just in time. This year the garden party will be hosted in the garden of Vicki and Peter Kennan at 23 George Street by the lake.

Ongoing neighborhood projects continue to keep us busy including the rapidly emerging new Community Centre on the old Hospital site, the redevelopment of the Brantwood School site, the Revamping of Wallace Park, the Lakeshore Road Streetscape and Town Square Revitalization as well as numerous issues related to the Committee of Adjustment and Heritage Oakville have taken up much of our attention this year. The Commissioners will be presenting an update on these projects, but I would like to touch on a couple of items just briefly.

Last night at the Town of Oakville the Community Services Committee approved the redesign of the Town Square. OLRA was included in the stakeholder group and has contributed input to this redesign. Last year I mentioned the key element that we needed included was to maintain a large patch of real grass. It turns out you need to be quiet tenacious to keep real grass in a downtown square! But mission accomplished. The next big issue that cropped up as the plans kept being redesigned was that the trees started to be eliminated. This was a non-starter for our residents that showed up to the public consultations. But again, with much tenacity we have slowly had more trees added back into the plan including at least two more added to the south side of the square in a commitment from staff at last night's meeting. Thank you, Colleen Bell, and Janet Haslett-Theall.

Another hot issue for our neighborhood which was raised at last year's AGM was the removal of the cross-walk on Robinson at George St. and the Town Square. It was strongly argued by our members last year that it was absolutely critical that a new PXO cross-walk be installed in this key location for the safety of residents. As I understand this message was lost on staff and they chose to install cross walks on Navy Street and Church Street instead.

The issue was raised again this year by our members and backed by our board and was followed up by our new Ward 3 Councillor Janet Haslett-Theall. Janet and Dave – were you involved too? recommended that the PXO cross-walk for this location be included in the budget for the Town Square revitalization – (which makes sense as the new square and downtown should attract more visitors) This was approved at committee last night and will go to council for final approval on Monday. So, thank you Janet (and Dave?). This is a major accomplishment towards a better and safer neighbourhood.

The Commissioners will be speaking to the rebuild of Lakeshore Road through Downtown Oakville which I will remind that this is happening now until this fall when it will be fully open. In the meantime, we must be mindful to support our downtown shops and businesses during this critical transition.

Earlier this year we were alerted to the province's municipal government review where the premier has appointed two special advisors to conduct a review of 8 regional municipalities to ensure that they "are working efficiently and effectively." A potential outcome is that Oakville, Burlington, Milton, and Halton Hills will be amalgamated to form the City of Halton. We believe Halton and its municipalities are already models of efficiency. Oakville has been ranked the best place to live in Canada. We also enjoy a TRIPLE A credit rating, which Moody's says it would review if any changes are made to our current structure. Studies have shown amalgamations do not produce the promised efficiencies and usually cost more.

ORLA co-founded WLO along with the other 8 RAs and with the support of all the BIAs in Oakville to raise awareness and send the message to Queen's Park and our MPP that we believe we already have an excellent structure in place to achieve any potential efficiencies that can be found. Our 2-tier structure of government allows excellent access to our local & regional councilors. We also have a very strong official plan which protects both our local interests and those of the province.

To date WLO has developed an incredible following of support. First step we developed our brilliant logo and most excellent website. A huge thank you and congratulations to our own Amanda Holden, Comms Director for her time effort and skills. We now have more than 1000 Followers on Facebook. We have garnered excellent media attention. Thanks to your support we have raised over well over \$20,000 towards our campaign. We have distributed over 1000 signs around town and a sign blitz is happening this Saturday that needs volunteers to spread the message further. 9am at Town Hall if you are able to help? Do I see any hands?

Last Friday I presented to the premier's special advisors at the Halton Regional offices. I was pleased that the special advisors agreed that any changes to our current structure deserve very close study to ensure that they are appropriate and produce intended results. Sadly, the task they are undertaking is huge in size and they have a very limited timeline to understand a vast array of

complex issues is very different communities across the province. Tonight, our MPP Stephen Crawford is here to take your questions on this issue.

With that I will hand over to our first presenters from the Town of Oakville.

Thank you again for your support and engagement

Town Update on Hospital Lands Site - Commissioner Colleen Bell, Community Services Commission

Commissioner Colleen Bell provided a Town planning update. The presentation is included in the appendix; key highlights include:

- A reminder about concerns regarding water levels and request to observe caution at the lake level areas. There is a risk that lake levels will be higher than 2017, which is record since 2012 and could potentially get worse.
- Work is well underway for the South East community Center (SECC) and Park
 - Sept 2020 launch - good progress and on track;
 - New amenities - double gym, fitness, pool, meeting rooms and more therapeutic warm water pool;
 - Large neighborhood park - potentially ready early; and
 - Allen St. open space – planning a makeover this spring for more passive use for local families, gentle paths for wheelchairs, etc.
- Overall hospital space area will also include:
 - NE residential space - 19 single homes and 16 townhouses;
 - RFP for this building did not originally get required submissions and going back to RFP; and
 - Seniors housing - concern that developers did not want to use former Oakville Trafalgar High School, now going to market without re-use of OTHS.

Downtown Update on 2017 and Future Plans - Commissioner Jane Clohecy, Community Development Commission

Commissioner Jane Clohecy continued the presentation and reviewed plans and progress for the downtown streetscape work, which include:

- Lakeshore and downtown work is well underway, planning for a 2 year process;
- Changes include double width sidewalks, room for more patios, etc.;
- The same amount of parking will be retained;
- Well-appointed street, curbs and lighting - all reflecting a heritage design;
- Smart city initiatives including public wifi, parking apps, EV charging stations;
- Timing – first half underway now and starting with 2nd half in 2020, end by Nov 2020;
- Town Square renovations to be complete after Labor Day;
- Mitigation plans are in place with the BIA to support continued retail use - ambassadors, digital mainstreet, skip the dishes;
- Parking at the ends of streets increased beyond normal plus free Saturdays.

Update from MPP for Oakville - Stephen Crawford

MPP Stephen Crawford provided an update on key initiatives and outcomes since the June 2018 election. The list of initiatives is included in the Appendix.

MPP Crawford also spoke about the current Regional Review Process:

- Halton Region has been in effect for 45+ years. The regional needs and community has changed (hasn't been reviewed since).
- The Regional Review is looking to understand what's working and what's not.
- Advisors heard for 8-9 communities including Oakville.
- No predetermined outcomes, open to input and have received lots of submissions.
- Submissions process now closed; Advisors recommendations in fall
- There is not a one sized fit all approach.

Panel Q&A

George Niblock and Chris Coderre moderated a panel discussion between: Jane Clohery, Commissioner of Community Development, Colleen Bell, Commissioner of Community Services, Dave Gittings, Regional and Town Councillor Ward 3, Janet Haslett-Theal, Town Councillor Ward 3, MPP Stephen Crawford.

Question: Shoreline rock repairs - what is the timeline?

Response: Report was presented to council in March, hoping to get all the work done in 2018. All will be done except Gairlock Gardens (only walkway will be repaired), sea wall for Gairlock Gardens will be done next year.

Question: Are you releasing the number of submissions received? Survey was long and complex. Did the survey provide a fair public consultation?

Response:

- Are responses made public - through freedom of information act - yes submission responses will be available including number.
- Does the public have enough info to respond (survey was complex) - there was an option to write up to 500 words as general thoughts.
- ALSO - on the WLO site there is a letter writing campaign, which can also be customized - we want to send a strong message that amalgamation is not a good option for Oakville.

Question: What is the process for public consultation once the advisors bring forward their recommendations and how will you rebuild trust?

Response: Advisors will present in July to Stephen Clarke. He will determine what issues/recommendations to bring to cabinet. Policy changes would have another consultation period once policy is drafted.

Question: What are likely outcomes

Response:

- Stephen Crawford: My belief is that there will be no changes to governance for Oakville and Halton.
- There is not a one size fits all solution, so expect that recommendations may be different and based on best practices.

Question: Do we need a structure to be imposed by the review or is Halton capable (and able) to make own changes?

Response: We need to look forward and be open minded.

Question: Is there enough time for the review process, can they do an effective job in the timeline?

Response:

- Stephen Crawford: In my view, I think so. It will be 7-8 months and the timeline has been extended for public submissions.
- Confident with qualifications of the team that there is enough time.

Question: At the Oakville consultation they were asking questions about Transit; that's a complicated subject area - is there really enough time, how many people are working on this?

Response: 2 advisors plus support from whole ministry.

Question: Stephen - would you support Province or Oakville?

Response:

- Stephen Crawford: I don't believe changes will happen.
- He was initiator of a petition emphasising success of Oakville and support for local governance.

OTHER QUESTIONS

Question: What is going into the LCBO Building?

Response: Gittings - we are not the land owners so don't know, we will ask around. Audience noted that the sign on store says it's a "Kitchen Cabinets" retail.

Question: New Downtown - where do you propose delivery truck park, now that the middle lane will be gone?

Response: There are 13 commercial parking zones on side streets which will be safer. Stores with back entry will still use that entrance.

Question: What incentives are underway to support retail for negative impact?

Response: Municipal act prevents direct investments but the Town have supported through parking, marketing, communications, etc.

Question: Why doesn't Ontario consider the Nova Scotia organ donation model (default Opt In)

Response:

- Ontario is watching this policy, want to see how policy the in Nova Scotia works (new and first province)
- Also watching process for families to counter prior decisions or patient decisions.

Question: What is happening with old FireHall Site?

Response:

- Building currently used for storage but also used for extended parking right now. In the future, we will look at other options for more development in downtown. May consider other building options on that site in the future, right now we need that area for parking.
- Has been some talk about a boutique hotel - has been discussed but future thinking still needed.

Question: What about a summer popup restaurant at Yacht club or Lakeside Park?

Response:

- We tried to get a pop-up restaurant in Tannery Park, but bridgework and high water had an impact and there were no submissions (2018).
- Looking at this on an ongoing basis.

Question: Crawford - why are you rejecting a carbon tax?

Response: We don't believe a carbon tax has worked in other jurisdictions. Tax does not reduce omissions and looking at a new Ontario plan

Question: Crosswalk at Robinson - what is timing?

Response: Done as part of the Town Square construction, at the end of the process (late 2019).

Question: What is an update on Coach House?

Response: Federal Gas Tax will be funding renovation of Coach House (finally approved) - now in the process of the detailed design and heritage permits; will be open for public use and will include a terrace for outdoor events - aiming to complete within 2 years.

Question: Please provide a short update on Glen Abbey

Response:

- We are in court this week, stay tuned next week. Expect a number of updates shortly.
- Impact of Bill 108 (OMB) - Glen Abbey was always subject to the old rules (filed before changes); there is an option for the minister to move into new rules, so process is a little up in the air.
- MPP position on Glen Abbey - very clear and on the record supporting Save Glen Abbey; continuing to facilitate the conversations between Save Glen Abbey and the Gov't.

Question: Concerned about the Downtown - about 22 empty stores - what is being done?

Response:

- Gittings - Downtown streets are changing everywhere with online shopping; we need to use the space differently - embrace different gather spaces to make use of downtown space. Have removed tax break for empty stores. We all need to support the stores that are there. Shop downtown Oakville!
- Janet - Economic Dev. dept has an economic strategy report open and available for consultation; considering potential for professional services downtown but will require parking garage. Believes we do need to do more and working with BIA. Working to get Bentall Kennedy to the table.

Question: What's happening to downtown events during construction?

Response: BIA has stepped up and is working to continue events even through construction. Midnight Madness still happening and new events in "pop-up park". See your newsletter and the BIA website for a full schedule – lots going on.

Chris Coderre closed the panel and thanked the participants. He also thanked the audience for attending and for their questions.

Miscellaneous Updates and Closing

George reminded the group:

Please continue to communicate with the OLRA via:

- Website – www.oakvillelra.ca
- Facebook - www.facebook.com/OakvilleLakesideRA/
- Email - oakvillelakesidera@gmail.com

The Garden Party this year is Saturday, June 22nd - 4-6pm, Hosted at 23 George Street. \$10 per ticket includes drinks and snacks (best deal of the season!). Please email Anya at anyacowan@yahoo.ca for tickets or speak to your OLRA Board Member. Tickets also available at the door but please email Anya so we can estimate the number of attendees.

Adjournment of Meeting – George Niblock, President, OLRA

That being all the matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

2019/2020 OLRA Board of Directors To Be Elected

George Niblock

George joined the Board in 2015 and has served as President since 2017. He is originally from England and came to Oakville via Montreal in 1985. George later attended Oakville Trafalgar High School and graduated from McGill University. George has been a residential real estate agent since 1999 and has keen interest in heritage architecture, construction, landscape and urban design.

Amanda Holden

Amanda Holden and her husband, Brian Walsh, were excited to move into the neighbourhood in December 2013. Brian was raised in Oakville and Amanda has resided here since 1991. Amanda graduated from the University of Western Ontario and has had a career in technology and financial services. She is currently the National Executive for Fraud & Security Intelligence for the SAS Institute. A regular GO Train commuter, she is always happy to come back to beautiful Oakville each day. Amanda and Brian have grown up close to the water and are thrilled to be part of the OLRA in this beautiful downtown and lakefront area.

Bob Laughlin

Bob and Rosina Laughlin came to Canada from the UK in 1967. Since 1972, they have lived in Oakville at 468 Lakeshore Road East. Their three children were born and raised here, attending Brantwood, Linbrook, EJ James and OTHS. Bob is a chemical engineer, working in the Oakville office of a UK-based technology development company, which is currently involved in providing technology for alternative energy projects utilizing biomass and wastes. Bob is a keen gardener and enjoys the opportunity to work with the OLRA to try to conserve the nature of the neighbourhood and particularly its magnificent tree canopy.

Tom Pugsley

Tom graduated as a Mining Engineer from Imperial College, London (1964 BSc) and McGill University, Montreal (1969 MEng). Tom and his wife, Teresa, have lived in Oakville since 1975 and at 150 Robinson Street for the last 20 years. Tom is a retired Senior VP, who worked for Falconbridge for 40 years, developing new mines and plants in Canada, Chile and New Caledonia. After retirement in 2004, Tom served on a number of junior mining company boards and consulted to the mining industry. Tom's daughter, Kate, and her husband, Mike, and granddaughters, Madeleine and Vanessa, also live in Oakville. His son, Robert, works in Quebec and lives in British Columbia. Tom's interests include skiing, classic cars and keeping fit. Tom and his family are interested in the preservation and go-forward enhancement of Old Oakville in a sustainable way.

Chris Coderre

Chris and his wife, Jocelyn, have lived at 53 Thomas Street for the last twelve years. Their 16-year old daughter attends Oakville Trafalgar School, while their 18-year old son is at University. They have always been involved in the neighbourhood as well as Oakville sports programs. With over 25 years of investment experience, Chris works at Caldwell Securities Ltd. as a Vice President, Investment Advisor and portfolio manager for families and trusts. Chris splits his time between his offices in Oakville and Toronto. Chris is a graduate of McGill University, while Jocelyn earned her degree in urban planning from the University of Western Ontario. "Keeping our unique neighbourhood a great place to live is important to our family."

Anya Dunning

Anya and her husband, Chris, have lived in Oakville since 2009, when they relocated from the UK. Anya grew up in nearby Mississauga. After studying at Harvard, she joined JP Morgan as an investment banker and worked in New York and London before moving to Oakville in 2009 and working for TD as a metals trader. She is currently taking a break from work to raise her young family and beautiful Old English sheepdog. Anya is a strong advocate of a sustainable, unique, thriving downtown Oakville. Chris works for CIBC, where he runs FX and IR derivatives, and can often be seen walking the streets with Dougal, smoking a nice Cuban cigar!

Geoff Godard

Geoff married Kim Kennedy, the daughter of JF Kennedy who established Kennedy Ford in 1960. A Burlington boy, he grew up by the Lake but ended up in Toronto as a banker, eventually focusing on restructuring troubled companies. In 1991 he moved with Kim to Oakville as our daughter was about to be born, and gradually drank in and was intoxicated by the beauty, serenity and heritage of our unique Town. Now retired more or less, he lives at 300 Robinson and is currently Heritage director on the board of the Oakville Golf Club.

Laura Van Zeyl

Laura has lived on Howard Avenue with her family since 1997. They were attracted to this neighbourhood by the beautiful old homes, lively downtown, proximity to the lake, and the natural surroundings. While raising her two children, Laura has held many volunteer positions within school and sports club settings. Professionally, Laura has been affiliated with the real estate industry since the early 1980s and is a Broker with Sotheby's International Realty. Laura is a proud graduate of the University of Toronto and the Canadian School of Natural Nutrition. In her spare time, Laura takes great delight in art and ecological pursuits, the Oakville Club with all of its activities, and cottaging in the Haliburton Highlands.