**Clarkson Fairfields South Ratepayers’ Association (CFSRA)**

17th Annual General Meeting

Monday, November 21st, 2016 – 8:00pm

Clarkson Presbyterian church Clarkson Road North – 1338 Clarkson Rd N, Mississauga, ON L5J 2W5

Opening Remarks and Previous AGM Minutes

* 8:05pm – confirmation of quorum was made to proceed with AGM by Richard Burchill approved of the agenda
* Welcoming comments from Bobby Amarelo, Board President – Linda Ingram moved for approval of minutes of November 2015 AGM. Motion was carried.

Presentation by Metrolinx – Bruce McCuaig, President and CEO Metrolinx

* Bruce spoke about the need for further development of transit in order to manage the increase in traffic congestion in our communities. The region is growing by 100,000 people every year. Bruce indicated that the congestion issue has occurred because we didn’t spend any money on development for a while and
* Cost of congestion from traffic is estimated at $6 to $11 billion dollars every year. Costs are associated with staying in traffic, having to won a second or third car because public transit isn’t readily available, etc.
* The first requirement is to come up with a plan for the region because they need to create one and update the vision. The 25 year vision is to create connections across the region.
* They have 30 Billion in committed funds for projects – some projects are coming to fruition right now
* They are building a range of light rail lines in Mississauga and Brampton and in Hamilton. Working with City of Mississauga on new bus rapid transportation. Opened up new stations at Winston Churchill and 403 and in other areas like York region
* They plan to have a light rail line go up highway 10 from Port Credit to Square one and eventually up to Steeles to Shoppers World. It will move people a lot more quickly than existing options and will be one of the first in the city to move people North/South rather than East/West.
* Future for Go – Increasing 2 way service. Increasing number of trains and electrifying the trains.
* Electrification of Go – cleaner form of moving people through the region, they move faster and can accelerate and decelerate faster than diesel.
* Concern of noise levels – they study the increase level of noise and they cannot pass a threshold that the Ministry of the environment gives to them. They can’t increase the level of noise above 5 decibels.
* Fare integration is another initiative. They have this between Go and Mississauga transit and Mississauga transit and Oakville transit and would like to expand this.
* On Nov 29th at First United church in Port Credit Metrolinx will be holding a community open house on the planned changes. Visit Metrolinx.com website for more information.
* Q&A period:
	+ Karen Ras asked about safety of community due to increased level of traffic. Bruce advised that grade separations are expensive and cost between $25 and $50 million dollars. They have funding for 15 level crossings. They look at what’s the risk and exposure and look for support with the community and municipality about where the most important priorities are along the rail corridors.
	+ A question on electrification start and completion dates was asked. Bruce advised they are going through environmental assessment, they plan on putting an overhead wire and they have to get power from some location. They expect the environmental assessment to happen in 18 month. The next step is to procure someone to electrify and to have it competed by 2024. They plan to electrify all the way to Burlington but they have to talk to the other municipalities because the transit system isn’t owned by Metrolinx in some areas.
	+ A question was asked whether they need to add a fourth rail. Bruce will take this question back, he’s not sure. He said they will need to make changes at every station and will need to create more tunnels.
	+ Electrification will mean higher speed trains and a question was raised by Bill Chudiak on noise. He can hear the trains at 11pm and he feels that the way they are measuring noise levels is inaccurate. Bruce advised that they look at noise sensitivity. There are 3 or 4 sources of noise – acceleration of trains leaving the station, the bells and whistles, rail on wheel noise – that won’t change much between electric and diesel trains, and the switch complex which is a source of both noise and vibration.
	+ Is it expected that the trains will be quieter when electric trains come in? Bruce advised that it should be, however, they will still have some diesel rains serving the Hamilton community. He is expecting to see three type of services. Diesel trains (serving the Hamilton), two coaches pulled by electric locomotives which will be somewhat more quite than diesel and lastly full electric units.
	+ Are they looking at a third rail? No because they still have level crossing and you can’t the third rail where people will be crossing as it is hazardous
	+ Bruce acknowledged there is little parking at Go stations like Clarkson and Oakville and that multi level parking is costly.

Bobby thanked Bruce for attending

Short break

Presentation by Ward 2 Councillor Karen Ras:

1. Traffic lights have gone in at Clarkson Road N and South Sheridan way to help ease congestion in that area during rush hour.
2. Canker worms and gypsy moth – Canker worms were a problem this past spring. Canker worms are little green worms that eat broad leaf plans, like oaks. They eat the early leaves but the leaves come out after that. Gypsy moths have done a damage on oak trees over the past years causing them some stress. They are monitoring gypsy moths and canker worms. Erindale park, Sawmill Valley and Loren Park are the communities impacted with gypsy moth. The City will not be spraying this year because the problem is more localized to a community rather than City wide and because not only did it kill the gypsy month it also killed butterflies, etc. Karen advised if there is interest with the community they can have the forestry department in at the next AGM to talk about canker worms and gypsy moths.
3. Clarkson Road North buildings – city rezoned from commercial to D – meaning nothing zoned for that site. We are now in a situation where we have old historic buildings that don’t meet today’s standards for parking, setbacks and access, and they have to request for commercial rezoning but they have no tenants which is an issue because the City doesn’t know what to zone it for. The property owners also made upgrades to the building without a permit. Karen proposed doing a City initiated zoning. If there is support from the community they can put the site back to original zoning of commercial. She recommended we do this quickly. Email Karen to give feedback on this.
	1. A question was asked on how much support she needs to get this done. She didn’t really give a number, but just advised to express interest to her.
4. Stacked Town Home Development on Clarkson Road N – There are issues with how close the buildings will be to the tracks, no egress to get out and until they get those issues resolved there won’t be another public meeting for this building. The heritage community wants to designate the old butcher shop and the white house next to it designated as heritage. Doesn’t mean they can’t demolish these buildings but they need to be documented as heritage.
5. The Multiuse trail – will start at Winston Churchill and will go to Indian road . The delay in this trail is Hydro One who have asked for a number of changes along the path. Additionally, Credit Valley Conversation got involved as there is a section between Indian road and Woodeden that is under review. There will be a community project meting update in January so if you back on to the corridor and you back on to the trail you can see how close you are to the trail. A question was raised on how they plan to get the pathway through the part that’s a “swamp” and whether there is a plan posted on line and Karen will get back to us
6. Traffic – please slow down sign are on people’s lawns and it seems to help. Karen suggests that if you have a sign move them around your property and share them with your neighbour as changing the location helps to draw attention to it. They will be extending 40km/hr zone from St. Christopher all the way to Truscott
7. Coyotes – 9 cubs born this past spring. Many moved into Park Royal because there is a rodent problem there. They are out at all times of the day not just dusk and dawn. If you do see them stand your ground if you have a small dog pick it up. They are curious and may follow but no human has been attacked. Do not leave cats out unattended. There have been several reports of cats being killed by the coyotes. If you see an aggressive coyote call 311.
8. Air BnB – There is a house on Hindhead and several others in the area on Air BnB. Karen met with Air BnB regarding possible regulations that will be brought to council in 2017 to help manage these types of short term rentals on residential communities.
9. Sam McDadi sign – Karen advised the sign is in breach of our sign bylaw and now it is going to court.
10. Clarkson Village study – went to OMB and settled with Rio Can. They settled for an 8 story building but Rio Can has no immediate plans to redo that site. Residents along meadow wood were upset about having a potentially 4 to 8 story building and they were successful at keeping it to 3-4 stories. The 15 story satellite that was approved does not appear to be going anywhere. It will be status quo. The Craftsman will be 4-6 stories with a Clarkson Village feature when you enter the community.

There was a comment that the speed limit signs in our area, particularly on Welwyn are way too high. Karen made a note of it and will look into it.

Bobby Amarelo offered Karen Ras thanks.

Philip Marco accepted Karen and Metrolinx update

CFSRA Business

**Financial**

Current bank balance is at $5686. Our main costs this past year have been our events and additional costs for printing due to the addition of Balsam to our association. Financials were approved by Nicole Plaskett.

**Membership**

63 members have paid to date. We typically have 80 members out of 180 houses.

James indicated that the goal of the Board is to have one email distribution list to streamline neighbourhood communication. James asked if people felt the volume of communication was sufficient. The members indicated it was.

**Vote in of Balsam residents to our association**

Members voted in favour of allowing Balsam to join the association. Welcome Balsam residents!

**Election of the CFSRA Executive for 2017**

* Bobby Amarelo – President and Director
* Steve Pecar – Director
* Jim Lucas – Director
* Nicole Plaskett – Director
* James McCall – Director
* Bill and Muriel Chudiak –Directors
* Tanya Caruana – Director and Webmaster
* Dora Bailey – Director
* Gerald Grant - Director

Election of the board was moved by Richard Burchill

**Events**

* **Website** – Tanya Caruana – We have a website up now in addition to our Facebook page. Website address is [www.clarksonfairfields.wixsite.com/cfsra](http://www.clarksonfairfields.wixsite.com/cfsra). Visit it often and book mark it as it’s updated regularly with relevant community news and events.
* **Hindhead Park clean-up** – Bobby Amarelo – this has been done for several years. We are now also doing parts of the hydro field etc. We see a good turnout – so much so that there doesn’t seem to be enough garbage!
* **Garage Sale** – Steve Pecar – This has been pretty successful. Lots of participation on Hindhead this year but the participation from other households decreased. It is a free service provided to every household in the area as part of the benefits of having an association to arrange these types of events.
* **Picnic** – Nicole Plaskett - This year we retained the Bouncy Castle and welcomed back the Fire truck. Food was served and there was a band with music in the evening. This year we also had a draw for some fabulous gift cards for local eateries, Tim Hortons and Metro! The picnic allows people to get to know their neighbours and enjoy some great food, fabulous prizes and some time with the family. All for a nominal fee of $5.
* **Winter Event** – Nicole Plaskett - This year we repeated the road hockey event that we ran in 2015 given the fabulous weather. We plan to host another winter event again this year and are targeting February 18th. Keep a watch on our website for updates.
* **Holiday Open House** – Nicole Plaskett – Be sure to drop by the Pump and Patio on November 30th to enjoy some free nibbles with the CFSRA board and your other fellow neighbours. It’s a great way to get out and reconnect, spread some holiday cheer and hear about the local news that impacts you and the community
* The skating rink will be open again this year.

**MIRANET update** – Bill Chudiak – Bill and Muriel attend MIRANET which is a forum where all Mississauga rate payers associations meet to share City wide concerns. This past year, they represented our community on trying to obtain a rebate on the storm water changes as well as the growing concern on Air b’n’b rentals in our community. For more information on this initiative, please visit our [website](http://www.clarksonfairfields.wixsite.com/cfsra).

**New Business Raised by Attendees**

* Question raised on bridge in Hindhead park – Bill advised that they have secured the bridge and have done a study they are doing a study on the bridge and will go to tender this month for work in spring 2017. Visit the website for updates.

A proposal to adjourn the meeting was made by Nicole Plaskett and seconded by Linda Ingram. Carried at 21:50.