

## **Emerald Woods Residents' Association Monthly Executive Meeting September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Attendees:** Jenny and Paul, Goretti Pernitzky, Christine Lowe and Mark Vuotari, Kim Tytler, Julia Morisset de Guerra, Sheilagh Murray-MacDonald, Mariella (Maye) Riccio, Georgia Pantelakos, Kamen

### **1) Councillor Diane Deans**

- There were no representatives from Councillor Deans office.

### **2) President's Report**

- This is our first meeting since June.
- EWRA participated in public meetings and discussions regarding proposed development at 3776-3780 Albion, 3663 Albion and 1340 Emerald Gate.

### **3) Treasurer's Report**

- No significant expenditures, just bank monthly charges.

### **4) Other Business**

- Goretti and Kim Tytler send questions and suggestions to the Executive:

Q: Invite all members of the community to the EWRA meetings. You will see on the Facebook group that there were several residents interested in attending the September 8 meeting, but they knew nothing about it. Goretti asked publicly on September 1, but a response from the Executive was sent privately to the few who saw her post. There needs to be more open communication between the Executive and the residents. Be transparent!

A: The monthly meetings are Executive only meetings. Now, with online meetings it is easier to have more people but we still need to know the items wanted to be discussed and adjust the agenda. Before the lock-down we were distributing flyers to all residents. Currently we publish information on the website and FB.

Q: Minutes (or action items, at the very least) should be prepared and posted to the Files section of the EW Facebook group. There needs to be more disclosure to the broader community.

A: Minutes of the meetings are published on the website. After the resignation of the Secretary. we do not have the manpower to always take minutes. Important for the community information is posted on the website.

Q: We should find a way to reach our residents not on social media. In the past, when EWRA was more engaged with residents, we had more members. A paper drop (newsletter/flyer) could work. Quarterly updates, even if light on content, would make the community feel *engaged* and *valued*. Flyers can be delivered safely. And use the bulletin board in the park (mailboxes too – *everyone* gets mail!). Let's collaborate to find ways to get connected to the community.

A: See the answer to the previous question.

Q: Continue to engage with Diane Deans or a representative from her office (EWRA meetings, other opportunities, i.e., the Wyldewood Street petition meeting in the spring). I will follow up with them shortly and copy ewra300@gmail.com on the email.

A: That is what we have been doing all along in the past 25 years.

Q: A few items we need her to address:

- Crime in our community. We need definitive answers and know what the steps are that are being taken.
- Who is our Ottawa Police representative (community constable)?
- What is the status of the developments (Emerald Gate, Alderwood, Albion Road)?

A: EWRA will organize meeting wit Councillor Deans and possibly Chief Sloy.

Q: Can you do a call for members? I am sure there are several individuals who would like to join, and we have a lot of new neighbours in the past 18 months.

A: As stated on the website, anyone from the community, who is interested in joining the Executive is welcome to do so. Just contact someone from the Executive.

## **5) Adjournment**