



Emerald Woods Residents' Association Meeting
May 17, 2023, 8:00pm

Present: Laura Dragone; Mark Vuotari; Keely Storr; Christine Guptill
Regrets: Christine Lowe (arrived later); Kim Tytler; Goretti Pernitzky

Councillor's Report:

- Councillor Bradley will be hosting her first 55+ Seniors Tea; this is the first Tea she is hosting since the tradition was established by Diane Deans, and they have heard from some residents that it was a top priority to have it continue. Tea will take place Monday June 5th at the EY Centre from 1:00-3:00 pm. Invitations have been sent, but if anyone has been missed, they can contact the office.
- Ward updates: Crews are still cleaning up from ice storm; staff are behind on getting parks and splash pads up and running, because they are still collecting wood and debris from the storm.
- Traffic calming: Trappers Rd. Councillor Bradley had a mtg yesterday pm with some residents, including Mark Vuotari, to try to find a solution to speeding around this bend. Solution will be to get planters. Community must maintain them. It was also suggested that a crosswalk be painted across the road between the path from Wyldewood to Trappers, to the 93 bus stop.
- Bike lanes on Trappers: Councillor spoke to staff about this request today; response was that this would mean they could not have parking on either side of the street.
- Wyldewood sidewalk: The proposal for this came from a ward-wide discussion. There are many other priorities, so this is not pending in the next 7 years. Additional consultation would happen if this were moved forward.
- Portapotty has been placed in Trappers Park. Some residents have expressed concern about its location being quite close to the parking lot. It is quite prominent, and this is in part because it needs to be accessible by heavy equipment so it can be changed out for a new portapotty. Keely suggested that it be moved after the long weekend a bit further to the left of its current location so that it is off the path. Laura will follow-up.
- OC Transpo bus review: <https://www.octranspo.com/en/news/article/bus-route-review/>
There will be in-person and virtual meetings held to receive feedback; residents must register to attend. Councillor is working with the other south ward councillors to have a consultation meeting for the south part of the city. OC Transpo is also hiring; they continue to be understaffed since COVID began. There will be a transit job road show on Sat. May 27th

9-3 at Greenboro (there are others in other areas in the city); a recruitment team will be there.

- Trees: Between May 1 to end of June, 96 trees will be planted in the ward. 800 trees will be planted in Windsor Park. Residents can advocate for more trees in our neighbourhood; this is more effective than the ward asking for more trees. There was a discussion about NCC property trees; exec expressed that they are needed for sound barrier for airport parkway and train, and we would prefer these to asking the city to install a sound barrier wall.
- Christine G. expressed concern about the cost of police checks for those under age 18 who are applying for city jobs, including lifeguard/instructors, which the city really needs at present. Requested a review of the fee, which is currently \$69.
- Fun Day in the Park – Keely asked for a typo change in the agenda from Fund Day in the Park. We will need park and noise permits taken care of by July; Keely suggested that we meet in that month, and invite residents who want to volunteer to that meeting. Ideas: Junkyard symphony (Christine to inquire); rock painting station and chalk for drawing; scavenger hunt. We will continue to brainstorm about a theme and activities.
- Mini soccer started yesterday; went well! Ten children are registered, which is half of what we had last year. May be because of a change in advertising, from posters on the mailboxes to only in the newsletter. Keely emphasized that walk-ons are not permitted to play due to insurance, and that children need to wear their shirt of a pinney so that we can identify them and ensure no one is lost.
- Email account: Need more people to read and respond to emails and a system of who is responsible for what. Some emails have been missed or forgotten. Mark will add the account to his phone. Keely will handle everything to do with memberships and payments. We need someone to address: Resident concerns, volunteers, meeting organization. Mark will consider the best way to organize the email account and report back at the next meeting.
- Clean-up in the park: We have a volunteer to organize at Emerald Woods. All exec are unavailable on the date; so another volunteer is needed. Created a post on Facebook for this purpose.
- Yard sale: plan to purchase 5 lawn signs for a cost of \$100 to replace the sandwich boards. Will place them at Ozzy's, in front of Circle K, Baden Park, Emerald Woods Park, and Lester and Albion.
- Adjourned: 9:09pm