

# URA UNIONVILLE RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

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**URA Annual General Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, November 3, 2014**  
**Stiver Mill Cultural Centre**

***Directors present:*** Peter Miasek, Alick Siu, Reid McAlpine, Gene Genin, Donna Day Keing Li, and David Wilson

***Regrets:*** Brian Brewer and Jeff Morris

***Elected officials present:*** Councillor Don Hamilton (Ward 3)

***Attendance:*** Approximately 25 members and guests attended

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The meeting was called to order in the Stiver Mill Cultural Centre meeting room by Peter Miasek, President, at 7:05pm. Peter welcomed members, elected officials, and guests.

It was confirmed that a quorum was achieved, thus enabling the Association to business.

Peter presented the general state of affairs of the Association.

## **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS AGM MEETING REPORT**

Members reviewed the previous meeting report from November 4, 2013. No revisions were requested.

Motion: That the November 4, 2013 meeting report be approved.

Michael Gannon made the motion. Elaine Wilton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

A Treasurer's Report was presented at the meeting by Peter on behalf of Brian Brewer, Treasurer, who was not able to attend.

Our current financial position is: operating fund \$10,970, heritage fund \$ 1,684, for a total of \$12,654.

Motion: That the November 3, 2014 Treasurer's Report be approved.

Lynne Ferguson made the motion. Jeanne Ker-Hornell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

A Membership Report was presented at the meeting by Donna Day, Membership Director. The membership statistics presented included:

| <b>Metrics</b> | <b>2014.10</b> | <b>2013.12</b> | <b>2012.12</b> |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Households*    | 294            | 298            | 291            |
| Paid           | 117            | 78             | 123            |
| %Paid          | 40%            | 26%            | 42%            |

\* Number of households on our current communications/mail list.

The subscription rate is similar to that of two years ago. Note that the lower percentage paid in 2013 was primarily due to the 2-year renewal term introduced the year before. The paid-rate rebounded early this year once those members renewed.

The Association intends to increase paid membership by:

- Sending out reminders in January
- Placing a new ad in the paper.

## **ELECTION**

The Election Committee initially confirmed with the current URA Board of Directors of their interest to stand for re-election. All board members confirmed that they would like to stand for re-election except for Brian, Dave, and Jeff, who confirmed that they would not be returning. The Election Committee also identified and confirmed a new candidate for the board – Adam Poon.

Peter's interest to return to the board are influenced by the current limitations on sustained involvement (i.e. sunset clause) related to the number of years that a member can serve on the board. Article IV of the URA Constitution establishes that a "member may be a Director for a maximum of 7 consecutive years and a total of 10 years" (Clause 1) and that a "member may be a Table Officer [President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer] for a maximum of 5 consecutive years and a total of 10 years" (Clause 2). These clauses may limit the continued involvement of members who are engaged and informed of the key issues, and have the ability to significantly contribute to the Association. It was agreed that these limitations were not in the best interest of the Association.

David Wilson served as the Chief of Election, given that he had no potential conflict of interest in the election process.

Two motions were presented to the members prior to the election:

Motion: THAT Article IV (Clause 1) of the URA Constitution be revised by deleting the last sentence, which reads, "A member may be a Director for a maximum of 7 consecutive years and a total of 10 years, effective as of November, 2007.", in its entirety.

David Wilson made the motion. Elizabeth Tan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

As approved, Clause 1 will now read:

1. The Board of Directors shall be elected from and by the Voting Membership at the Annual General Meeting each year. The Chair of the Annual General Meeting shall appoint a "Chief of Election" to supervise the election process. The term of office shall be one year. A Director must be a Voting Member for a minimum of one year prior to

being elected. ~~A member may be a Director for a maximum of 7 consecutive years and a total of 10 years, effective as of November, 2007.~~

Motion: THAT Article IV (Clause 2) of the URA Constitution be revised by deleting the last sentence, which reads, "A member may be a Table Officer for a maximum of 5 consecutive years and a total of 10 years, effective as of November, 2007.", in its entirety.

David Wilson made the motion. Elaine Wilton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

As approved, Clause 2 will now read:

2. Within 30 days of their election, the Board of Directors shall meet to elect the four Table Officers (i.e. President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer) for the following year.  
~~A member may be a Table Officer for a maximum of 5 consecutive years and a total of 10 years, effective as of November, 2007.~~

With these two motions carried, Peter was now eligible to stand for re-election.

The Election Committee nominated the following URA members to be elected to the Board of Directors: Peter Miasek, Alick Siu, Donna Day, Gene Genin, Keing Li, Reed McAlpine, and Adam Poon. David asked if there were others from the floor that wished to stand for election. No additional candidates came forward.

Motion: That the slate of nominees be approved to constitute URA's Board of Directors for FY2014-2015.  
David Wilson made the motion. Peter Miasek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjournment proposed by Harry Eaglesham and seconded by Lynne Ferguson at 7:25pm.