

WVCA AGM May 16, 2017, The Bagel Shop, 7pm.

Board Members: Dave Allston, Andrew Berube, Darcy Gillespie, Catherine James McGuinty, David Lindsay, Kimberly Patriquin, Gillian Salmond, Jason Thomson, Lise Whitewolf, Suzanne Woo, Ashley Wright

Community: Councillor Jeff Leiper, MPP Yasir Naqvi, Katie Paris, Rick Van Loon, Allan Kagedan, David Constance, Jim Elder, Alexandra Faulkner, Peter Duschenes, Jeannette Sautner, Vivian Knapp, Angela Breston, Bill Watson, Phil Blake, Katie Ruff, Catherine Scott, Paul Murray, Andrew Octivoni, Julia Huffman, Ken Hain, Carolyn Kearney, Geena Green, Rebecca Grace, Doreen Sutherland, Don Bly, Alain Dupuis, Arlise Dupuis, Philip Hepworth, Dorothy Hepworth, Fiona Mitchell, Joanne Chianello, Christine Z, Sue Scott

1. Vice-President Dave Allston chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone, and all attendees introduced themselves.
2. The meeting began with Dave presenting colour video clips (approx. 11 minutes) taken mostly from the engines of **trains running down Scott Street in the 1960s**. The video was extremely well-received, and will be posted by Dave on his Kitchissippi Museum blog (<http://kitchissippimuseum.blogspot.ca/>).

3. MPP Yasir Naqvi spoke on the just-announced plan to reform the Ontario Municipal Board, the legislation for which will be introduced this month, in hopes that the new system will be in place by spring 2018. Among the features of the proposed system:

- Once the Official Plan and Community Design Plans of municipalities are deemed to be in compliance with provincial targets, policies and statements, they will be signed off on by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and cannot be appealed. Community Design Plans will also be sheltered from appeals for 2 years.
- The new Local Planning Appeal Tribunal will hear appeals of proposed developments
- A support centre will be established as an independent agency to assist community groups with the legal process related to appeals of proposed developments.

MPP Naqvi also provided an update on the Safer School Zones Act, proposed legislation which may become law in the coming weeks. The proposed Act, which was first announced last spring at Elmdale School, provides municipalities with the power to reduce speed limits around schools or entire neighbourhoods, and also permits photo radar in school zones or “community safety zones.” It also makes it easier for municipalities to use red light cameras. MPP Naqvi credited WVCA as being instrumental in bringing this issue to his attention, as it had not previously been on the provincial government’s agenda.

4. Summary of WVCA 2016-17 Activities: Vice-President Dave Allston, standing in for President Jim Provost, who was unable to attend.

Dave noted that the Association, following its recent postcard advertising campaign, now has some 1,300 households on its mailing list.

WVCA did a lot this year! We focused on several themes:

- Traffic: main areas of work were the Spencer Street redevelopment, the successful campaign to reduce the speed limit on Ross Avenue, and the push to make Scott Street a “Complete Street.”
- Development: commenting on and monitoring development applications, including the Mizrahi development at the corner of Wellington and Island Park Drive (at the beginning of the year), an infill proposal on Island Park Crescent and, most recently the pre-application consultation for the patio application submitted by The Diner.
- Pocket Parks: promoting the idea of creating a ‘parkette’ on Spencer where it jogs at Western.
- We also were involved in a number of other issues: commenting on the proposed removal of the Queensway onramp at Kirkwood, participating in the Councillor’s Ward Forums, and in Federation of Community Association meetings and community policing discussions, Board member Rick Van Loon’s leadership of the Rosemount Expansion and Development (READ) campaign to upgrade Rosemount Library, contributing funding to the SJAM ski trail along the Ottawa River, Dave Allston’s Kitchissippi Heritage and History group, the spring Capital Cleaning weekend, discussing the recent proposals for street renaming, and undertaking a poll of our mailing list on the question of paid parking for Wellington Street.

5. Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer David Lindsay summarised the state of the Association’s finances:

Opening Balance for 2016-17: \$2,702.74

Disbursements: \$565.37

- space rental for 10 monthly Board meetings, \$97.50
- Federation of Community Associations dues, \$30.00
- Contribution to Sir John A MacDonald ski trail, \$100
- Printing of promotional postcard, \$337.87

Income: \$224.92

- Memberships and miscellaneous, \$223.69
- Interest earned, \$1.23

Closing balance, as of May 1, 2017: \$2,362.29.

6. The Expiring Island Park Drive Covenants

Dave Allston explained the origin and status of the covenants, which are building restrictions (including 25-foot setbacks and large lots, and a requirement for NCC approval for exterior changes in certain sections of the street) associated with the creation of IPD nearly 100 years ago. The covenants expire in 2021. To maintain the character of their boulevard, IPD residents are pursuing, in discussions with the city, “Heritage Conservation District” status for their street.

7. Councillor Jeff Leiper

Councillor Leiper began by encouraging everyone to subscribe to his weekly print and video newsletter through kitchissippiward.ca, and he noted his weekly pop-up meetings which provide an opportunity for residents to discuss any topic with him. He also provided several quick updates: he noted the current work on street renaming, 'warned' attendees that, despite the fact that he will oppose it, paid parking for Wellington will likely be put in place during the next term of Council, and suggested that "Complete Street" status for Scott Street is likely 7-10 years away, but that work to make it happen will continue, including a meeting on June 7 at which the designs for Tunney's Pasture and Bayview stations will be presented, and community issues around the LRT discussed.

In response to the WVCA question about his attention to local versus city issues, the Councillor estimated that he spends 80% of his time on the local issues of planning, traffic, the LRT and construction, with the remaining 20% allocated to bigger city issues including as a member of the Planning and Environment committees, as a Transit Commissioner, promotion of Vision Zero to make streets safer, and promoting the local music industry.

On intensification, the Councillor framed the issue as one of achieving local benefit and mitigating adverse traffic impacts. He suggested that we don't yet have the right balance, in terms of sufficient investment in community amenities such as pools, parks and libraries.

On traffic, he welcomed the proposed provincial Safer School Zones Act. He also noted the discussions are ongoing with City staff to find creative solutions for issues such as the cut-through traffic on Ross, that WVCA will be consulted on Byron path improvements at Granville, and that because the "Dooring Zone" road markings between Holland and Parkdale have been very successful in reducing collisions between cyclists and parked cars in those blocks, the experiment may be expanded.

8. Election of 2017-18 WVCA Board.

Rick Van Loon is stepping down as a Board member. Rick was thanked for his significant contributions!

The remaining Board members will continue to serve. Four community members expressed an interest in joining the Board: Rebecca Grace, Allan Kagedan, Katherine Scott, and Bill Watson.

The WVCA Board for 2017-18 consists of 16 members:

Dave Allston, Andrew Berube, Darcy Gillespie, Rebecca Grace, Catherine James McGuinty, Allan Kagedan, David Lindsay, Kimberly Patriquin, Jim Provost, Gillian Salmond, Katherine Scott, Jason Thomson, Bill Watson, Lise Whitewolf, Suzanne Woo, Ashley Wright.