

Notes made during the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Harmony Residents Group Inc. (HRG) on Wednesday, May 8, 2013, in the Simpson Room at the new Community Centre.

This meeting began at 7:07 PM with 23 attendees including 6 members of the HRG Board of Directors. Mr. Tom Busbridge served at the reception table to take membership fees of \$20 per household per year, and to record the names of attendees.

R. Busbridge introduced Katelyn Vaughan, Project Manager for the Niagara Region Lakefront Enhancement Strategy (LES) who spoke on the subject until 7:28 PM, summarizing the proceedings at the public workshop held last Feb. 19 (see HRG Board meeting Minutes of Feb. 18, Item 1). She stated that 3 members from the Municipality have been added to her advisory committee.

A question period followed until 7:50 PM. In response to several questions she said that Niagara Region cooperates with adjacent Regions about mutual concerns and that there is a Burlington member on her committee, that the people from Municipalities will be lakefront property owners, business people including farmers, that government funding for LES is one Million per year for each of ten years, that Niagara Regional Government has no Parks Department and so asks for help from the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA), that the Region does not want to own property but would manage it, that Municipalities should present a priority list of their concern relative to LES to her committee but that the priority will be the improvement of existing assets rather than the acquisition of new ones. All new information accumulated by her committee will be presented at the next public meeting scheduled for May 23 and is available on the Niagara Region website.

R. Busbridge thanked the speaker and, in the absence of Treasurer S. Sparrow due to illness, presented a brief financial report. Revenue for the past year was \$187.25, expense \$629.00 and the bank account at the 2012 AGM held \$ 3,129.91 and now is \$ 2,750.47.

R. Busbridge summarized HRG Board activities during the year past which included an unsuccessful application for a grant of \$80,000 from the Heritage Commission, a meeting on March 29 with federal Environment Minister Peter Kent, a deputation to Town Council on concerns about local shoreline erosion. He said that the Board will continue to keep the concern of HRG members before governments although no significant action is likely before 2017.

At 8:52 PM R. Busbridge presented a slate of candidates for election to the HRG Board of Directors which was its present members: R. Busbridge, W. Charnetski, D. Hennessey, C. James, F. Madsen, K. Morrison, R. Payne, S. Sparrow, noting that there is a vacancy on the Board so asked for nominations from the floor but, there being none, he declared nominations closed and the current Board elected by acclaim.

The next General Meeting of the HRG membership is scheduled for August 14.

This meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

Cliff James, Secretary