

Eden Mills and District Community Club Inc.

Board Meeting – Tuesday, August 15, 7 pm @ E.M. Hall

Minutes

Directors Present: Bill Allen, Richard Lay, Ken Lancaster, Sharon Blom, Brian Skerrett.
Regrets: Barb Parker

Minutes prepared by S. Blom

Agenda:

1. Review Actions
2. Review previous MOM
3. Project Updates
4. Treasurers Report
5. Fundraising Report
6. Community Dialog Project (R. Hughes email Aug 5)
7. Writers Festival
8. Date for Q3 Members meeting and Pot Luck
9. AOB

Minutes:

1. Review action list
 - Action list reviewed and updated
2. Minutes of previous Board meeting, June 19, 2017
 - Approved.Minutes of previous Members Meeting, June 20, 2017
 - Approved.
3. Project Updates – Richard
Cash Flow - Work on the Hall Re-Clad is well underway with Durmus Group. When this portion of the work is complete we will have a substantial bill to pay. We will be able to claim funds from the Canada 150 matching grant, but it may be some time before we receive the reimbursement. We will need to consider a bridging loan from G.E.T. vs. taking funds from the E.M.C.C. mutual fund. If requesting a loan, we would need to give G.E.T. advance notice. Bill and Richard will do a cash flow projection. Richard will follow-up with G.E.T. to determine the terms of a bridging loan.

Hall Wall Exterior design – Richard met with Linda Hendry and Janet Wilson last week and selected a colour for the Hall exterior – ‘Sweet Rosy Brown’. Exterior

light fixtures will be replaced with LED lights – open for suggestions on design.

Furnace/heat pump – the air conditioner has not been working and needs to be fixed/replaced immediately. Given that a furnace/heat pump replacement is planned as part of our Canada 150 project plan, to be completed by March 2018, it would make sense to do the replacement immediately rather than pay for servicing and then replace anyway 6 months down the road. Consensus for Richard to go ahead with the furnace/heat pump replacement.

Parking Lot – Parking lot grading has been done. Richard and Robin Aggus cleared trees, rocks and debris around the lot. Remaining decision is where to locate the Canada Post mailboxes. They need to be accessible for the snowplow, so the best place seems to be at the front of the parking lot. Next step is to review the options with E.M.C.C. members, the snowplow contractor and Canada Post.

York Street Repaving – G.E.T. is sending out tenders for the planned repaving. At this point we do not know if the work will be done this fall or deferred to next year. If the York Street work is not done this year, we will have some costs next year related to the sidewalk and moving the Hydro pole.

Green Energy Open Doors Tour – Evan Ferarri of eMerge has proposed including the Hall in this tour. The Hall is rented for the day of the tour on Sept. 23, but the Hall can be included in a preview tour on Tuesday, Sept. 17. Richard will be available to provide information to the tour. This will be good exposure for the E.M.C.C. and Carbon Neutral fundraising.

4. Treasurer's Report

Financials as of August 15, 2017 were reviewed and approved.

Memberships are still coming in so we are close to our budgeted number. Hall Rentals are well below budget. Hall Rental revenue from Jill Simpson for fitness groups will be welcome. Funds from the Vet Slings continue to come in from Janet Wilson and her group from the new vet company. Credits from our solar power generation are reducing our hydro bills to offset the solar power loan payments.

Expenses are tracking close to budget. Brian questioned whether the telephone is a necessary expense. Perhaps VOIP from Megawire would be a better option. Brian will follow up with Bell on options with them.

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Non-Operating Expenses – Garden Club Account has been turned over to E.M.C.C. to manage the account – Garden Club has been combined with the Edible Forest Garden group. The bulk of the Retrofit expenses to date have gone to the stage and sound system upgrades. These invoices have been submitted to Canada 150 for reimbursement of their portion two weeks ago. They have requested spot checks on the invoices, but payment has not been received yet.

Bill will keep the Canada 150 expenses separate from other expenses for ease of tracking. We will need detailed records for Canada 150 claims.

5. Fundraising Report

Report sent by Barb Parker listing planned fundraising events and timeline.

6. Community Dialog Project

Ken will contact Rick and invite him to present his ideas to the Board at the next meeting.

7. Eden Mills Writers' Festival

No actions required from the Board at this time.

8. Next E.M.C.C. Potluck and Members Meeting

We will schedule it for Tuesday, September 12. Ken will book it with Marie if no rental conflicts.

9. AOB – none

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.