

# Eden Mills and District Community Club Inc

## Members Meeting – Tuesday September 12, 7 PM @ E.M. Hall

### Minutes

Directors Present: W. Allen, B. Skerrett, R. Lay, B. Parker, K. Lancaster

Regrets: S. Blom

Community Club Members present: Approximately 30

Minutes by K. Lancaster

### Agenda

- 1) Opening Remarks and Board Report
- 2) Treasurers Report
- 3) Hall Rental Report
- 4) Hall Operations
- 5) Club and Project Reports
- 6) New Business
- 7) Upcoming Events, reminders

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### Minutes:

#### 1) Opening Remarks and Board Report

Welcome by B. Skerrett. Self-introduction of all attendees. Agenda reviewed, no modifications required.

#### 2) Treasurers Report

Refer To Statements dated Sep. 12 attached:

- P+L
- Balance Sheet

Highlights:

- Overall financial performance acceptable, revenue slightly low
- Membership fees on track
- Rentals low for this point, but expected to pick up before year-end
- \$2770 receivable for the Writers Festival dinner, thanks to L. Wiesner and her many volunteers
- \$1594 for Vet Slings, thanks to J. Wilson and her assistants.
- \$723 from Bingo, thanks to M. Henault
- Expenses generally below budget, new heat pump and solar will contribute to this trend continuing.
- Telephone will change from Bell to VOIP, should save ~\$70/month.
- Having paid invoices for the ongoing project work, we are ~93K in the red. Fed Dev Grant provides for reimbursement only after invoices are paid. This leads to cash flow issues, which will be alleviated by bridge financing from Guelph-Eramosa Township (GET). Approval

in principal received, formal approval pending. We will not have to dip into our mutual funds.

- Aside: B. Skerrett explains the Hall is 50% owned by GET, 50% by the Community Club.
- Total assets ~ 100k. Main liability is the solar loan at 51k
- Solar power generates revenue which will offset the loan. We expect the loan to be paid in ~ 10 years, after which cash flow from solar is positive.
- Question: The outstanding commitments are ~ 140k, how will this be paid back?
  - o Answer: 118K from the Fed Dev grant, the remainder from ongoing fundraising.

### Action Items for Treasurer

Under “Non-Operating – Hall Redevelopment” :

- A) Change “Arts Festival Donation” to “Community Club Café” ( Requested by L Hendry)
- B) Move “Appelyard Concert \$1973.25” to “Income- Fundraising – Concerts”( Requested by M. Baxter)

### **3)Hall Rental Report**

- R. Fox advises we expect to make target. Additional revenue from the Better With Fitness program will help, thanks to all who assisted in getting that program to come to the hall.
- will provide a recommendation for the new rates; noted that no one ever complains when they see our current rates
- J. Krypton has provided suggested rates for the new stage equipment, Board to review and then implement.

### **4) Hall operations**

#### Stage Upgrade Phase 1(J. Krypton)

- Stage extended and resurfaced
- Storage drawers understage
- Retractable Stairway to stage front to come
- Very sophisticated speakers added, also mixer, amps
- Plug in capability for musicians at stage front and in SW corner of hall
- Black out curtain coming to the window by the back-stage elevator stop
- Noted by R Fox, no change to hall capacity as stage extension offset by removal of floor standing speakers.

#### Parking Lot ( R. Lay, R Aggus)

- Trees cleared out
- Several truckloads of fill received and spread
- Township provided free trucking of material
- More screenings and work to come

#### Electrical

- Significant work over the summer
- The ceiling fan switch is moved from downstairs to behind the bar. And there was much rejoicing!
- Wiring now available in SW corner for sound boards, general use

- External electrical outlets coming in hall front and west side
- Rough in for future Electric car charging station

### Solar

- Functioning since June
- Net metering info soon to be available on line
- In July and August the hall was providing power to the grid, ie we are producing more power than the hall is using.
- We're banking credits for future(winter) use, currently ~\$450

### Hall Retrofit

- cladding project nearly finished, photo shown of large crowds viewing the impressive new hall.
- Carbon emissions at 2500kg CO2 in 2016, down from 14,000 in 2005
- Expect to be fully carbon neutral by 2018, moving to be a net exporter of energy. The hall is the only public building in Canada that can so state.
- Existing propane furnace to be replaced this fall with hybrid heat pump/propane unit, improved efficiency.
- Aside: C Simon gives special thanks to R. Lay for skill and determination shown in getting this long term goal of carbon neutrality achieved. **Standing ovation given !!**

## **5)Club and Project Reports**

### Music in the Hall ( M Baxter)

- Note upcoming events: Eclectic Orchestra Sep 30, Barrel Boys return Oct 14.
- As MITH budget achieved, will donate remaining profits to the Canada 150 projects
- Christmas sing along poll taken, agreed on Monday Dec 18
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### Tims Garden( L Hendry)

- Some recent planting done, repairs to construction damage
- Design almost finalized. Pavers coming in, tables and benches are in the plan
- Timing: This fall, after the York Street repaving project is done.

### York Street Repaving ( L. Marshall)

- This work should begin by week of Sep 18 latest.

### Edible Forest Group ( C. Reinhold)

- Event held in August to unveil the Mary Rogers memorial Bench

### Fund Raising ( B. Parker)

- ~\$6500 raised to date
- Event planned will add another ~\$4000 ( Fireworks Sep 23; Books/Boots/Bulbs Sep 30; Film Series; Community Supper)
- Other events in the works: Tasters Night, Creative Painting, Spring Miscellany, 50/50 draws Donations
- Goal: \$15,000

- L Sword advises that there will shortly be a mailing addressing fundraising issues. Also will be submitting further grant applications, and approaching local businesses.

## **6)New Business**

- B. Skerrett advises the hall floor will be sanded and refinished. Timing to be arranged to minimize disruption to users; probably around Christmas. It is important the new floor be non-slippery.
- L. Zawadzki provided a brief update on the Eden Mills Eramosa River Association, formerly known as the Millpond Association. New Members are always welcome.
- C. Reinhold thanks the community club on behalf of the Writers Festival Board for a fabulous Sunday Dinner.
- L Sword request all support the Concerned Citizens Coalition that is fighting the Hidden Quarry. Please sign the petition ! <http://sg.crcrockwood.org/>

## **7)Upcoming events and reminders**

Many events upcoming ! See the Calendar on the website for a complete list, and watch for emails ( Eden Mills Updates)

Focusing on September:

### Fireworks Sep 23

- F. DeSantis described show as “using small explosives”, but as we’ll be close up, it will be awesome.
- Starts when fully dark, about 15 minutes past dusk, IE 8 ish.
- Corn boil at 630
- Donations will be solicited
- Volunteers wanted

### Children’s Picnic Sep 24 2 pm to 5

- Organized by Katarina Vuckovic

### Books/Bulbs/Boots Sep 30( B. Skerrett, C Reinhold)

- Book drops offs are welcomed on the Friday evening before
- Boot sale ( trunk sale) – For \$10, you get a spot for your car and whatever you can put in it to sell. Proceeds are yours to keep, or donate to hall ( no pressure)
- Bulbs will be ordered from Vessey’s catalog and paid for on the spot. Delivery will be mid October.

### Drum Circle ( Maya)

- Alternates between Tuesday and Thursday, twice a month. See Hall Calendar

**Special Mention: Newcomers Dinner on Nov 11. Details to follow**

Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm. AGM on Dec 5, see you then !