

The West Bend Community Association
Minutes from November 16, 2011
Indian Road Crescent Public School

Chair: Tim Noronha Minutes: Des McComish

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

In Attendance: Tim, Des, Joel, Stuart, Joe, Johanne, Mary, Ron.

1. Approval of October Minutes

Joe Da Costa moved to approve, seconded by Johanne

2. Discussion of items to raise with Councillor Gord Perks at February 2012 meeting

Joe brought up the topic of recycling under the new scenario of contracted out garbage collection in our area and wondered if separation of recyclables and garbage will continue; expressed concern that there is no provision for overflow items with the new contract.

Mary pointed to increased traffic on Keele St and St Clair, fears it will worsen when the new Smart Centre opens in 2013. We should ask the three municipal councillors if a traffic study has been done for the Keele St – St Clair intersection.

Joe suggested we look at all the local streets and ask what we can do as a community to look at traffic – from the viewpoints of pedestrians, drivers, cyclists. Made reference to uncollected tree leaves causing a hazard on bike paths; wondered if radio waves emitted by water meter transponders could pose a health hazard.

Joe noted that the Baird park dogs off leash area continues to cause friction between some residents and some dog owners – apparently 11 Division officers stated that its taking up a lot of their time in responding to calls there.

Tim raised the issue of the possible sale of City owned municipal assets and wondered if it might be a short sighted solution to City's budget deficit; cuts to libraries pending.

We need to update our own membership application form and embed it in the new website

3. Membership and recruitment

We redesigned the membership application form and should embed it on the new website.

Joe suggested that the WBCA sponsor a hot chocolate afternoon or evening this winter at Baird Park when the skating rink is operating and raise awareness of TWBCA. Johanne will ask Tim Hortons to consider providing the beverages.

4. Other Business

Johanne advised that the City, not the TTC, owns the strip of land along Edna St adjoining the TTC – this in reference to the recent guerilla gardening efforts there to which TWBCA would like to contribute.

Frank Cunningham (from the Annex residents association) will present to our January TWBCA meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9.00 pm

Moved: Joel

Seconded: Stuart