

Mono Mulmur Citizens' Coalition – MC²

Draft Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Hockley Village Seniors & Community Hall September 24, 2017

1. The meeting was called to order by our chair and president, Elaine Capes. Everyone was welcomed. In total 33 members attended.
2. The **Agenda** for the 2017 AGM was approved, moved by Cheryl Russel and seconded by Bob Mitchell.
3. The minutes of the **2016 AGM** were approved, moved by Arnold De Graaff and seconded by Don MacFarlane.
4. The **Treasurer's report** was provided by our treasurer, Don MacFarlane. Main costs were for presentations provided by the Environment Committee, the AGM and a Social Event for our volunteers. We continue to do be aware of reducing expenses as much as possible. The report was approved, moved by Huntley Christie and seconded by Susan Brown.
5. The **slate of Board members** for the coming year. A handout with bios was circulated. Noted was an error in seemingly characterizing Don as the perpetual president. Indeed Elaine Capes will graciously continue in that role for the coming year and Don MacFarlane will remain as Treasurer as will Rita Reitsma as secretary. Joanne Rovet moved to accept the new slate of board members. This was seconded by Jack Slater and approved by all.
6. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Environment Committee:** Arnold De Graaff who chairs this committee was pleased to report that two new members have joined our committee, Rhoda Gryfe and Gary Murakami. We are grateful for their presence and participation. He reported briefly our presentations of the past year which were on conserving energy and renewable energy in November 2016 and on Lyme disease in the spring of 2017. We had hoped to have Maude Barlow from the Council of Canadians present on Water as a Human Right this fall however she had to have surgery so will come instead in the spring of 2018. Future presentations may be on farming sustainably and pollution from plastics. Arnold cited several reports from universities, Commissioners for the Environment and the David Suzuki Foundation. These references are available on request from Arnold.
 - b. **Land Use Committee:** Cheryl Russel is now the chair for this committee. Their task is to investigate, research and report on critical land use issues in our community. They are looking at more collaboration with the environment committee as many of the issues overlap. We have always looked at aggregate and are remaining aware including the various pits, proposed pits and organizations working on the problems created by pits. Noise and speed problems

with motorcycles are a perennial problem that the authorities find difficult to remedy. Another focus has been the Niagara Escarpment Plan and changes to the OMB. Please look under Letters on our MC² website that were submitted on these issues. There is a strong interest among committee members in soils. They are also looking at biosolids. Some 600,000 tons are spread on Ontario land. Many untested levels of chemicals occur in these biosolids. Municipalities cannot say no and it is unclear who is inspecting to ensure that they are following the guidelines. Radon gas will be discussed at the next Mulmur Townhall meeting on October 14, 2017. Finally the committee is also looking at dumping and fill ("Excess Soil Management"). The committee is welcoming a new member, Gerry Day, with a background in planning. He has also taught at York University.

c. **Communication Committee:** Don MacFarlane shared about the work MC² has been doing to let members, agencies and governments know our concerns. We have had a strong impact and will continue to explore how to increase that effect. The website has evolved with excellent leadership from Felicite Morgan who has helped us tremendously with communication. There are letters and notes on the website that MC² has sent out including on motorized vehicles in the forest, Niagara Escarpment Commission and the Ontario Municipal Board. In addition there have been letters to the editors of local newspapers. One ongoing focus is to increase our membership not only to sustain sufficient economic resources but also to develop a younger base of members.

d. **Governance and Nominating Committee:** Rita Reitsma indicated that this is the next piece of policy the Board will be addressing. Once this is done we probably have all of the necessary policies in place.

e. **Advisory Committee:** We did have an informal open to all members meeting this past year over some lovely pizza and drinks. It continues to be a helpful group for giving us overall feedback on how we are functioning and identification of issues that need attention.

7. **Predident's Report:** Elaine Capes, who has served us well over the past year was thanked by our past president, Don MacFarlane, for all of her work and excellent contributions to MC². Thankfully she will continue to serve us in this capacity for the coming year. Elaine enumerated the many people she wanted to thank on behalf of our coalition including members of the Board in their varying capacities, our web and newsletter and membership people and the many committee members who contribute so much. We are looking for volunteers to help review/audit the taxes for Mono, Mulmur and Dufferin so that we can keep an eye on critical issues. Elaine noted that with all of our voices, especially combined with partner groups we are making a difference and being heard. MC² is being invited to the table and having a significant impact standing up for our community and future generations. MC² began in 1988 so 2018 will be our 30th anniversary.

8. **Guest Presentations:** We welcomed Allistair Crawley from C.O.R.E. who updated us on their journey and the current status of the Arbour Farms application which is now being challenged by the Simcoe County. Richard Baird gave us an overview and update of the Greenwood Application. Protect Mono is spearheading the opposition to this application. Further notes on each can be seen on the website.

We adjourned, moved by Ernie Rovet and seconded by Don MacFarlane.

It was great to see everyone again, thanks for showing up and supporting our coalition.

Rita Reitsma, Secretary for the Board.