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**SCC Annual General Meeting: Thursday, November 29, 2018**

**Location: Erskine Presbyterian Church**

**Attendees:**

*Please see separate attendance list*

Meeting co-chaired by Dominic Sorbara and Jason Morse

**Welcome and introductions by Dominic Sorbara**

- Thanks to:
  - Mustard Seed for coffee and raffle prize
  - Fortinos Dundurn
  - Stonewalls
  - Food Basics
  - Canadian Tire
  - JC Pattisier
  - Hamilton Christian Fellowship Church
  - Councillor Aidan Johnson
  - Nikola and Cindy from the Councillor's office
  - Sgt. Gill from Hamilton Police Services
  - SCC Executive
  - Erskine Presbyterian Church
- Review of year's activities:
  - Easter Egg Hunt
  - Team up to Clean up
  - Screen on the Green
  - Election Meet and Greet
  - Thanks to all the volunteers who assisted with all the events.

**Annual General Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM**

**Minutes Review**

SCC Secretary Thomas Bernacki reviews previous year's minutes.

Co-chair Jason Morse calls for motion to accept minutes.

**Motion:** Chris White

**Second:** Aurelia Shaw

**Vote:** Unanimous in favour

**Financial Review**

Treasurer Jonathan Therien reviews financial statement:

\$1167.67 starting balance

*Your Neighbourhood Association: serving the residents of Strathcona*

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\$1366.28 ending balance

Came out ahead over the course of the year.

Changed signing authority.

Purchased equipment, previously Rolly Rockets had been donating the equipment. The equipment is being kept in the Victoria Park Club House for use by SCC.

No questions regarding the financial report.

Chair calls for motion to accept the financial report.

**Motion:** Jessica Aird

**Second:** Chris White

**Vote:** Unanimous in favour

### **Elections of Executive members**

Co-chair Jason thanks Dominic for his service as President, and Jonathan for his long service on the Executive.

Call to membership for those who wish to run for executive positions.

Jessica Aird stands for position of President.

Introduces herself.

No others stand for election to position of President.

**Motion:** from Jonathan Therien to elect Jessica Aird as President.

**Second:** Rosemary Baptista

**Vote:** Unanimous in favour

Jason Morse stands for position of Vice President.

No others stand.

**Motion:** from Jessica Aird to elect Jason Morse as Vice President.

**Second:** Roy Raghavan

**Vote:** Unanimous in favour

Thomas Bernacki stands for position of Secretary.

No others stand.

**Motion:** from Chris White to elect Thomas Bernacki as Secretary.

**Second:** Dominic Sorbara

**Vote:** Unanimous in favour

Chris White stands for position of Treasurer.

No others stand.

**Motion:** from Jonathan Therien to elect Chris White as Treasurer.

**Second:** Rosemary Baptista

**Vote:** Unanimous in favour

Jason Morse calls for members to stand for election as Members at Large to Executive.  
Asks members to introduce themselves.

Terry MacDougall  
Ed Alexander  
Rosemary Baptista  
Roy Raghavan  
Dominic Sorbara

Members at Large are elected unanimously.

Co-chair Jason Morse says he's looking forward to upcoming events. Suggestions for future events are welcome from the membership.

This wraps up the business for the AGM.

**Motion:** Thomas Bernacki moves to adjourn

**Second:** Chris White

**Vote:** Unanimous in favour

**AGM portion of the meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM.**

**BREAK**

**General interest portion of the meeting resumes at 7:48 PM.**

### **Incoming Councillor Maureen Wilson**

Councillor-elect Maureen Wilson says hi to the membership.  
December 3 is the inauguration. Capital budget will be on the agenda immediately. Describes the pillars of her campaign, interest in strong neighbourhoods. "As go neighbourhoods, so goes the City".

We all have a shared responsibility in playing a role. Neighbourhood Associations are an important way to engage.

### **Raffle Draw**

Terry MacDougall wins the draw for the Mustard Seed Good Food Box.

### **Police update from Sgt. Gill, Hamilton Police Services**

Jason Morse introduces Sgt. Gill, west-end crime manager for HPS.

Sgt. Gill reviews most recent crime statistics:

- Discusses how statistics are collected. She extracts all data for crimes in last month that lie within Strathcona. These are same items that are mapped on their web crime-mapping tool (except locations are slightly anonymized on the mapping tool for privacy reasons).
- This month:
  - No robberies
  - 1 residential B&E – vehicle keys stolen
  - No graffiti
  - 1 stolen truck
  - High month for theft from auto: 9 incidents
  - 7 smashed windows – 5 just in last week
    - All cars had either change visible, or a backpack or a wallet.
    - Plainclothes officer is now on the case to respond to the streak of incidents
    - Provided an example from Durand last year. There were 79 incidents in a short span. A plainclothes officer arrested a single individual and the incidents stopped. It was likely the individual was the only one involved.
- Stresses importance of reporting crime. If a crime is in progress – call 911!
- Sgt. Gill discusses process for reporting:
  - Online – only for amounts less than \$5000, with no known suspect.
  - Otherwise in person, by phone, with officer follow-up.
- Discusses stolen bikes being the biggest issue in Westdale.
- Q: In the case of bike theft, what are her thoughts regarding tracking devices?
  - A: Call police, they will get it back. Don't involve yourself even if you know where it is. Don't confront the person yourself, keep yourself safe. If police recover the bike, they will have the grounds to press charges.
- Discusses safeguarding property, and tips to prevent B&E. Free residential "Safeguard" audits are available from HPS:
  - Call 905-546-4900 to arrange the audit.
- Shows an example screen of the crime mapping. Provides a demo of how to use it.
- Contact numbers:
  - New liaison officer for new year:
    - David Brewster
    - 905-540-6074
    - [dbrewster@hamiltonpolice.on.ca](mailto:dbrewster@hamiltonpolice.on.ca)
  - Non-emergency police number:
    - 905-546-4925
- Sgt. Gill shows graph of crime numbers over the years for Strathcona.
  - 2014-2015 were lowest
  - Peak in 2017
  - 2018 is considerably lower than 2017.
- Q: Crimes shown are just the numbers, what about per capita for neighbourhood? Population has changed.

- A: Sgt. Gill doesn't have per capita numbers, but acknowledges that more recent numbers may have lower numbers per capita.
- Q: Regarding new cannabis laws, do the police have directives in respect of bylaws for cannabis municipally?
  - A: Federal limits apply in respect of how much can be carried, etc. Ontario rules only came out last month in respect of ages, among others. Municipal bylaws are still forthcoming.
- Q: regarding crime in progress, at 2:30 AM people were spotted checking cars and it was reported. Was there any followup with the complainant?
  - That report had a dispatched officer immediately. But there will be no followup with the complainant (door-knock, or by phone) unless specifically requested. Immediately upon reporting an officer is dispatched, it is quite possible we have an officer in the immediate vicinity who can be there very quickly.
- Q: discussion regarding social media and crime. Is it appropriate to report via social media?
  - A: Good sides and bad sides. Neighbourhood engagement via social media is good. But reporting **MUST** be via official reporting channels. If it is not reported via formal channels to police it didn't happen.
- Q: What about camera footage, posting on social media?
  - A: the footage should go to the police.
- Q: What is the volume of calls received?
  - A: It is thousands of calls per month. A few hundred calls per day.
- Q: Is there any follow-up regarding the sexual assault in the park earlier in the year?
  - A: Sgt. Gill is not sure, different unit.
- Q: Can you comment on incidents and reporting regarding homeless in the neighbourhood?
  - A: Many calls have been received. The practice is to involve Public Health and the Social Navigator program. There they can assess further needs of individual.

Final remarks from Jason Morse. Thanks from chairs to all participants and attendees.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.**