



Lisgar Residents' Association Public General Meeting

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

VIVA Retirement Community
5575 Bonnie Street, Mississauga

Invited Officials In Attendance:

Bonnie Crombie – Mayor of Mississauga

Sue McFadden – Ward 10 Councillor,

David Raakman – Assistant to Sue McFadden,

Peter Skira – Chair Ninth Line Owners Association

Regrets – Frank Marzo – Senior City Planner for Ninth Line Development

L.R.A. Board Members In Attendance: Glenn Voakes, Susan Thistle, Scott Plavnick, Jamie Dookie, Hazir Dubash, Cecilia Barua.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. OPENING REMARKS– Glenn Voakes – LRA Board Member

Objective of the meeting is to apprise the community of what we “think we know” and let you how we have been working for you.

We believe the “Ninth Line Corridor Development” is the biggest initiative in Ward 10 since it’s inception in 2006.

It will pose the Wards biggest challenge ever.

We ask you residents to work with the city representatives, and ask for inclusiveness in the project, and that detailed, informative and timely information and reporting be provided.

For effective community engagement, the City must ensure the methods that are being used to reach residents work for all, and not just for the tech savvy.

The majority of Lisgar residents queried showed a low level of awareness of the 9th line development project.

Despite Frank Marzo's commitment to be the keynote speaker at the meeting, he cancelled at the last minute.

LRA reached out to the City asking that they encourage someone from planning to represent Frank without success.

As a result, LRA reached out to the Ninth Line Owners Association, and Peter Skira graciously agreed to come and present. Ninth Line Owners Association has been working with Milton, Mississauga and the Province for 20 years. What they have learned is impactful on us and we have discovered that we have many common concerns.

The LRA sincerely thanked the NLOA for their willingness to present at the meeting, and answer any questions to the best of their ability.

Neither association is against the development of this land. Instead we see the value to all in the development.

The significant areas of impact that we require clarification on are:

- Density and the spin off
- Flood plain management
- Plans for the Transit way

LRA takes the position that the city owns the project and as such manages all stakeholders, including external stakeholders.

LRA further believes all information should flow from the city. We should not be directed to the MPs, MPPs or asked to approach internal city staff directly with questions, or for information.

For the residents in Lisgar, LRA asks the city for involvement which was promised to the association a long while back, to have our insights valued and discussed, and the opportunity to ask questions and get answers.

2. **MESSAGE FROM LRA PRESIDENT - Susanne Thistle**

- This year the LRA celebrated it's 25th anniversary. LRA was honored by Ward 10 Councilor Sue McFadden.

LRA Objectives:

Lisgar Residents' Association was formed to advocate for the betterment of community living for all residents of Lisgar. Our objectives are:

- To inform the membership of issues concerning their community.
- To lobby governments for better community health.
- To advocate on behalf of the community on issues relating to community esteem.
- To hold and sponsor community events in order to develop a growing sense of "community".

LRA achievements over the last 25 years:

- Saved 8 hectares of mature forest beside the greenbelt.
- Worked on the restoration of the 175 year old Kindree Cemetery. This historic landmark is now a well-kept public place.
- Fundraised for grants from Friends of the Environment, Rotary, and the Trillium Foundation to plant indigenous trees and wildflowers.
- Instrumental in returning the flora to the area of 16 mile creek in Lisgar.
- LRA has won the prestigious Urban Design Award for Osprey Marsh. What was scheduled to become a concrete pit is now beautiful ponds that support the natural heritage.
- Have worked alongside the Many Feathers Association to plant trees and flowers
- Hosted All Candidates Meetings during elections.
- Advocated for the people who were affected by the Foundation Drain Collector floods of Lisgar.
- Advocated for the people who opposed the bike lanes proposed for Trelawny Circle
- Advocated to keep the Tennis Court public.
- LRA has attended all the vision meetings concerning the 9th Line Lands. We have made our recommendations to the planning dept. Our vision for the 9th Line Lands is to protect the natural and historical heritage of our community.

3. **UPDATE FROM CITY HALL - Mississauga Mayor Bonnie Crombie**

- February 14th, was the first official celebration of “Hazel McCallion Day”. Former Mayor Hazel McCallion celebrated her 96th birthday.
- Mississauga is not only a leading destination for families but also for businesses.
- There are 86,000 businesses in Mississauga:
 - 73 are on the Fortune 500 list.
 - 1,400 are multi-nationals.
- As a low cost environment, corporate taxes are much lower which is a business incentive.
- Mississauga generates \$1.3 billion in building grants.
- The cost per acre down-town Mississauga is between \$3 to \$5 million.
- Currently there are 10 towers being built down town Mississauga.
- The new light rail is spurring a lot of development downtown along the Hurontario corridor.
- The City is committed to work with the community to learn what they want in terms of development.

4. **NINTH LINE DEVELOPMENT PRESENTATION – Peter Skira, Chair, Ninth Line Owners Association (NLOA)**

- NLOA was started in 1997 and was the largest group of private property owners – majority of whom were residents.
- In 1997 the biggest issue was the construction of 2 storm water ponds without any resident or local authority approval. Councilor at the time, Rick Day told residents to get together and voice their issues.
- NLOA met with the Milton Town Counsel and they did agree to put in the ponds but NLOA wanted to be part of the land use planning.
- 2 years ago they were involved with Ninth Line development visioning meetings where they voiced their concerns and issues.

- Their main areas of concern are as follows:
 - Proposed land use densities.
 - Proposed 407 Transit way Alignment.
 - Existing flood plains and proposed storm water management design.
 - Green space and parklands.
- Further information on each of these areas can be found on the LRA website (www.lisgar.com)
- The Ninth Line Corridor Land Use Study information can be found at <http://www.mississauga.ca/portal/residents/ninthline>

5. QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION – Community

All questions and any answers will be posted on our website (www.lisgar.com) and our Facebook page.

Any unanswered questions will be forwarded to the City for answers.

LRA will post and maintain the status of all questions and apply answers and updates as we receive them.

Following are some of the Q & A s from the meeting.

- **Q** – What are the plans for widening 9th line?
A – There are plans to widen 9th line and we are looking at the possibility of adding turn lanes and a center meridian. With the widening, they are looking at reducing, not increasing the flow of traffic. The wood lot on 9th line will not be affected (Councilor Sue McFadden).
- **Q** – How will storm water be managed?
A – A consultant has been hired to determine how best to deal with this (Councilor Sue McFadden)
- **Q** – Will the City be responsible for re-engineering land where homes are flooded?
A – No (Counselor Sue McFadden)
- **Q** – What will happen to the existing local businesses i.e. Union Gas, Syd’s ponds and St. Peter’s Church
A – they will all be staying (Counselor Sue McFadden)
- **Q** - Where is residential being put in?
A – Zoning has not been planned yet. We are waiting for the assessments and planning results. (Counselor Sue McFadden)

6. NEXT LRA PUBLIC MEETING

Next public meeting is April 19, 2017 at VIVA Retirement Community, 5575 Bonnie Street, Mississauga.