



Lisgar Residents' Association Public General Meeting

Tuesday, November 22, 2016

7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

VIVA Retirement Community
5575 Bonnie Street, Mississauga

Board Members In Attendance: Glenn Voakes, Susan Thistle, Scott Plavnick, Gagan Kohli, Jamie Dookie, Harbinder Khangura, Cecilia Barua.

Invited Officials In Attendance: Sue McFadden – Ward 10 Councillor, David Raakman – Assistant to Sue McFadden, Bob Delaney – MPP for Mississauga/Streetsville.

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

1. **OPENING REMARKS & INTRODUCTION TO LRA – Susanne Thistle – LRA President**

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

LRA Objective:

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.

2. COMMUNITY INPUT

- LRA does not do a good job at promoting themselves.
- When the community was new there was a lot more involvement. A lot of people have moved and the community has matured.
- Question asked if we should reach out to other resident's associations (RAs) for example MIRANET?
- RAs have been issue based and this is a major reason to bring people together.

3. UPDATE FROM COUNCILLOR SUE MCFADDEN

9th Line Land Development

- 9th Line land development is going to be the biggest agenda item for our community for the next few years.
- 9th Line plan and development will take 5 years.
- Owners and developers are happy with the adjustment of the land to be developed being closer to Hwy407 and not cutting into owner's property. We will not lose \$20 million of land with this adjusted placement.
- Hoping to have an environmental assessment complete by January 2017. Once this is done, work can begin on zoning the area. Decisions will be made on what will go on the land. This process will take approximately 2 years.
- When zoning is complete, certain lands will be protected as natural heritages. There will also be natural lands incorporated so that the 9th Line land will be a mirror image of what we have in our community now.
- There will be development between Britannia Rd. and Derry Rd. with stipulations to avoid any flood causing issues (e.g. in-fills).
- Ward 10 has the most residents of any ward in Mississauga (70,000) with the least development. 9th Line development will serve to hopefully give us more services.
- Derry/Britannia and Derry/Argentia areas have been bought by Transit way for transportation development.
- Councillor would like to see mostly single detached homes going in. The only high density housing planned for right now is going into the Eglinton/9th line area.
- Confirmation that there is a mosque being built on the south corner of 9th line and Ridgeway Rd.

9th Line Road

- 9th Line Rd. will be widened starting the spring of 2017. First stage will be between Eglinton and Thomas.
- CN is partly responsible for widening 9th Line Rd. as they are putting us a CN hub in Milton.
- Main concern is not to allow trucks on 9th Line - with the new hub there could be up to 600 trucks a day.

New Community Centre

- The center will sit on 54 acres of land.
- The centre is being designed with an Aboriginal focus.
- Building is slated to start in 2017 and finish in 2019.
- Churchill Meadows residents have a Canada Day Project where they will be writing on wood plaques that will be incorporated into the community centre.
- The centre will have a pool at the cost of \$20 million.
- The costs of all the consultants and centre are being paid for by the whole of Mississauga tax money.

Canada Day 2017 Celebrations

- The festivities will be held in Churchill meadows. They cannot be held in Lisgar because we do not have a big enough area to have fireworks abiding by fire regulations.
- There is a Canada Day 150 planning committee that have started the planning process.
- LRA will join with the Churchill Meadows Association to help plan the festivities.
- LRA will attend the next organizing committee meeting being held on December 12 at 7:00 pm at the Churchill library.
- LRA will put forward suggestion that the daytime activities take place on the Lisgar fields and the fireworks take place in Churchill Meadows.

Lisgar Lands

- Councillor put a hold on the sale of Lisgar lands.
- It is still owned by the Peel board.
- This area is zoned for townhouses and stacks.

LRA Community Meeting Space

- LRA expressed concern that we were going to be charged for space to hold our meetings at the Meadowvale Community Centre and VIVA retirement community centre.
- Councillor confirmed that we are entitled to have use of a free meeting space once a month for both locations because we are an affiliated group with the City.

4. **ONTARIO ELECTRICITY LANDSCAPE – MPP BOB DELANEY**

- 15 years ago, Ontario was importing, not exporting power.
- Ontario imports and exports electricity. There are a total of 26 linked grids in Canada and the States where power is exchanged back and forth.
- In 2015 Ontario earned a net profit from the exportation of it's power. The top three export recipients were New York, Quebec and Michigan.

- In the summer of 2015, peak demand was 32,000 mega watts which was met by Ontario in addition to exporting power.
- If any of the states or provinces has a surplus they give it to any other grid for free.
- Quebec gives power to Ontario in the summer (bigger use of air conditioning due to warmer summers) and Ontario gives hydro to Quebec in the winter (more heating due to colder winters) resulting in cost savings.
- Ontario is the first jurisdiction no longer burning coal to generate power. This has led to a reduction in smog alert days, including this year.
- In the last 12 years, \$35 billion has been spent doing major upgrades and refurbishing the existing generators and nuclear gas plants. This is the reason why electricity rates have gone up.
- Bob will get back to LRA on statement that was made where the press quoted that Ontario has paid \$37 billion above market price for power over the past 8 years.
- The province of Ontario is in the middle of the pack in Canada when it comes to expense per kilowatt use. Nova Scotia is the highest.
- The cost of renewal energy (wind & solar) is tiny.
- Ontario's electricity comes from the following sources:
 - 60% Nuclear
 - 25% Generating dams
 - 5% Natural gas
 - 5-8% renewable gas
- Ontario was an early implementer of renewable gas energy. The industry has employed 30,000 people who are adding to the tax base.
- Charging the tax base or rate base are the only ways to lower the cost of hydro.
- The conservative party is in consultation with Ontarians on how to reduce hydro prices.
- The net revenue (from net sales of electricity) of \$225 million is being used to keep our bills down.
- As long as we expand and maintain the existing generators and nuclear plants, it is assumed that it will take another 25 years to pay off the \$35 billion loan.
- You can get more information on Ontario hydro from the website www.ieso.ca

9th Line Land Development.

- Bob Delaney will get back to the LRA addressing the concern over the transit strip now planned for just east of the 407 instead of moving it to tracks that already exist on the west side.

5. NEXT LRA PUBLIC MEETING

Next public meeting is February 14, 2017. Place to be determined.

Meeting was adjourned at 9.23 p.m.