



# McGill Granby Village Residents' Association

## McGILL-GRANBY RESIDENTS' VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

**31st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
Tuesday, February 9, 2010  
The Lexington, 45 Carlton Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

The meeting commenced at 7:40 p.m.

The Attendance Sheet is attached to the original copy of these minutes.

### **1. The President's Report and Introduction**

Gary Shortliffe, Vice- President, introduced the Directors present, Richard Oakey, Secretary/Treasurer; Mary Eastwood, Paul Robinson, Terry Ross, Directors. Ian Gemmell, President had a prior engagement and attended the meeting later in the evening. Lynn Daigneault was on vacation and sent her regrets.

Gary then highlighted some the activities of the Board over the past year.

- Very little activity from a development perspective and a quiet year all around.
- Gary reminded all members that the board is made up of volunteers and we do have a web site [www.mcgillgranby.org](http://www.mcgillgranby.org) and send e-mail's to paying members with pertinent information to members as deemed necessary.
- Gary spoke of our emphasis on increasing social activities within the community and thanked Terry Ross for opening up his home for our first annual Holiday Party.
- Our annual street sale during the summer was very successful and it will be bigger and better next year.
- The board was very pleased with continued cooperation between itself and the City.
- Gary thanked both Councillor Rae and Ryan Lahr for all their hard work and effort of the last in year in assisting the association with member issues.
- Gary also made special mention of Councillor Rae's decision to leave the City after 19 years of service and thanked him for being such a key supporter of the association.
- Ryan Lahr and Councillor Rae will touch on the on-going water works construction on McGill and Granby Streets.

- The board will be working on a mission statement and mandate for approval. Members are welcome to contribute ideas and give direction to where they see our association going.

## **2. Councillor Rae's Report**

Councillor Rae and Ryan Lahr, Executive Assistant to Councillor Rae presented:

- Reported that Loblaw's still plans on building the Real Canadian Superstore in Maple Leaf Gardens in conjunction with Ryerson University. Loblaw's will be on the ground floor and there will be two additional floors occupied by Ryerson. There will also be an LCBO.
- Development in the local area has been very quiet.
- Waterworks construction will continue and Granby Street will be completed by mid-February. McGill Street is still waiting on the new piping to be disinfected under the surface.
- The work is not being supervised properly and has led to some on-going issues.
- Members have requested that the streets be power washed to rid the area of mud and debris.
- Construction of the Aura condominium has begun, when completed will be 75 stories.
- There will also be an underground connection for the subway at the north entrance. There is concern that it will not be large enough. Please send a letter to the TTC regarding your concerns for the entrance and exits via the Aura complex.
- Councillor Rae touched on the new 311 telephone service that can assist citizens in all non-emergency city related issues. You will be given a confirmation number for further follow up, if necessary.
- Allan Gardens – Members requested gravel for the dog area, as grass eventually turns to mud. The playground area also needs improvement.
- The Jarvis Street improvement project will go ahead in March of this year, as there is no longer a need for a provincial environmental assessment.

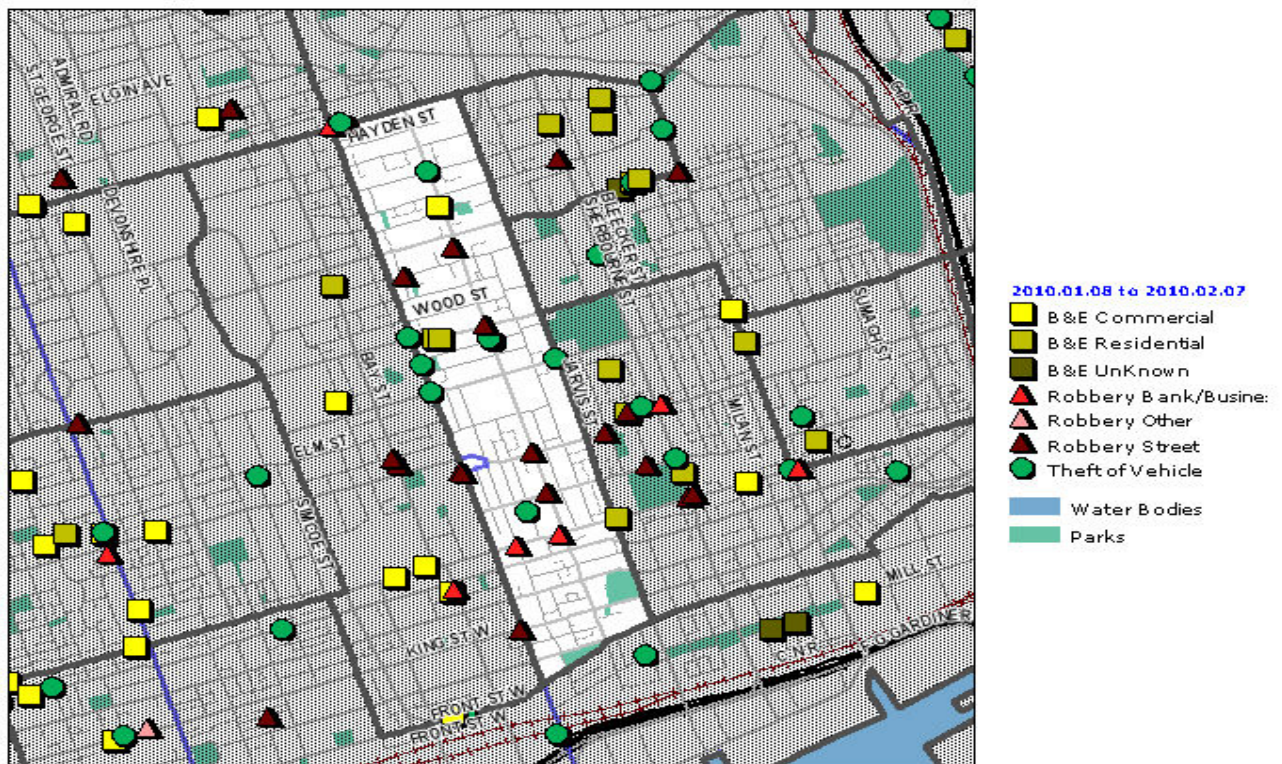
## **3. Toronto Police Services' Report.**

Gary Shortliffe introduced Police Constables Chris Robinson and Joe Pedmill from Division 51.

- Increased petty crimes such as bicycle theft and car break ins. Residents were reminded to still report these crimes and not to leave items in their vehicles which encourage theft.
- Street crime, such as fighting has been reduced. Exact statistics were not available.
- Bike theft remains a problem. Please register your bike via the TPS web site: <http://www.torontopolice.on.ca/bike/>
- It is imperative that you report all criminal activity no matter how small by calling 416-808-2222 for non-emergencies for crimes in progress please call 911.

- Mutual Street, particularly 225 Mutual Street is still a magnet for drug dealers and users. The corridor between the building and the abandoned building behind Jarvis are a haven for users and dealers both day and night.
- TPS will continue to hit hot spots in the area as phone calls and issues arise.
- The question of loitering was mentioned, and the officers reminded members that there is no law against loitering. TPS uses the safe street act, trespass to property act, and whether people are encumbering the street.
- The Barn has produced very few complaints other than unruly patrons.
- Ian also reminded members that he is a member of the CPLC – Community Police Liaison Committee for Division 51. Richard Oakey is the second back up for the committee.
- House break-ins have been reduced. The latest stats have not officially been released. Church-Yonge Corridor statistics are listed below and can be found on the Toronto Police Services web site.

**Church-Yonge Corridor**



#### **4. Treasurers Report**

- Richard Oakey presented his report, and advised that our investment account had been moved from RBC to ING Direct and our chequing account had been moved to TD Canada Trust located at 21 Carlton Street. Expenses remained the same year over year
- There was a question regarding declining membership, which corresponded to whether there was special neighbourhood issues.
- There was a line error on Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts which should have read 374 rather than 1154.

#### **5. Election of Directors**

Gary Shortliffe, in his role as Returning Officer, reported that the terms of three Directors expired, which resulted in three vacancies being on the board. He described the overlapping terms of Directors to provide continuity. He noted that all three of those Directors wished to stand for re-election and their names were on the ballot, and others wishing to stand for election were more than welcome.

Richard advised that in that case, the three candidates on the ballot would be elected.

Omayya Haq is a member in good standing and wished to be added to the ballot.

The election proceeded by ballot and the following members were elected to the 2010 MGRVA Board of Directors:

Gary Shortliffe  
Richard Oakey  
Omayya Haq

Gary thanked Paul Robinson for his past 4 years of service to board and welcomed Omayya to the board.

Ian Gemmell and Gary Shortliffe thanked everyone for attending the Annual General meeting, and the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. and everyone joined in for wine and cheese.

Minutes as taken by Richard Oakey, Secretary and Treasurer. McGill Granby Village Residents' Association.