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MINUTES OF MEETING – SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

1. Welcome & Introduction of Board Members

The new Board introduced themselves: Doug Thompson, President; Kerry Charron, Vice-President; Sandi Bonini, Treasurer; Chris Leblanc, Secretary; Aline Breton, Director-at-large.

2. President's Remarks

The President welcomed everyone to the first meeting under the new Board, and also welcomed representatives of other local community and homeowners' associations, such as Vernon, Metcalfe, and the Greely Business Association, Sunset Lakes, as well as the Greely Lions Club and Greely Scouts/Guides.

3. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was motioned for approval by Sandi Bonini, seconded by Aline Breton, and approved.

4. Presentation of New GCA Committee Structure

The Committee structure that the Executive has approved was presented and is as follows:

- Civic Relations/Government, which includes liaison with the City and various levels of provincial and federal governments, development, planning, etc. – Martin Petersons will be the lead for this Committee;
- Community Events and Groups, including Winter Carnival, Canada Day, Greely Play-Group, Greely Walking Club;
- Parks, Recreation, Bicycling, which includes the Greely Loop; and,
- Youth

5. Treasurer's Report

Sandi Bonini presented the financial report for the year ending August 31, 2019 which reflects the financial situation under the previous Executive. There was a loss of \$4,433 in the past year as some grants were missed and sponsorships were down. As a result, fireworks for Canada Day were reduced from \$25,000 in 2018 to \$10,000 this year. There is currently about \$12,000 in the GCA bank account. We will be applying for grants for Winter Carnival and Canada Day to top this up, and we will also be fundraising and seeking sponsorships.

There is a grant pending that has been approved by the City for \$7,000 which was applied for under the previous Executive and was ear-marked for picnic tables for the Greely Community Centre park. The President is following up with the City on this as to requirements to finalize the grant.

The Treasurer's report was motioned by Sandi, seconded by Aline, and approved.

6. Report on Website Upgrade

Doug Thompson has been working with a local web-site consultant on updating the GCA website at: www.greelycommunity.org. Some upcoming improvements will be an Events calendar and we will be able to post local community events. Minutes of meetings will also be posted there.

We are also now looking after the GCA Facebook page and providing updates of events and posting flyers and notices.

7. Community Reports

7.1 Councillor Darouze

Mr. Darouze gave an update on activities. The City budgeted in 2019 \$111M for City roads, such as Mitch Owens paving. Some other activities were: turning lane at Emerald Links ; it is expected that there will be some funds made available for the Greely Loop infrastructure improvements this year; the Greely Community Centre play structures were re-done; lights have been requested for the basketball area in

Greely Village; traffic calming measures have been carried out in various locations in the Osgoode Ward.

A representative of Marco and Mason Streets raised a concern with regard to speeding and cutting through this neighbourhood. A contributing factor to the problem is that cars are cutting through to avoid Mitch Owens and Bank Street. It was mentioned that there are numerous school buses picking up and dropping off children on these two roads and this creates for a dangerous situation. The assistance of the Councillor and the GCA is being sought to get this matter resolved.

A question was raised as to whether anything else is being done with regard to the new Foodland with traffic on Bank Street and marked turn lanes. Mr. Darouze said that this is being looked at. There is also going to be a traffic audit for Mitch Owens and Bank Street as this continues to be an issue in the area.

A concern was raised with regard to Parkway Road, speeding, and property standards issues concerning one property (landscaping and dumping materials). The persons who raised these issues were encouraged to continue to call 311 and to seek the Councillor's assistance.

The President mentioned that one of the new businesses going in at the new Foodland will be an A&W, and that there is a possibility some family doctors will locate there as well.

7.2 Community Groups

- Paul Elford talked about the Greely Lions Club, which has been in operation for thirty years. The Lions' mission covers youth, seniors and the community. They are holding a dog walk for the Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind, September 28, 10:00 a.m., Greely Community Centre. The Club helps out the GCA for Canada Day and the Winter Carnival. <http://www.greelylions.ca/>
- A representative from the Metcalfe Community Association mentioned their upcoming Pig Roast, Saturday, September 21st, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. (dinner 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.) and that there will be live music. For more details: Metcalfe.community.association@gmail.com
- The Osgoode Township Museum's Board will be holding their Harvest Festival, September 28, from 1:00 p.m. onwards. For further details, contact: manager@osgoodemuseum.ca or call (613) 821-4062.
- The Vernon Community Association will be holding their annual Christmas craft sale on November 23, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Vernon Recreation

Centre. If vendors wish to set up a table, please contact the Vernon Community Association at <http://vernonvillage.ca/contact-us/>

- The Greely Scouts/Guide Leaders introduced themselves.

8. Open Mic

The issue with regard to Parkway Rd. was again raised. It was stated that if you call 311, it is an official complaint, but it was also suggested that you write the City and the Councillor.

9. AGM Minutes

The minutes of the June 12, 2019 Annual General Meeting, which were drafted by the previous Executive, were motioned for approval by Chris, seconded by Gerry, and approved.

10. Youth Meeting

The GCA Board is hosting a pizza dinner and meeting with local youth on October 9, 2019, from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. We hope to see Greely youth at this event to gain their input for the community. An adult is also welcome to accompany the youth.

11. Other

- Martin Petersons brought up that the City is going through the process of updating the Official Strategic Plan and that there are opportunities for community inputs. If anyone is interesting in participating in this, please let the President know at president@greelcommunity.org.
- Terry Fox Greely Run, Sept. 15, 11:00 a.m., Greely Community Centre
- **Federal All Candidates Meeting** is being hosted by the Greely Community Association and the Greely Business Association on Wednesday, **September 18, 2019, 7:00 p.m.**, at the Greely Community Centre.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Chris Leblanc, Secretary GCA