



AGM MEETING MINUTES: OCT 28, 2024

Executive attendance: Rhoda Potter (President), Randy MacDougall (VP), Ellie Cristea (VP), Sarah Martin (Secretary), Richard Yang (Treasurer)

Other Attendees: Members of AVCA and of the community, as well as guest speakers

INTRODUCTION:

- Rhoda Potter – Reading out AVCA Mandate, also indicating that a sheet of initiatives that AVCA has been working on has been distributed for review and if people want to comment on it at the end of the meeting there will be time allotted.
- Sign up sheet for Committee Volunteers was circulated

MINUTES 2023 APPROVAL:

- Minutes from 2023 AGM approved by Donna LaRush and Elaina Deluca

GUESTS ANNOUNCED:

- Constable Christopher Mitchell – 42 Division
- Val Lusted – Scarborough Theatre Guild
- Ernie McCullough - SEBIA
- MPP Aris Babikian – non-speaker but available afterwards for questions

FINANCIALS:

- Richard Yang – Financial Report
- \$ 7600.00 in the bank, no debt
- Collected \$ 1800 from the yard sale and from memberships
- Spent \$ 1700.00 (Website, Flyers, Zoom, items for special events, AGM cost, donations), \$ 100.00 in the positive
- Financials approved by: Venki Seetha & Bill Martin

GUEST SPEAKER - CONSTABLE CHRISTOPHER MITCHELL (42 DIVISION)

- Auto Theft and Carjackings are going down
- CVSA (Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance)- Changes at the federal level
- Ways to reduce risk of theft: Park high end cars in the garage, attach multiple 'Air Tags' scattered around vehicle, download the 'Placement App'
- Thieves will steal cars and drive them a couple of blocks away and leave them there for a few hours, then will come back for them. If you see something suspicious contact 911.
- When you approach your vehicle in the parking lot when finished shopping have your keys ready in your hand, scan the area and if you have a key fob make sure the car is unlocked before you arrive at the car door.
- Park in well lit areas especially at night, park in camera view
- Park your car with the 'club' attached to the wheel, if possible a brake pedal lock (very efficient)
- Kill switches are also effective for the ignition and the battery, just flick the switch when leaving the car
- Immobilizers – used pin code to enter – these cost about \$ 1200
- There are also 'Distraction Thefts' occurring – Non-Violent crimes
- From Victoria Park all the way out to Durham – many along the Sheppard/Finch corridor
- The MO – Male/Female and child

- They are approaching males between 60 – 80 years of age, asking them to pray with them, for them
- The victims close their eyes and jewelry is stolen, switched out.
- Suggestions: conceal jewelry in public, keep purses on your person always do not leave in a shopping cart, and keep them zippered up, use a carabiner to attached it to the cart and to keep it closed, making it more difficult to steal or enter. Use cross shoulder bags.
- Flat tire theft
- Fraud Scams/CRA – don't click on the links with these emails.
- Reporting to Police:
- 911 for emergencies
- Non-Emergencies call 416-808-2222
- 311 – Municipal complaints, ie garbage, property maintenance, encampments, illegal multi-tenant housing
- 211 – for Mental Health concerns
- You can also report online, and you can call Crime Stoppers Anonymously

GUEST SPEAKER VAL LUSTED – SCARBOROUGH THEATRE GUILD

- Leaving promotional packages for attendees
- New line-up for 2024/2025
- Group rates available
- Trying to create more diversity in productions

GUEST SPEAKER ERNIE McCULLOUGH – SEBIA

- Spoke about the Sheppard Subway Extension, MPP Aris Babikian has been a strong advocate
- Drew names for gift certificates
- WINNERS – Gary Bowers, Derek Weidel, Elaina Deluca, Bill Martin & Fran Rose

RHODA – Discussion about heritage Agincourt Village Sign

- 2 families that are wanting to donate money towards the purchase/installation of two benches
- Proposed Agincourt Heritage Sign to be posted at Agincourt Drive/Sheppard Avenue
- Idea was approved at the meeting by a majority vote taken from members as a worthwhile initiative

PATHWAYS TO MOBILITY CYCLING

- Nov 8 – meeting and demo at Agincourt Public Library, 10:30 – 12:30
- Pilot project for senior cyclists to come out and cycle in Scarborough on cycle lanes, getting groups of riders together

SPECIAL EVENT – HALLOWEEN AT DONALDA PARK –

- FRIDAY NOVEMBER 1, 6:30 pm
- Bring pumpkins to display along the path, Hot Chocolate and treats will be provided.

DELTA HOTEL UPDATE:

- Currently 377 Clients, 26% Refugees, 74% Residents that are chronically homeless
- 42 Division is circulating more frequently
- Expected to be decommissioned by December 2025, at the end of October 2024 they are beginning to decommission the top 2 floors
- Schedule for the Delta is to be fully restored and ready for FIFA 2026

WHAT IS WORKING? - WHATSAPP

- AVCA Whats App - Neighbourhood watch group app effective to keep community informed about happenings, thefts, special events
- Large number of people have subscribed

VILLAGE GREEN COMMUNITY

- Southwest Transportation Study – completed a while ago, expecting a multi-purpose trail to be installed, followed by a new road connecting that community to Sheppard Ave. and the GO much more directly
- Barbara Gray from City Transportation stated the construction to begin in 2027

WHAT NEEDS TO CHANGE?

- Speeding cycles, e-bikes, scooters on sidewalks
- Traffic lights at the 401 Exit Ramp – would like them to have better timed intervals to quicken the pace of traffic.

DEVELOPMENTS:

- Agincourt Mall – 10 Highrise condos – has been a delayed project due to the condo market being at a low and the costs of supplies and labour high. Expecting enhancements to the library as well as a new daycare to be added.
- Midland & Sheppard – 3 condominiums proposed
- Kennedy & Collingwood – townhouses proposed
- Cowdry Court – Condominium Development proposed
- Village Green Square – 2 more towers planned
- Brimley & Sheppard – low rise condominium
- AVCA is encouraging more Recreation Centres, pools & meeting places given population increase
- Multiplexes are also being proposed for various routes in Scarborough.