



**Alton Village Association Inc.
Annual General Meeting
Thurs. Feb. 23, 2017 – 7: PM
Alton Library, Alton**

Directors in Attendance: Mary Cooney (President), Linda Lockyer (Secretary), Stephanie Edmonds (Treasurer), Tony Williams, Philip Wharton, Barb McDiarmid, Beth Caravaggio, Pam Stratton

Regrets: Sean Berry, Jerry Humeniuk, Lance Kalverda

Meeting chaired by Mary Cooney:

1. Welcome to all
Introduction of Present Directors
Thank you to Retired Directors: Randy Macey, Sally Coleman
Review of AVA Mission Statement
Summary of AVA Activities in 2016:
 - Village Square: water and hydro coming this year
 - Spruce Tree planted (thanks to B. Shaughnessy and T. Forster for their contribution; Ray Wand for providing water)
 - Lighting of the Christmas Tree (thanks to B. Prout for hydro)
 - Best Decorated Christmas House contest
 - Playground Equipment coming to Park by Library
 - Community Gardens and Barrels (thanks to B. Starr and S. Berry)
2. **Minutes of Annual General Meeting of AVA - Oct. 22, 2015**
See Attached Minutes
Motion to Approve – Betty Starr; Second, Paul Morin; Carried
3. **Financial Report:**
See Attached Report as of Dec. 31, 2016
Motion to Approve – Tony Williams; Second, Barb McDiarmid; Carried
4. **Election of Directors:**
Nominating Committee: Tony reported that the present eleven Directors have agreed to continue; however AVA Constitution allows for thirteen directors. There were no further nominations from the floor.
Motion to approve present Board: Bill Prout; second, Betty Starr; Carried
5. **Designation of Alton as a Historical District**
Mary announced that Heritage Caledon is exploring this action. Sally Drummond, Heritage Resource Officer, was unable to be present due to ill health. Local resident Mike Starr, a longtime Board member of Heritage Caledon, graciously and ably explained details and answered questions.
 - Consultants will determine whether Alton justifies such a designation and where the boundaries of the heritage district should be located. Funding has been approved for this study.
 - Generally property values increase with designation.
 - Once designated, a building cannot be demolished for 60 days, allowing time for further investigation.
 - There are grants available (max. \$4,000.) to help residents repair heritage buildings.
 - A public meeting would be held to hear residents' concerns and answer questions before designation finalized.

6. **Updates from Regional Councillor Barb Shaughnessy** (Area Councillor Doug

Beffort absent due to ill health)

Questions (see attached Agenda) reflecting Alton concerns were previously provided.

- Currently, the boundaries of Alton have not been changed. Projected population figures are unclear, but currently will be handled by “infilling”.
- It seems that the “Alton Village Study”, which has been on-going for many years, will no longer be considered in the planning process.
- Peel Region has hired consultants to complete an Environmental Assessment re replacement of the bridge on Hwy.136, east of the village.
Construction, planned for 2018, will necessitate some “streetscaping” such as sidewalks and perhaps new light standards etc. here and on Main south of the corners. Town of Caledon is responsible for Queen St .West and Main S. North; there are no plans or funding for improvements here.
- Re water quality and quantity: pumping station on Beechgrove supplies water to north end of Caledon. There are no concerns – “we have lots of water”.
- Tourism has already brought problems to Alton re parking, increased traffic and lack of facilities. There are currently no dollars in the budget to address these issues.
- Councillor Shaughnessy stressed that Alton residents must “speak with a unified voice” re solving all above concerns.
- Stormwater Management Plan for Alton will be completed soon.
- Status of the Old Alton School: the property is still owned by the School Board. Peel Museum would be interested in a satellite museum if ownership solved and funding available.
- Area Aggregate Expansion: no new applications for gravel licenses in our area have been received by the Town.

7. **Updates from OPP Sargent Marcus Sanderson**

Traffic and speeding are serious issues in Alton which will be exacerbated when construction begins on the Hwy.136 bridge. OPP does not have the manpower to provide constant enforcement and has no control over setting speed limits. Such traffic calming measures as radar boards, speed bumps etc. are provided by the Town and residents must advocate for these. A “Community Safety Zone” designation is the best way to manage speeding. Information collected by photo / radar signs can be downloaded to the Town and shared with OPP.

8. Mary thanked guests Mike Starr, Barb Shaughnessy and OPP Sargent Sanderson.

Adjourn: Moved – Philip Wharton; Second, Barb McDiarmid; Carried