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**Deer Park Residents Group Inc.
Annual General Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2025, 7pm
Calvin Presbyterian Baptist Church, 26 Delisle Ave**

1) Welcome & Call to Order

At 7:05 the meeting chair called the meeting to order, welcoming members and introducing guests and board members in attendance. Attendees were reminded to sign-up for the upcoming crime prevention information session.

The Secretary confirmed more than 20 in attendance and therefore there was quorum.

2) Agenda Review

A draft agenda was provided in advance and presented for approval.

Motion 1: To approve the agenda as presented.

Mover: John Plumadore. Secunder: Joe Bogdan. Carried.

3) President's Report

The President reported the activities of the board during the year.

Traffic & Street Safety

A range of traffic and street safety concerns commanded attention this year. These include: Avenue Road and safety issues at the Yonge and St. Clair, Yonge and Alcorn, and Yonge and Delisle intersections.



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Parks & Ravines

There is a plan for the Vale of Avoca and partnerships to support it. Fundraising will follow. In addition, there is an initiative to establish nature stewards for David Balfour Park. Members were encouraged to visit the website for more information.

Development

The number of tall buildings approved or proposed for Deer Park, and the impact, were noted. The city's role and authority is now limited as a result of changes made by the province.

Communications

The website was reviewed and improvements will be made in the upcoming year.

Other

The Tenant Advisory Group did not meet. Strong links have been established with the BIA and Councilor Matlow.

Motion 2: To approve the actions of the DPRG board since the 2024 DPRG AGM.

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4) AGM Business

a) Approval of 2024 AGM Minutes

Draft minutes of the 2024 DPRG AGM were provided in advance and presented for approval.

Motion 3: To approve the Minutes as presented.

Mover: Cynthia Crysler. Seconder: Greg Nevison. Carried.

b) Approval of Financial Statements

The Treasurer presented the audited financial statements, which had been approved by the board and were made available to members in advance of the meeting.

Motion 4: To approve the financial statements for the past year and to appoint Sina Accounting Ltd. to prepare the financial statements of the DPRG for the next AGM.

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c) Amendment to By-Laws – Boundaries

The Vice President presented 2 proposed technical amendments to the by-law. The first is to remove the exclusion of Foxbar from the definition of Deer Park and the area served by the DPRG. Foxbar was at one time served by its own residents' association, which no longer exists. The second is to the duties of the Vice President. The rationale for changes to the by-law is to provide flexibility in the role of Vice President.

Motion 5: To approve the technical amendments to the bylaw as outlined.

Mover: Cynthia Crysler. Seconder: Michael Dewson. Carried.

d) Approval of Board Slate

The Vice President presented the board slate.

Motion 5: To approve the following members to serve as directors of the DPRG during the next year: Michele Chandler, Korinne Collins, Cynthia Crysler, Michael Dewson, Janice Evenson, Amanda Levey, Jonah Libster, Frances Horodelski, Greg Nevison, Mary Renaud, Richard Steele.

Mover: Cynthia Crysler. Seconder: Joe Bogdan. Carried.



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5) Yonge + St. Clair BIA Presentation (Hannah Thresher, BIA Director)

Ms Thresher was joined by Director of Operations, Tim Lam. They acknowledged collaboration with the DPRG on safety improvements at Yonge and St. Clair, explained the history and role of the BIA and provided an overview of its activities. These include interviews to highlight local business owners and active, ongoing engagement with developers. The BIA holds monthly meetings with developers, which are also represented on committees. Residents were encouraged to provide feedback to assist in development of the BIA's strategic plan.

6) Josh Matlow Town Hall

The long, dedicated service of retiring DPRG President Cathie Macdonald was celebrated. This included presentation of the first Deer Park Community Service Award to acknowledge outstanding contribution. Ms. MacDonald also received an award from the City of Toronto presented by Councillor Josh Matlow.

Councillor Matlow then provided an overview of his activities and his concerns. In particular, he spoke to legislative changes made by the province that have effectively eliminated the city's role in relation to development. Other priorities Councillor Matlow shared were improvements to the public realm, vacant property, use of parks and seniors. After his remarks, Councillor Matlow entertained questions.



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8) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:35.