

## Friends of Roxton Road Parks Annual General Meeting – January 21<sup>st</sup> 2015.

In attendance: Jill, Zac, Marco, Melana, Christine, Aidan, Bob, Barbara, Samantha

### 1. Overview of 2014 accomplishments

January	Became Incorporated as not-for-profit in the province of Ontario Held Open House to review drawings for upgrades to building & pathways plus updates to WaterHarvest and events (Jan 21) 2nd Annual Fred's Pancake Breakfast (Jan 26)
March	Produced generic FoRRP business cards for use by all Friends Reviewed 75% complete plans & budget for building & pathway
revitalization	
April	Community Clean-Up Day in all 3 parks (April 27)
May	TRCA/FoRRP Workshop: Greening Your Grounds (May 3) Lost Rivers/FoRRP Workshop: Green Your Laneway (May 10) City / FoRRP Environment Day in Fred Hamilton Park (May 22) Planted 5 trees in George Ben Park with St. Luke's Catholic School
June	Participated in 100 in One Event (June 7) Provided feedback on the Shaw Street contra-flow bike lane to the City Completed Soil testing
August	3rd Annual Block Party (Aug 23)
September	Planted 4 new apple trees in Fred Hamilton Park Started tree inventory in our parks using Neighbourwoods protocol Initiated FoRRP sponsorship program
October	Participated in 2nd Annual DSF Homegrown National Park Crawl (Oct 5) 3rd Annual Night of the Living Fred Event (Oct 26) Launched Playground Revitalization Task Force
December	Produced the 2015 heritage calendar At end of year we had 40 new blog followers; 20 new Facebook followers, and 45 new Twitter followers.

The Year in numbers:

Open House	1	•
Calendar	1	•
Workshops	2	•
Events	7	•
Posts	41	•
Blog followers	106	•
Facebook followers	121	•
Twitter followers	205	•
Over 1,000 of community volunteer hours		•

### 2. Review of Financial Statements

Our 2014 Financial Statement will be posted on our blog. Total revenues for the year were \$2,597.81. Total expenses were \$2,292.79. Our net revenue was \$305.02. As of December 31st, 2014 our net assets were \$1090.15.

### **3. Nominations and Elections for Board of Directors**

We have expanded our Board of Directors to eight members. The new FoRRP board for 2015 consists of Melana, Jill, Zac, Aidan, Bob, Barbara, Samantha, and Christine. The responsibilities and duties of the directorship consists of reviewing bylaws, voting of officers, ensuring our work supports the FoRRP mission statement.

### **4. Nominations and Elections for Officers by the new Board**

Jill will remain Chair, Samantha will remain Treasurer, and Zac will remain Secretary for the year of 2015. The responsibilities of the officers include fulfilling our reporting obligations as a not-for-profit corporation, holding meetings, and maintaining the financial and organizational records of our group.

### **5. Review and confirmation of Committees for 2015**

The 2015 Directors supported some minor changes to our committee structure and will bring proposed changes to the next meeting to be approved. The Green Task Force will be elevated to Committee status with Aidan as Chair. We will also add the Playground Task Force co-chaired by Zac and Melana under the Revitalization Committee. All of the other Committee Chairs have agreed to continue for the year of 2015. ACTION: We have asked the chairs of the committees and task forces to assess if their mandates need to be added/adjusted on the FoRRP structure document and provide Jill with changes.

#### **City Update:**

Marco is catching up on files following his leave of absence to work on the Election. He will be pushing for completion of the larger building construction project in this year. FoRRP expressed concern that the pathways / landscape contract will be completed by April 30, 2015 but we don't have copies of the final plans. Marco is arranging a meeting between himself, Mike Layton and Martin Balgavy for a full update on these initiatives. ACTION: Melana to send Marco an email outlining ideas to expedite the project and reduce the costs for building.

Marco noted that more Section 42 funds may be available. He also noted a change that these funds must be allocated within 500 metres of the source project.

Mike Layton has been appointed to 2 City Committees: Parks & Environment, and the Budget Committee.

Marco will check with Brian Green to see if a police report was ever filed for the theft of the 5 benches. He noted that theft is becoming an increasing problem in City parks.

### **6. Event: Pancake Breakfast**

The Third Annual Pancake Breakfast will take place on Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. Bob is looking to expand the Events committee membership. If you have interest in joining the Events Committee please contact Bob Pritchard at [bobpmit@interlog.com](mailto:bobpmit@interlog.com).

Idea to do a badminton or Bocci tournament as a fundraiser.

There is still interest in doing a film night.

### **7. Other Business**

February 28<sup>th</sup> is Bee Day 2015 at FoodShare, 90 Croatia Street. Visit [torontobees.ca](http://torontobees.ca) for more information about the event.

April 17<sup>th</sup> is the opening reception for the Gladstone Grow Op. \$10 tickets. A ten day exhibition celebrating innovative ideas and conceptual responses to landscape, gardens, art and place making under the theme: culture of landscape.

March 7<sup>th</sup> is the Parks People Parks Summit. Free entry if you register at Eventsbrite.

The 2015 Heritage Calendars are selling well. We have passed the break-even point. Thank you Kim and Barbara for excellent work. Still looking for historical photographs of the neighbourhood. Givens-Shaw Public School has a collection that may be worth investigating.

Next meeting is Wednesday March 18<sup>th</sup> 2015.