

# Forest Heights Community Association

Board Meeting – Sept. 28, 2020 – 6:30 p.m.

## MEETING MINUTES

Executive Directors: Jerry Corriveau, Doug McKlusky, Hilary Friesen, Lori Atack-Smith

Directors: Ted Loker, Betty Papazotos, Matt Hoffer, Lori Yu

Absent: Socrates Seretis, Drew Hassen, Deanne MacIntosh

Guest: Tatiana Shcherbina (interested in becoming a Sub-Director)

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1. Chair called called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm – required quorum 6 established
2. January Meeting Minutes – Motion to adopt the minutes - Moved by Doug Seconded by Betty  
CARRIED
3. Business Arising – Fischer courts
4. President Report- Jerry
  - 4.1 **Zoom** is \$20.00 plus tax per month
  - 4.2 **Volunteer and Instructor of the year** will be put on a pause for a few months as we see how things go with covid-19.
  - 4.3 **Code of Conduct** –By-Law 7: The Executive decided we really need to update and amend, more for the association than just concern about behaviour in the centre. Jerry has started to make some changes with Doug’s help. Draft will be circulated for input/comments.
  - 4.4 - **Outdoor exercise equipment** – Jerry had emailed pictures of the outdoor equipment that have been installed at St. Mary’s High School and suggested doing something like this in our area. Doug suggested some locations that could be used by students and residents; Westheights Public School which already has trails, ponds, sports field, St. Mark’s School nearby. **Forest Heights Collegiate** which has the biggest sports field in the area. Doug’s suggestion was to make it generational. Guessing approx. cost to be 60k or 70k. The School and fundraising paid for St. Mary’s equipment. General support by the Directors on this idea. Fischer park would be ideal.
5. VP – Doug
  - 5.1 **Heartsbeathate** campaign worked well with signs. We funded 40 signs and received some free. We helped them out with a \$200.00 donation. Doug was complimented on this initiative he took on. Great job Doug.
  - 5.2 **Fairy Tales Party online**- We funded fairy “princess” online interactive for \$100.00 – 1600 people attended and 80 participants in live chat portion. Hilary noted that the numbers might

be a bit incorrect sighting some duplicate/incorrect comments, but still great attendance.

5.3 **Place Making grant** for courts at FH –we requested \$10,000, but was turned down. The reason being that they felt the courts need to be completely redone and not just resurfaced. Although it was noted that the School Board was keen on us paying for the resurfacing. Next step; do we want to do it ourselves which would be approx 70k. Jerry has a Board Facilities committee meeting coming up and will update us after that meeting.

5.4 Doug was going to work at FH Collegiate one day a week, but it didn't work out as they wanted someone full time and Doug was on vacation when this all went down. Doug will still do volunteer work to keep his hand in.

6. Treasurer report by Hilary

Hilary prepared an Income Statement and Balance Sheet but due to zoom technical issues the Board did not move a motion to accept the reports; Hilary will forward the documents and Jerry will request an online resolution to accept them at a later date.– We have approximately \$275,000. in the bank. We will not be receiving registration income without programs, nor do we have fixed expenses at the same time. Interest will still be earned on our GICs at Libro.

7. Lori – Secretary-Lori stepped down as our Secretary for a few months thanking Lori Yu for taking the minutes in the interim. She remains on the Board as a Director.

8. The Sport of Pickleball – Jerry

8.1 Jerry was in a meeting with City staff last week which included Neill Lobley, Director of the Parks Department. Neill explained the pressures they were under with the various outdoor activities especially at Highland Court Park courts between tennis and pickleball, tennis and tennis and pickleball and pickleball. There are signs but no supervision and a small parking lot, but are the best courts around at this time and used by many Tennis and Pickleball players. Jerry noted that some tennis players were coming early to mess with the height of the nets to 40" for practise and not caring that they could not be put back down.

8.2 Suggestion to convert the Kaufman Courts located at Cameron Heights High School owned by the City – make 6 dedicated Pickleball courts and 2 dedicated Tennis courts. The parking situation is not ideal and may have to deal with school usage.

8.3 Pickleball of Waterloo Wellington Region (**POWWR**) is a group put together to help develop and guide the sport. It is currently putting together a position paper to present to city council for the construction of adequate pickleball courts to meet the growing demand. **Greystones Racquet Club** at 155 Northfield Dr.W. in Waterloo is offering Pickleball with 6 indoor, 6 outdoor courts. They will be holding an open house on Oct 10. The City will be doing a hard court strategy plan for the next few years. We will be involved for input. Matt suggested perhaps we could put up our own courts in behind the community centre. Four Pickleball courts, fenced. Access to the FHCC, clinics, supervised play, membership by registration to our own Association Club. This idea first surfaced a few years ago. We will pursue the idea in an exploratory way.

9. **Access situation at FHCC.**

Jerry asked for the building to be open each day from 1-3 for Pickleball, Line Dancing, Yoga, etc. Jerry had issue with the booking policy where the City did not follow our Affiliation agreement and took their own approach. We were offered 3 hours one day a week. Used to have 69 hours! Rules: Up to 10-15-people for various activities, singles Pickleball so four in gym at a time, cleaning when each game done, those people not playing to wait outside. Unacceptable conditions for proper programming. City will reconsider rules and we need more time. If offered to pay for city staff then we would have exclusive use. Waiting to hear back from our offer to wear mask even while playing/dancing.

10. **Other Business**

1. Jerry asked Lori A. about Libraries and she noted that everything is cancelled and mostly moved to online; 10 people in at one time; one hour of computer time.

2. Staffing is an issue at many community centres.

3. City will try to do some youth programs indoors. Basketball for 12-15 year olds up to 10. We will not run programs for a while.

4. Doug noted that schools are seeing some COVID positives and younger people are getting it, with worries of bringing it home to their families.

6. Jerry noted that the YMCA is open but with limited activities/services.

7. Our two school bursaries will remain in the budget.

8. Directors agreed we continue with zoom meetings and that tonight's few glitches will iron themselves out. Jerry promised to improve as the host!

11. **Next Zoom Board Meeting** – Tentatively TBA – October 26, 2020 6:30 pm; Nov 30, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

12. **Adjournment** – Motion to Adjourn– moved by Betty, seconded by Lori A. CARRIED