



## Meeting Minutes (APPROVED)

No.	Item
1	<p><b>Welcome and Introductions</b></p> <p>Mark Stewart (Chair) provided explanation of voting procedure. Tonight's agenda adopted and the minutes from the 2023 AGM accepted as circulated. Minor change, switching Crime Report and Councillors update.</p>
2	<p><b>First Call for elections for Executive Council officers to serve a 3-year term</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Confirmations<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Vanessa Reid - Member at large</li><li>○ Susan Millman - Secretary</li></ul></li><li>• Position open<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Member at Large – one volunteer</li></ul></li></ul>
3	<p><b>Kirkendall Crime Report</b></p> <p>Report presented by A/Sgt. Kevin Jones</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kirkendall still is one of the safest neighbourhoods in the City.</li><li>• 200 occurrences over the last year; daily average of 1.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Request from meeting attendee made to have annual stats available at future AGM's.</li></ul></li><li>• Main occurrence is theft from auto<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Project Willoby launched last year to deal with thefts from auto (typically overnight theft). Saw some success from this, however property crime low on priority list for court system right now. Usually repeat offenders committing crimes. Looking at reinstating project now that weather is getting better and increase in foot traffic. Part of project is to increase patrols in areas of higher theft rates.</li><li>○ Break and enters, stolen cars most common occurrences in Kirkendall</li><li>○ Car can be stolen within 2 minutes</li></ul></li><li>• Encampments<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Police Encampment team investigate to confirm encampment is a sanctioned site or not sanctioned.</li><li>○ Private property, can be charged with trespassing</li><li>○ If you see something, report it or email A/Sgt. Jones and he will forward to the appropriate people.</li><li>○ 2 staff members make up Encampment Team</li></ul></li></ul>



#### 4 Councillor's Update

- Extend gratitude to A/Sgt Jones' service to the Kirkendall neighbourhood and all of Ward 1.
- Parks and Open Space
  - Message has been received that residents value the availability of open space and Ward 1 budget money has been invested in these spaces as a result. HAAA will begin redevelopment work this summer following public engagement sessions to get input on design. The drainage issue in the playing field will be included in redevelopment work – gather and hold water rather than immediately direct to storm sewer system. People provided feedback that they value the historic building – kitchen, meeting space, washrooms.
- Safe Streets
  - Has become higher concern among more Council members
  - Meeting at Melrose with community to engage on Safe Streets ideas
  - Draft report available this fall
- Aberdeen Avenue
  - Now on capital plan; needs a full reconstruction to remove asphalt and concrete and replacing water and sewer. Work is currently scheduled for 2026.
- Litter
  - growing concern among residents
  - Maureen has requested a report from staff on what can be done to improve service.
  - Council has agreed on enhanced level of service – increased level of street sweeping in BIA's, and increased level of service in downtown core
- Question about whether anything can be done to improve the appearance and function of the staircase leading up to the Rez park. Rock stones will be removed, but we can't put concrete stairs in; can put in garden area. Need to leave access for Hamilton Water Dept. to get into the reservoir underneath the park. Also hopeful that there can be a plan for winter maintenance on the stairs. Neighbourhood will be consulted on what will be proposed here.
- Vacant unit tax – puts a price on people who own property and purposely leave that property vacant. Ministry of Finance approved Hamilton as one of the City's in Ontario to implement the tax. Bill lost on 6-6 vote at committee but is coming back to Council tomorrow for vote. If doesn't pass, will come back to Council in 2025.
- Suggestion put forth from meeting attendee for a speed sign to be installed on Westbound side of Aberdeen, east of Locke. These readers can compromise data on multi-lane roadway.
- Suggestion for automated camera radar system to help enforce speed limit. Number of issues – mostly quantity of tickets issued are overwhelming Provincial Offenses system
- Chedoke Radial Trail – lots of water on trail this time of year due to debris clogging ditches at side of trail. Mostly between bridges on trail.
- Request for Feasibility Study of Chedoke Golf Course – have not received results of review yet.
  - Clubhouse falling apart, issues with irrigation. Plan was to put money into reserve funds to make improvements but never happened.



- 5 Guest Speaker: Paul Scholl, Horticultural Greenhouse Supervisor, City of Hamilton**  
**Topic: “Our Changing Garden – Flowers and Vegetables that Work Best in our Changing Climate”**
- Paul has been in current role for 8 months, and has worked for the City of Hamilton for 7 years
  - Shifting Climate Zones – we are 6B. Expect that Canada will be revising zones this year
    - Higher crop yields, longer flowering seasons
    - Changing flowering times – plants will flower at different times of year, affect feeding habits/cycles of pollinators
    - City trying to put in more pollinators to provide nectar throughout seasons. Provide different blooms in different parts of the city.
    - Trying to add more perennials and pollinators to traffic islands, in place of annuals
    - Plants that were not native or were invasive before are now able to extend their growth due to changing climate
    - Veggie Gardens – try to buy local (William Van Dam seeds). Planting frost hardy vegetables to extend growing season. Also planting lettuce/arugula
    - Implement Polyculture – don’t plant close together, plant one type of plant in various areas of garden (eg. Tomato blight will spread to all nearby tomatoes). Fill gaps (eg. - winter squash will trail along ground between plants). Beneficial insect and pollinator friendly herbs – basil, borage, dill, lavender, lovage, mint, parsley
    - Popular trends – cold frame, low tunnel can extend growing season.
    - Water less, water deep. No lazy plants in garden.
  - Adapting gardens to localized weather
    - Planned methods to keep water on the property leads to less stress on the storm system.
    - Water management – bioswale system at Gage park; permeable hardscapes – gravel, mulch, stone; rainwater storage; rainwater barrels, water retaining planters (can go 3-4 weeks without being watered)
  - Current changes within horticulture
    - Traffic island conversion into perennial/pollinator beds (any beds with health & safety problem or no irrigation)
    - Conversion to battery powered tools
    - Leaving spring cleanup to later – leaving pollinator beds later in spring and fall
    - Insects dormant in leaves
    - Bumblebee nest in stems, birds forage in leaves, butterflies overwinter in them. Birds feed on seed heads
    - Pollinator gateway from RBG to Dundurn Castle – no more than 300 m distance between (flight of bumblebee about 300 m)
  - Gardens should be Wild!
    - Be messy and untidy



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Change standard of “beauty” in garden</li><li>○ Pests can be important for biodiversity</li><li>○ Gardening is long game</li><li>○ Lawns should be area rugs, not wall to wall carpet</li><li>● Looking forward goals<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Traffic island conversion – 12% in 2024</li><li>○ Optimization of production greenhouse grow space (reducing amount of annuals grown in city greenhouse; also considers 1% failure rate on plant propagation) – 2025</li><li>○ Complete pollinator/perennial conversion to 30% - 2026</li><li>○ Pesticide free banker plant (host plant for beneficials)/biological program – 2027</li><li>○ Reduction of carbon footprint – energy and water usage - 2028</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>6</b>	<b>Second Call for Elections</b>  No names offered.
<b>7</b>	<b>Financial Report January to December 2023</b>  Jennifer Fraser (Treasurer) presented the financial report for last fiscal year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Started year with surplus of \$4,940.27 for general KNA activities</li><li>● Closing balance of \$6,570.20</li><li>● Any money brought in through Food Drive through sponsorship and donations cover Food Drive expenses, with any surplus donated to Mission Services</li><li>● New event this year – Egg Hunt</li><li>● Compost Sale 2023 netted \$3,271.30, 767 bags sold</li><li>● Pumpkin sale did not go ahead</li></ul> Financial Report accepted.
<b>8</b>	<b>Events and Food Drive Report</b>  Jennifer Fraser presented events from last year <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 2023 Food Drive – 15,541 lbs (212,335 lbs collected since 2007), \$2,900 donated to Mission Services</li><li>● Egg Hunt – front yard of Blessings Church. Goal is to make this an annual event</li><li>● 2023 Holiday Crafting Party – late November, early December. Family event for all ages.</li><li>● We are always looking for volunteers at our events throughout the year – great opportunity for Community Service hours for teens!</li><li>● 2024 Food drive – May 4 (next week) - food donation bags being distributed beginning this week. Food donated gives approx. 8 weeks of food for Good Food Centre at Mission Services</li><li>● Compost Sale May 11 – orders being taken now.</li></ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pumpkin Sale – Saturday, October tbd</li><li>• Holiday Crafting Party – Saturday, November tbd</li></ul>
<b>9</b>	<b>Community Fridge and Summer Camp Update</b>  Annette Keep (Blessings Christian Church) provided an update, <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Fridge (report on behalf of Felicia, who runs Community Fridge)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Concerns and frustration about noise at night, parking, waste issue.</li><li>○ have reached out to 30 nearby neighbours.</li><li>○ Church working with Locke Street Fridge to mitigate issues.</li><li>○ Volunteers desperately needed – fridge checkers – morning and night – make sure food is safe for anyone who is coming to use fridge.</li><li>○ Four businesses in areas contribute to fridge on a regular basis.</li><li>○ Contact: <a href="mailto:lockestreetfridge@gmail.com">lockestreetfridge@gmail.com</a>. Also on FB and Instagram.</li></ul></li><li>• Epic and Onside Camp – summer camp -\$150-200 per week, per person. 8:1 camper to staff ration. Registration is now open.</li></ul>
<b>10</b>	<b>3rd Call for Elections</b>  No names offered.
<b>11</b>	<b>Election Results</b>  President: Mark Stewart Vice President: Meltem Koseleci Treasurer: Jennifer Fraser Secretary: Susan Millman Communication Co-ordinator (website and membership): Vacant Communication Co-ordinator (social media): Vanessa Reid Members at Large: Gideon Bell, Brandon Raco, Jesse Gallant
<b>12</b>	<b>Meeting adjourned at 9pm.</b>