



MWRRRA

THE MEADOW WOOD RATTRAY RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Spring 2008

President's Remarks

Welcome to spring and the MWRRRA's Spring Newsletter updating you on the events and developments in our neighbourhood.

MWRRRA directors have been active attending meetings involving Clarkson Visioning, several development proposals, Petro-Canada, school boundaries, and the City of Mississauga's proposed tax levy. Our directors' reports follow.

Our association is taking steps to help promote a "greener" community. We can work to reduce our carbon footprint and can start right here in our neighbourhood.

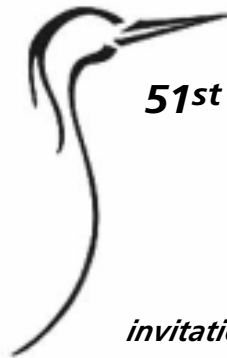
I would like to thank the directors who have represented the MWRRRA at these meetings. I would also like to thank those directors who have moved on for their contribution in the past. I invite you to put your name forward as a director at our Annual General Meeting April 29th. As always, your input is appreciated.

*Cheers,
Andy Sherwood,
President, MWRRRA*

Rattray Marsh

The annual clean-up of Rattray Marsh is planned for Sat. April 12, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Come to any main entrance dressed appropriately for the weather.

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority (CVC) is putting together an invasive plant management plan and wants to start in Rattray Marsh. It is assumed that the plan will be adopted in the very near future, so the CVC is organizing two volunteer days: Sunday May 4 & Sunday June 8, 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon. Volunteers and CVC staff will start taking action dealing with invasive species.



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51st Annual General Meeting

**Green Glade School
Tuesday, April 29th
7:15 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.**

invitations have been extended to:

**Pat Mullin, Ward 2 Councillor,
Charles Sousa, Mississauga South MPP
Representatives from
Credit Valley Conservation & Enwise**

***A great way to get informed and involved
in your community!***

Bexhill Pumping Station-Update

As reported in previous newsletters, the Region of Peel plans to replace the Bexhill Road pumping station and the forcemain through Rattray Marsh with a new wastewater system. This system will have two pumping stations in Jack Darling Park and twin forcemains along Lakeshore Road and through Birchwood Park, connecting to the existing trunk sewer on Clarkson Road.

We have recently received word from the Region of Peel that design of the new system is now complete and construction is underway. Forcemain installation through Birchwood Park has begun and installation along Lakeshore Road is expected to begin in May. All forcemain installation should be complete sometime this fall.

Construction of a new lakefront sewer to divert flow from the existing Bexhill station is scheduled to start this fall and be completed by spring '09. This schedule is to ensure the waterfront trail is not impacted during summer.

Construction of the new sewage pumping stations in Jack Darling Park will begin this summer. They are expected to be in service by the end of 2009 and decommissioning of the Bexhill station will begin shortly afterwards.

Visit www.lorneparkprojects.ca for more details.

Clarkson Celebrates 200 Years

In 1808 the first settlers "moved in" to Clarkson. The Gable, Greeniaus, Merigold and Thompson families settled on land that had been acquired by the British Crown in 1805 via a treaty with the Mississauga Nation.

As one of the oldest communities within Mississauga, combined with its ongoing strength of community spirit, safety and diversity, Clarkson is truly a cornerstone of Mississauga, Canada's 6th largest city.

This is a community anniversary worth celebrating. A variety of special events are planned, including walking tours, lectures and exhibits. On Saturday, June 21, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., there will be a major celebration in the heart of the village. Visit the MWRRA website for a full report or visit the celebration's website at www.clarkson1808celebration.ca to obtain details of planned events, view old maps of the area, read our history and view a photo gallery.

Green Things We All Can Do

We all have a stake in maintaining the neighbourhood we love. We also have a stake in maintaining the larger community we live in. MWRRA director, Michael Giguere, has researched ways we can reduce our carbon footprint.

Michael has created a list of simple things that require little or no investment. He goes on to list some things that require a bit of capital but can fit into most household budgets. This includes having an energy evaluation of your home and reviewing how energy efficient your household appliances are. He even lists some "over the top" things we could do. Lastly, Michael has provided an update on the installation of Smart Meters in our homes.

To access the complete report, go to the MWRRA's website at <http://www.meadowwoodratepayers.com>.

Sithe - Update

In late March, Duane Cramer, Sithes' Vice President, Development provided an update.

The City of Mississauga supports the Lakeview residents' opposition to a power generation site in their area. The western GTA need for power at this time is 850 mw. The Sithe "Southdown" site can deliver potentially 900mw. Our Councillor, Pat Mullin, opposes the Southdown site.

Ontario's Ministry of Energy has yet to tell OPA (Ontario Power Authority) exactly how they [the OPA] are to alleviate "brown-outs" in the western GTA. A decision is expected by mid year [08].

Sithe is still hopeful the "Southdown" site will be approved. But if OPA opens the 850mw need to a range of bidders, Sithe may lose out as they may come in at a higher bid because of the cost of the environmental mitigation negotiated with Clear the Air Coalition.

Sithe continues to be very active on the Ministry of Environment /Industry Committee.

Clarkson Village Visioning - Update

Decisions matter. In the case of planning a city, they can often matter a long time. That is the truth that comes through loud and clear in the results of the Clarkson Village visioning exercise. On Thursday, March 27, Councillor Pat Mullin and city staff presented the latest summary of material gathered over the past 2 years. New material included a traffic study focusing on Lakeshore Road.

The conclusion is that due to both topography and the existing structure there is very little wiggle room to achieve what the vision group would hope for. Clarkson lacks any kind of street grid supporting the main street. That limits alternative routes through the village. The steep slope down to Turtle Creek constrains the possibility of adding a back laneway to the north at the east end of town. All of this makes creating a more enticing streetscape difficult.

Lakeshore Road is currently at 80% capacity and will be at 100% by 2021. This raises questions about future development through the village. How will the existing road structure support increased housing density? There were few recommendations on how to enhance the pedestrian experience.

The final part of the presentation reviewed conceptual images, some already on the website, others new. Unfortunately, images of developments already approved conflict with the “visioning” goals.

Comments focused on traffic and the problems raised by adding more people to Clarkson. An exact number of additional residents is unknown, inhibiting any real understanding of future traffic and parking needs. Other comments dealt with the overall height recommendation of 3 to 4 stories through the village. Michael Moldenhauer noted that developers like him could not work with this kind of constraint.

Before the summer, the city hopes to take all the information and consultant reports to a planning committee to be formalized. At that point conflicts with the existing city plan could be addressed and mechanisms put in place to promote a vision and prevent unwanted types of development.

From the beginning, the stated goal of the visioning process was to find a way to make the Clarkson streetscape look more like Oakville, Port Credit and/or Streetsville. That means the residents were focused more on best planning practices for today. When visioning for the future, the one assumption we should have is that all of our current and past assumptions cannot hold. Thus the question should have been how to help Clarkson design itself to meet the increasing challenges of tomorrow.

The residents and city planners have all put in time and energy into this process. There has been a genuine earnestness on both sides. But in the end the critical questions facing us as citizens were not answered. Instead we were told that Lakeshore continues to be a busy road and changes like the addition of bike lanes will take up to 20 years. We continue to hope the “visioning” process will have a positive impact on our village, but it’s a slow process.

Neighbourhood BBQ - June 14

Come on out ~ 4 p.m. until dark ~ rain or shine!
Meet your neighbours, new & old, on the grounds of Bradley House Museum. There’ll be live music, games, races, crafts & a campfire for the kids. Fabulous food and drink available to purchase as long as supplies last. This event is sponsored by MWRRRA for all residents within the association boundaries. See you there!

If you can help, please call Jen Gray 905-403-9754 or Mary Ann Stokke 905-823-4705.

Mississauga Marathon Road Closures

The 5th Annual Mississauga Marathon will hit the streets on May 10th & 11th. This ‘Run for Everyone’ has an event for all ages and abilities. For road closures & information, visit www.mississaugamarathon.com.

Petro-Canada Open House

Saturday, May 31st from Noon to 4:00pm at the Petro-Canada Lubricants Centre, 385 Southdown Road. All residents in our association area are invited to attend. The Open House will include information displays and tours of the facilities. Refreshments will also be provided.

Proposal to Move Extended French

In Nov '07, our school trustee, Don Stephens brought forward a motion (Resolution No. 08-13) to move the Extended French program from Lorne Park S.S. to Clarkson S.S. and to move the Lorne Park boundaries to include the Watercolours development located off Indian Road.

An information session was held in February '08 and members of the MWRRA attended. Parents expressed their objections for a wide variety of reasons. A synopsis of the meeting is available on our website.

At our last MWRRA meeting the motion below was approved and a letter sent to Trustee Stephens asking him to withdraw support for his proposal.

“The Meadow Wood Rattray Ratepayers Association opposes Resolution No. 08-13 on the basis that it eliminates the option for students in this area to access Lorne Park S.S. through the Extended French Immersion Program.”

We believe that reducing options and access to local schools has a negative impact on our students and neighbourhood. The Extended French program is very popular in our area and the fact that it continues from Green Glade to Lorne Park is a significant part of its appeal for many families. Area students already have access to Clarkson as our home school and through Early French Immersion which is also popular within our area.

Given its popularity with students in our area, we feel that a disruption of this program could potentially result in fewer students attending our elementary school and reduce enrollment at Green Glade from both within and outside our area. Our elementary school, Clarkson P.S., is currently on the list of schools for possible consolidation, so any change that could further reduce enrollment will not be supported by our association.

Having attended the information session, taken into account parents concerns, reviewed Board of Trustees meeting minutes, and considered the potential impact on our students and schools, we feel that our area residents are not being well served by our Trustee in this proposal. We encourage you to become informed and express your opinions to Trustee Stephens and other Board members as they deliberate on this issue. Visit our website for more information — www.meadowwoodratepayers.com

Presentations for Parents

This series of free information sessions is presented
by Owenwood, Whiteoaks & Green Glade Public Schools.
Funded by the Ministry of Education.

Inspiring Kids to Read

Eric Walters

Thursday, April 24th at 7pm ~ Owenwood P.S.

Easier Ways to Live a Greener Life

Katherine McGee

Thursday, May 15th at 7pm ~ Owenwood P.S.

The Predator, The Pedophile & The Bully & Internet Safety

Constable Brenda Pennington

Thursday, May 1st at 7pm ~ Green Glade P.S.

Healthy Eating Habits for Your Family

Madeleine Grey

Wednesday, June 4th at 7pm ~ Green Glade P.S.

“Resilience: A Vitamin for Mental Health”:

Dr. Jack Kamrad, Chief Psychologist, PDSB Wednesday, June 11th at 7pm ~ Whiteoaks P.S.

To register, email us at keepingkidshealthy@alive.ca

Membership - Why Join

Becoming a member is the best way to show your support and lend strength to our association. Membership fees are the only source of revenue and are used to offset the costs of the annual meeting, newsletters, BBQ & welcoming material. A cash reserve is maintained to cover legal costs if required to protect our residential interests.

If we missed you when we delivered this newsletter, please take a minute to become a member. Thanks.

Directors 2007 - 2008

Your newsletter was delivered by the director circled below. Please call with questions or comments or email us at mwrra@rogers.com

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Your current membership status: Member Non-Member

MWRRRA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2008/2009

Please deliver or mail your completed application together with your membership fee to the director circled above or directly to our Treasurer, Don Harrington.

For your convenience and to reduce administration, you now have the option of joining or renewing for a two-year period. We hope to see you at the Annual General Meeting. Thank you.

April 2008 - April 2009 \$10 fee enclosed

April 2008 - April 2010 \$20 fee enclosed

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____ **Email:** _____

Suggestions or Concerns: _____

WHAT'S ON AT THE BRADLEY & BENARES MUSEUMS

*Parks Canada Mazo de la Roche
Plaque Unveiling
April 12th at 2 PM*

*On the Verandah Concert
Benares Historic House
June 13th - Brampton Folk Club*

*Illustrated Lecture: 'Your Home on Native Land'
April 17th at 7 PM. Lorne Park Library*

*Clarkson Village: 200 Years of History
June 19th to Dec 31st - Exhibit Bradley Museum*

*Clarkson Village Historic Walking Tour
April 26th at 2 PM
Meet in front of Wowy Zowy Toys*

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June 21st at 2 PM
Meet in front of Wowy Zowy Toys*

*Mother and Daughter Tea
May 3rd and 10th - Call 905-615-4100 to register*

*Celebrate Clarkson's 200th Anniversary!
Saturday June 21st - Clarkson Village*

*Illustrated Lecture: '200 Years of Clarkson'
May 29th at 7 PM*

*Lecture: 'Over 200 Years of History
The Mississaugas Native Treaties
and*

*Clarkson Village Historic Walking Tour
May 31st at 2 PM
Meet in front of Wowy Zowy Toys*

*Early Settlement Land Grants
June 26th at 7 PM*

*Gallery in the Garden & Strawberry Fair
June 8th 11 AM to 4 PM - Fine Art Show and Sale*

*On the Verandah Concert
Benares Historic House
June 27th - Playford Players*

For more information on locations and registration,
call 905-615-4860 or go to www.museumsofmississauga.com

Clarkson Public School - Events

Residents are invited to participate in the following events at our local public school located at 888 Clarkson Rd South:

Toonie Concert: "Raven Stole the Sun" performed by Red Sky Dance Theatre. April 21st ~ 10 PM

Open House: Sculpture Exhibition of Student Art & Writing. April 22nd ~ 7 - 8 PM

Boston Pizza Night: 10% of sales go to support Clarkson Public School. May 21st ~ 6 - 9 PM

Clarkson Fun Fair: Saturday, June 7th ~ 10 AM - 2 PM

Zomers Greenhouses: Orders Due April 29th.

For more information, order forms or Kindergarten Registration, please call the school at 905-823-4470.