

St. Andrews Heights Community Association
 Minutes of the 2008 Annual General Meeting
 June 23, 2008, 7:00 pm

Minutes recorded by Michael Fuchs

Executive Present: Liz Murray, Doug Connery, Michael Fuchs, Guy McLaughlin, Al Rasmuson, Bob DeWolff, Gord Miller, Adev Ahluwalia, Pia Blum

Executive Absent: Terry Laporte

Community Members Present: see list attached.

1. Call to Order

Liz Murray called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm. Liz welcomed everyone, introduced the Executive and announced that quorum had been met.

2. Approval of Minutes of the 2007 Annual General Meeting (June 4th, 2007)

Moved to accept the minutes as circulated, Joan Howarth, seconded by Louise Parsons
 All in favour, motion carried.

3. Committee Reports

Treasurer (Gord Miller)

St Andrews Hts. Community Association
 Comparative Income Statement

	Actual 04/01/2007 to 03/31/2008	Actual 04/01/2006 to 03/31/2007	Change
REVENUE			
Investment Interest	\$9,733	\$10,908	(\$1,175)
Advertising - Newsletter	\$2,086	\$2,318	(\$232)
Hall Rentals	\$10,831	\$8,012	\$2,819
Memberships	\$6,205	\$6,704	(\$499)
Life Cycle	\$44,602	\$28,541	\$16,061
Soccer	\$5,050	\$4,889	\$161
Tennis	\$1,560	\$630	\$930
Crafts & Teas	\$0	\$74	(\$74)
Garage Sale	\$1,541	\$1,345	\$196
Parks Foundation, Calgary	\$12,771	\$200	\$12,571
Bottle - Refunds & Bag Sales	\$58	\$58	\$0
Paper Bin	\$468	\$392	\$76
Community Donation	\$2,180	\$5	\$2,175
NeighbourWoods Revenue	\$1,350	\$0	\$1,350
TOTAL REVENUE	\$98,436	\$64,077	\$34,359

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OPERATING EXPENSES

Newsletter - Delivery	\$800	\$620	\$180
Newsletter - Printing	\$1,526	\$1,444	\$82
Hall Expenses	\$6,407	\$6,366	\$41
Legal	\$30	\$0	\$30
License Agreement - City of Calgary	\$0	\$10	(\$10)
Building - Repairs & Replacements Life Cycle	\$1,710	\$1,232	\$478
Garage Sale	\$46,374	\$29,562	\$16,811
Bad Debts	\$41	\$0	\$41
Bank Charges and Interest	\$0	\$90	(\$90)
Provincial Gov't - Fees_	\$278	\$282	(\$4)
Parks Foundation Calgary - Playgd	\$0	\$44	(\$44)
Federation of Calgary Communities	\$9,116	\$200	\$8,916
Insurance	\$158	\$159	(\$2)
Office Supplies & Postage	\$2,355	\$2,351	\$4
Audit	\$221	\$389	(\$168)
Utilities	\$1,900	\$1,803	\$97
Soccer	\$3,565	\$4,230	(\$664)
Oktoberfest	\$3,941	\$2,549	\$1,393
Activities	\$0	\$200	(\$200)
Rink	\$638	\$247	\$391
Tennis	\$4,268	\$795	\$3,473
NeighbourWoods Expense	\$784	\$0	\$784
	\$1,290	\$0	\$1,290
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$85,401	\$52,573	\$32,829
NET INCOME	\$13,034	\$11,504	\$1,530

St Andrews Hts. Community Association
 Comparative Balance Sheet

	As at 03/31/2008	As at 03/31/2007	Change
ASSETS			
First Calgary Financial Savings & C	\$10,272	\$6,728	\$3,543
Investments	\$170,523	\$170,523	\$0
Accounts Receivable	\$940	\$680	\$260
Accrued Interest Receivable	\$41,854	\$32,421	\$9,433
Prepaid Exp And Deposits	\$1,651	\$1,530	\$121
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$225,239	\$211,882	\$13,357
TOTAL CAPITAL ASSETS	\$0	\$0	\$0

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TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$225,239</u>	<u>\$211,882</u>	\$13,357
LIABILITIES			
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			
Accounts Payable	\$2,805	\$0	\$2,805
Accounts Payable	\$389	\$2,872	(\$2,482)
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$3,194	\$2,872	\$323
EQUITY			
<u>EARNINGS</u>			
Building Replacement Fund	\$202,944	\$192,886	\$10,058
Retained Earnings	\$6,067	\$4,621	\$1,446
Current Earnings	\$13,034	\$11,504	\$1,530
TOTAL RETAINED EARNINGS	\$222,045	\$209,011	\$13,034
TOTAL EQUITY	\$222,045	\$209,011	\$13,034
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	<u>\$225,239</u>	<u>\$211,882</u>	\$13,357

Motion to accept Treasures Report, moved by Nuria Harrison, seconded by Nik Rasula.
 All in favour, motion carried.

Facilities (Doug Connery)

This report covers renovation activities at the community hall from July 2007 to June 2008.

2007 Renovation Activates: July - December

Hall Renovations 2007

Hall renovations for 2007 were conducted between July and December 2007. The following projects were completed:

Proj #	St Andrews Heights Community Association Hall Renovations 2007 Project Name
1	North Annex Furnace Replacement
2	Install Exhaust Fan in Bathroom - Skate room bathroom
3	Interior Lighting Replacement - Incandescent to fluorescent
4	Plumbing Fixture Replacement – 3 bathrooms
5	Exterior Door Replacement – 2 exterior store rooms
6	Kitchen Cabinet and Countertop Replacement – complete kitchen renovations
7	Bathroom Cabinet and Countertop Replacement – 3 bathrooms + Skate room
8	Wall Panels to Gypsum Board – Ladies bathroom, skate room and skate room bathroom
9	Skate Room and Bathroom Flooring – Vinyl tile to match main hall + rubber flooring
10	Replace Exterior Dumpster Enclosure
11	Replace Tennis Warm-up Backboard
12	Supply and install 4 exterior tables, and 1 exterior garbage can
13	Supply and install 3 fire extinguishers
14	Supply and deliver new folding tables, stacking chairs and folding chairs
15	Widen exterior store room door to accommodate a new ice sweeper
16	Furnace and air duct cleaning for 2 heating systems
17	Misc work: electrical, plumbing, cabinetry, paint supplies

This work was funded by the City of Calgary through the Capital Conservation Grant (CCG) program, the Alberta Lottery fund through the Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP) and the St Andrews Heights Community Association. The Capital Conservation grant provides funding to community associations for capital conservation projects including repairs and replacement of major facility components. The CFEP grants provide financial assistance for the expansion and upgrading of Alberta’s extensive network of community-use facilities.

The distribution of funding for the 2007 projects was as follows:

- City of Calgary :\$19,562
 - Alberta Lottery Fund: \$25,040
 - St Andrews Heights: \$4,822
- Total: \$49,424***

Other Work Completed at the Hall in 2007

The following other work was completed at the hall from July – December 2007

- Chain link fence removed along 13 Ave from driveway east along top of hill
- All store room locks standardized to one key
- All bushes around hall trimmed
- Trees planted around the hall through the Neighbourwoods program
- New Caretaker found: Michael and Elias Kobrosly
- Fire and safety inspection

2008 Renovation Activities: January - June

Equipment Purchases at the hall in 2008

An equipment grant was awarded to the St. Andrews Heights Community Association from the Government of Canada through the New Horizons for Seniors Program. This program provides grants to non-profit organizations for replacement of furniture and equipment for existing programs and activities for seniors. Our two seniors programs: the Seniors Art Group and the In-Group have been running for 30 and 37 years respectively and will benefit directly from this grant.

The following equipment was purchased between April and May with the \$7,995 New Horizons for seniors grant:

St Andrews Heights Community Association Hall Replacement Equipment
8 replacement light weight folding tables
1 wheeled table dolly to store and move tables
10 replacement stacking chairs with arms 20 folding chairs
1 wheeled chair dolly to move chairs
6 replacement card tables
15 replacement easels for the Senior's Art Program
3 replacement paper towel dispensers for washrooms
2 replacement locking storage units for seniors programs 2 open storage shelving units 1 storage box for Seniors programs
Reupholster furniture - 12 cushions and upholstery for 2 pine chairs and 2 love seats Reupholster furniture – 1 rocking chair
Supplies: padlock, keys, step stools, cooking pot, electric can opener, electric kettle
Dishware: set of 24 Corelle dishes complete with plates, bowls and cups
Dictionary and Game

The new storage equipment and table and chair dollies purchased with this grant permitted the reorganization of the “box room”. This included disposal of the old storage systems, room clean up, painting from ceiling to floor and room reorganization. The store room is now better organized and more user friendly.

Over the last six months as a result of CFEP and New Horizons Seniors funding, we have replaced all of the folding tables and chairs at the hall.

We now have the following chairs and tables:

- Folding chairs: 74
- Stackable chairs: 23
- **Total Chairs** 97

- New plastic folding tables: 14
- Older plastic folding tables: 2
- **Total Tables:** 16

Other Work Completed at the Hall in 2008

The following other work was completed at the hall from January – June 2008

- First aid kits replaced
- Water meter inspected and annual backflow preventer test completed
- North skating rink light replaced
- Orange stacking chairs donated to the Capital Hill Scouts
- Six folding tables donated to the Cross Country World Cup Society
- Six folding tables sold

Hall Renovations 2008

Hall renovations in 2008 are limited to the equipment purchases mentioned above and some final finishing work related to the exterior storeroom widening project done in late 2007. A retroactive funding proposal was submitted to the Alberta Lottery fund to cover some of the costs related to the door widening project. Notification of this type of funding usually occurs in July.

New Lifecycle Study - 2008

Further renovations at the hall will wait until a new Lifecycle study is completed in 2008. We received funding to conduct a new Lifecycle study but costs skyrocketed by over 30% from February to May for the quote we wanted to use. We have put this project on hold until new quotes can be evaluated.

Once the study is completed, CCG and matched CFEP funding (if available) will be accessible to the community for work guided by the plan for the next five years: 2008 - 2012.

St Andrews Heights Website

Regular hall renovation updates are posted on the St. Andrews website at:
www.standrewsheights.ca

VP Facilities Position

I look forward to continuing as the St. Andrews Heights VP Facilities over the next year.

Motion to accept Facilities Report, moved by Bob DeWolff, seconded by Pia Bulm.
All in favour, motion carried.

Newsletter (Gwen Schaefer)

This was my second year as editor of the community newsletter. Thank you to Gord Miller for managing the financials and my carriers for delivering the newsletter each month. Many thanks to our local contributors and advertisers! The newsletter is in color on the website.

In March Minuteman Press increased their printing rate from \$153.87 to \$177.40 plus GST for the newsletter. We decided to continue our business with Minuteman Press despite the increase. The total advertising revenue from September '07 to June '08 did not cover the cost of producing and distributing the newsletter. As listed below the loss for the community was \$458.

	Revenue	Expenses
Sept –	264	243.10
Oct –	211	243.10
Nov –	169	243.10
Dec –	172	243.10
Feb –	309	241.80
Mar –	201	266.27
Apr –	163	266.27
May –	163	266.27
June –	169	266.27
Total Revenue -		\$1821
Total Expenses -		\$2279.04
Loss of		\$458.04

Motion to accept Newsletter Report, moved by Pia Blum seconded by Doug Connery.
All in favour, motion carried.

Website (Jeff Schaefer)

Our community website was launched in September 2006. There have been no technical problems associated with the web-server. For the year ending April 30, 2008 there was an average of 700 visits per month to the web-site. There are 350 – 450 unique visitors to the site each month. About 17% of these visits are from web robots which are computer programs that collect website information for google, yahoo, and other search engines. The newsletter and hallway information pages are visited most consistently; these change the most. The newsletter is offered in color at the website. Visitors tend to look at several pages when at the site. A history page was added with thanks to Audrey Miklos for lending material. Doug Connery has done a great job of documenting hallway renovations. Thanks to these and the other contributors.

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The domain name (www.standrewsheights.ca) will be up for renewal in September 2008. The 2006 cost associated with domain name registration was \$50 for the 2 years. I host several websites and the incremental cost of standrewsheights.ca is only a few dollars per year which, along with my time, is donated to the community. My only request of executive committee is to consider reimbursement of the domain name registration in September.

I'm happy to receive contributions to the community website and to continue to manage it. However, if member(s) in the community wish to take on or share the role, that would pose no difficulty.

Motion to accept Website Report, moved by Pia Blum seconded by Adev Ahluwalia.
All in favour, motion carried.

VP Planning Non-Residential (Liz Murray)

This is my fourth term as VP of Planning, Non-Residential for St. Andrews Heights. Previous to this, I served 3 terms as VP of Planning and I am currently serving as President. The Non-Residential planning portfolio deals with development by institutions such as Foothills Hospital and the University of Calgary, as well as parks.

Foothills Hospital/University of Calgary

Construction is in progress on the McCaig Tower and should be complete in 2010. The roof may also house the new helicopter landing site.

Stadium Shopping Centre

Plans have been discussed with the surrounding communities for development of the Stadium Mall site. To date, the new owners are proposing 4 new buildings with a total of 37 floors for the site. Discussions are ongoing with the communities and the South Shaganappi group.

Parks

Thank you very much to everyone who helped clean-up the green space along the escarpment and around the hall on May 4th, 2008. A special thanks to Nuria Harrison for organizing the event. Most interesting item was the 4 couches on the toboggan hill with wheels attached.

NeighbourWoods

Thanks to the City for choosing St Andrews to be part of this program last year. Twenty residents received new trees and watering bags under this program for the easement portions of their front lawns. The hall also received 38 new trees being care for by a group of community volunteers for the next 3-5 years.

Park Trees

Two trees at the top of the toboggan hill were poisoned by someone last year and have since died. They were removed last month by the City. Anyone with information on this is encouraged to contact Liz. This is a criminal offence.

Memorial Benches

Thank you to the families of Lynn von Mirbach and Ken Hannigan for the donation of 2 benches in the last year.

Land Use By law review for Residential Districts

The new Land-Use Bylaw came into effect this month. There was a community meeting explaining the new by-laws on September 25th at the school gym. In attendance from the City were Bruce Cooper, Robert Batallas (both part of the new by-law group), Carol McCleary, Druh Farrell and Bill Biccum. About 90 community members were in attendance to hear about the new LUB and ask questions about development in the community.

29th St Bike Lane

The City is proposing to make 29th St 1 lane each way for car traffic from the south Hospital Dr road to Memorial Dr and make the other lane each way into a designated bike route. North of this intersection will remain unchanged. The route will be indicated by a solid white line with bike stencils in the bike lane. A public open house will be held in the next month. Implementation is likely 2009.

Motion to accept VP Planning Report, moved by Louise Parsons seconded by Manford Grote. All in favour, motion carried.

Planning Residential (Bob de Wolff)

This report is for the period from June 1, 2007 through May 31, 2008.

St. Andrews Heights has experienced an increased number of developments over the past 12 months. We continue to use the document "St. Andrew's Heights Development Expectations" as a basis for our feedback to residents, developers and the City. This has met with considerable success in the past two years. In our view, the primary issue is that applicants share their plans with their neighbors and the community early in their planning process.

Developments

There were nine development applications during the past twelve months, a number higher than six applications during the previous twelve months.

The Community Association supported appeals for one development:

Numerous St. Andrews residents and the planning committee initially opposed the development because its design was not consistent with the streetscape and required infill guideline variances. Then, the planning committee and several residents appealed a City approval. The development was turned down at the Subdivision Development Appeal Board hearing. It was reduced in size, applied for under Modest Development Guidelines and approved.

In addition, there were four miscellaneous applications over the same period. Two of these were for side yard relaxations, one for a fence height and one for a home office. We did not oppose any of these applications.

Three development applications were from Development Companies; two of these were approved after considerable negotiations with our committee and the immediate neighbours and the third appears to have been withdrawn. We are actively encouraging these companies to contact the Planning Committee and the immediate neighbours during their planning phase.

Community spirit was maintained and facilitated by the fact that most applicants contacted their neighbours prior to applying to the City, involving them in the process.

Most potential applicants contacted the VP Planning to talk through the development process and to avoid pitfalls. This is highly desirable from the view of our committee.

Development Expectations Document

The community published the “St. Andrews Heights Development Expectations” document on March 18, 2004. It was distributed to all residents, the City, and to realtors commonly selling in St. Andrews. The document is still relevant, and needs no revision. It should be reviewed after the City Bylaws are revised.

We attached a copy of the document to each letter to City Planners commenting on an application. Copies of this document are available from the VP Planning (Residential) upon request.

The Planning Committee

The new City Bylaw and guidelines for Residential development in the established neighbourhoods is in force as of the beginning of June 2008. It establishes a mechanism for affected residents to comment on proposed developments.

The Bylaw mandates that community associations ensure that the City Planners are aware of sensitive community issues affecting development and to comment on any particular development that falls in St. Andrews Heights. The Expectations Document (above) informs our response to the City.

Safety

An unknown number of homes in St. Andrews Heights were insulated using urea-formaldehyde insulation in the 1970s. Some urea-formaldehyde insulation contains unacceptable levels of asbestos. This is not dangerous ‘in-situ’, but must be treated as a hazardous material, if disturbed.

We continue to advise applicants of the potential cost and construction implications.

Land Use Bylaw

The current Bylaw has been under review for the past few years. Our community is one of a small number of inner city communities invited to participate and provide feedback from the community perspective. Liz Murray acted on behalf of our community in the review phase.

The new Land Use Bylaw is now in force. A few highlights include:

All applications that are determined to be ‘in-context’ will be approved. Others will go through a review process. This Bylaw would replace the Bylaw and ‘Modest Development Guidelines’ in use today.

More quantifiable measures define what fits into the neighbourhood context.

Specific rules have been drafted regarding front drive garages.

Landscaping & Tree guidelines. Similar to the old bylaw.

The VP Planning (Residential) maintains a copy of the Bylaw. This is available upon request to any resident.

Motion to accept Planning Residential Report, moved by Ebba Kuiz seconded by Nik Rasula. All in favour, motion carried.

Seniors (Betty Proudfoot)

President Liz, Members of the Board, Ladies and Gentlemen; It is my pleasure to report on behalf of the St. Andrew's Seniors, and also on the St. Andrew's Art Club. The St. Andrew's Seniors may be a small group in number, but these men and women are delightful, welcoming, and interesting, along with being INTERESTED IN THEIR/OUR COMMUNITY.

The pot of coffee, and greetings to any who walk in the door, are first items on the agenda of the day. Although I was out of commission for the past five months, I was able to keep in touch with them, and since beginning to drive again, I have dropped by on two or three occasions. I can tell you that they don't just sit around talking "old folks' talk"... they keep up with current events, have discussions, and ask questions. and always there is laughter, and their pot luck lunches are just excellent.

The St. Andrew's Art Club has had an active year, gaining new members, learning new art forms; how to use the natural world around to paint interesting pictures; encouraging those of us who may be trying a new medium and more. We are so fortunate to have Myrna Johns as our instructor. She is talented, a superb teacher, has a great sense of humour, and lets us take a break for tea and cookies!

We ALL thank Doug Connery for his support, ideas, and hard work, and how this community hall looks so inviting now with the newly covered furniture, the new cushions (thank you Teriesa), and thanks to others who may have had a hand in this upgrade. It's a fun place to come into now. Respectfully Submitted by Betty Proudfoot

Motion to accept Seniors Report, moved by Pia Blum, seconded by Louise Parsons
All in favour, motion carried.

Sports (Adev Ahluwalia)

Soccer:

This year's community soccer program was successfully (so far – we still have the windup (as of this writing)) led by Jaideep Bains. Our overall numbers seemed to be down a bit as there was no U18, U16, U14, or U8 teams this year. This is due to a demographic shift as we are seeing an increase in the starters and U6 groups. Next year we expect to see a U14 team returning, with perhaps some overflow from neighboring communities

Congrats Jaideep on your inaugural season of soccer coordination!!

Ice Rink:

As usual, the community ice rink was managed by Nic Rasula and his team. And, as usual, the community was privileged in having one of the finest non-boarded outdoor ice surfaces in the city. This upcoming year, there has been some discussion about getting new (low height) nets. This would be to continue to encourage spirited spontaneous hockey games, as well as potentially discourage the wild flying pucks. The decision on the nets will be made closer to the winter.

Also, Enmax provides a rebate in the name of “the Rinklighter Program”. We successfully applied for this rebate which helped lower our costs of keeping the lights on the ice. Finally, we’ll be looking into the logistics of using the skate room on a more regular basis. Thanks again to Nic and his team for all the effort put in.

Tennis Courts:

Once again Gisela Durlacher coordinated the Tennis court membership. This year, we have had a bit of a decrease in memberships. This could be because of the wet weather we’ve been having. Or it could be because of people just forgetting to go and get the memberships – as Gisela kindly reminded me to do... oops. We’ve briefly discussed this and we will put up a sign encouraging users of the courts to get a membership. Thanks Gisela!!

Motion to accept Sports Report, moved by Bob DeWolff, seconded by Joan Howarth.
All in favour, motion carried.

Secretary (Michael Fuchs)

Liz has been doing the work of secretary most of this term. I took over the position of Secretary in March of 2008 and have enjoyed the position. I look forward to servicing as Secretary for the coming term.

Communication and Events (Pia Blum)

Volunteer Recognition Night:

On November 14, 2007, we held our yearly Volunteer Recognition Night and at the same time, we had an Open House to celebrate the completed renovations of our community hall that Doug had capably stewarded. The new skating room looked just awesome and can now be used as a separate meeting room if needed. The weather was great, around 60 people showed up for our event. Thanks everybody for coming. Al Rasmuson gave a very interesting presentation on the South Shaganappi Communities Sustainability Plan as well. Everybody enjoyed the evening and the feedback on our renovated hall was just great. Thanks again to all volunteers for making St. Andrews Heights one of the nicest Communities in Calgary.

Wacky Welly:

Our Wacky Welly Winterfest on February 10, 2008, was quite a success. The weather was just great, may be a little cold, but it did not matter to the kids and their parents. We had enough snow so we could play all the nice winter games. We offered snow golf, snow painting, Welly toss, Candy toss, Scavenger Hunt and some more fun games. The ice rink was as always well prepared for our Winterfest thanks to everybody who makes this ice rink the best you can find in Calgary.

Everybody enjoyed the newly renovated hall to warm up after the games. Hot chocolate, coffee, doughnuts and some other munchies were offered as well. Thanks to everybody who came out celebration the Winterfest and the people who gave a helping hand during the Wacky Welly.

Motion to accept Communications and Events Report, moved by Louise Parsons, seconded by Doug Connery, All in favour, motion carried.

Past President (Guy McLaughlin)

No formal report.

President (Liz Murray)

This is my third term as President of the St Andrews Heights Community Association. I was previously VP of Planning, and VP Planning, Non-Residential for St. Andrews Heights.

I have regularly represented St Andrews Heights at the Federation of Calgary Community meetings on behalf of the community. These are forums where a variety of community issues are discussed. The Ward 7 meetings have been discontinued.

SAHCA By-Laws

The SAHCA by-laws were successfully change after the 2007 AGM to allow us to hold the AGM meeting any time during the month of June. The SAHCA Board also changed the Past-President position to give the person holding the position voting rights and signing authority. This was done to allow the CA to function in the absence of a treasurer and when other board positions are unfilled.

Playground

The remaining playground items were complete last summer with the installation of 2 triple hoop structures at the school and the donor plaque. The remaining playground funds were used to install 2 picnic tables in front of the hall, 2 between the rink and tennis courts and a garbage can behind the hall. We have had some noise problems late at night at the playground site so we requested the City install signs indicating the park is closed from 11 pm to 5 am. Residents need to call 266-1234 and report trespassers.

CRC

St Andrews was assigned a new Community Recreation Coordinator – welcome to Terry Laporte who has been working with us since last summer and thanks to Brenda Jay who has moved on to a new position.

Hall

The hall was the target of a break-in in late July last summer. Thanks to Gisella who noticed someone in the hall at 2 am and called police. The damage was restricted to the side window and a can of beans. Thanks to Jeff Gehl who cleaned up the mess. Those responsible were not caught.

We have had some complaints about use of the gravel parking lot east of the hall during weekday working hours. Hall renters and community residents have expressed concern that the parking lot is full from hospital staff during these times and is not available for use by others. This is a City parking lot and the CA has no control over it. The Board and the City are discussing a permit system for this lot which will create a lot of extra work for the CA to administer.

Graffiti

There is an alarming amount of graffiti in the community over the last several months. Community residents must report the location of graffiti to 311 in order for it to be cleaned up. If you see this happening – call 911.

Concert at McMahon Stadium

There will be a rock concert at McMahon Stadium on July 26th. The community has been contacted by the stadium to address potential concerns.

Recycling

For the last several years there has been a leaf and pumpkin recycling depot in the gravel parking lot east of the hall. We have had problems with Christmas trees being left there so a tree drop off will be established at that site this year. We've also had problems with illegal dumping in the parking lot and at the newspaper bin. The bin is for newspaper and magazines only – other recycling can be done at the bins east of Sears.

Thank you to **Nik Rasula** and his team for a great ice rink season.

Thank you to **John Howarth** for organizing this year's Community Membership Drive.

Thank you to **Gwen and Jeff Schaefer** and their team of volunteers for organizing the garage sale.

Thank you to **Jaideep Bains** who organized soccer this year.

Thank you to **Heather McQuay** the hall coordinator

Thank you to **Gwen Schaefer** who is the newsletter editor and **Jeff Schaefer** who created and upkeepes the new St Andrews website and to both for doing the garage sale.

Thank you to the Community Executive for all their hard work and to all the community volunteers who help make St Andrews such a great place to live. Special thanks to **Gord Miller** who stepped in to take on the treasurer's position and **Colleen Whitaker** who does all the book keeping for us.

Motion to accept Presidents Report, moved by Louise Parsons, seconded by Gitte Juliem. All in favour, motion carried.

Membership (John Howarth)

With the help of 21 community volunteers (2 new) most of the neighbourhood houses were canvassed between October 1 and 20, the official dates of the drive, and all were done within a few days after that. To date the results are as follows:

Family Memberships	185 @ \$25 =	\$4625.00
Senior Memberships	96 @ \$15 =	\$1440.00
Additional Family Members	3 @ \$ 5 =	\$ 10.00
Donations made in addition to fees (3)		<u>\$ 40.00</u>
Total fees collected to date:		<u>\$6115.00</u>

A total of 281 households are represented (283 Family, Senior and Additional members) for the 2007-2008 membership year which runs from October to October. At 69.4% of the 405 homes, this is slightly down from the 71.4% attained in last year's drive. Although most returns are in, it is expected that several more memberships will be sold by the end of the fiscal year (March 31), so final results could yet equal last year.

Other Neighbourhood Statistics:

Seniors: 109 households (27% of all homes) identified themselves as Seniors.

Letters Left/Returned for Residents who were out when visited: 76/16 letters (19% of all homes / 21% of all letters were returned which is below last year's 38% returns). An additional 10 people used the form inserted in the Newsletter (up from 7 in 2006).

Vacant houses or soon to be so (various reasons: moved or moving; renos, 2nd homes): 26 houses or (6.4%).

Occupied, but expressed no interest in membership: 39 homes (9.6%); cf. 33 in 2006, 34 in 2005, 36 in 2004.

Total of these 2 categories: 65 homes (16%); cf. 54 in 2006, 56 in 2005.

Comments on the Drive:

1. There were no concerns passed on to me from residents by the canvassers. However, one person was exceptionally rude to a canvasser – something which happens very rarely, I am happy to be able to say. We handle this kind of situation in the future by just leaving the “sorry we missed you” letter in the mailbox.
2. Additional Family Memberships (2 sold) continue to be of little interest to residents.
3. I have updated the Community List of residents' names with the information provided to the canvassers during the Drive and indicated current members. I have passed it on to Heather McQuay (Hall rentals) and Liz Murray (Association President).
4. The volunteer canvassers are listed on page 2.

Membership Receipts to date for Fiscal Year 2007-2008

The Community's fiscal year starts in the spring. This creates a reporting issue as the memberships run October to October.

Membership Receipts from Spring 2007, primarily for soccer (expired): \$ 325 *

Membership Receipts from 2007-2008 Drive as reported above (current): \$6115

Total Membership Receipts for Fiscal 2007-2008 to date: \$6440

(* Correction: previously reported to Executive on Aug. 27, 2007 to be \$300.)

John Howarth.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

The following residents put their names forward as having interest in volunteer positions and/or future work in the Community during the recent Membership Drive.

Baking	Leslie Blair: 289-4127
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This Year's Volunteer Canvassers (and their e-mail addresses) are:

James	BIERWIRTH	Not Used
Isabella	BISHOP	ibishop@bowvalleycollege.ca
Don	BLOOR	donbloor@shaw.ca
Pia	BLUM	piablum@shaw.ca
Jane	BROWNE	dajabrowne@shaw.ca
Merrill	COOPER	merrillcooper@shaw.ca
Karen	DURBENIUK	gkdurbeniuk@shaw.ca
Geoff	FRASER	sdfraser@telus.net
Elsie	GORSLINE	Not Used
Ken	GROGAN	Not Used
Jennifer	HAMBLIN	hamblinfamily@hotmail.com
Constance	HARPER	constanceharper@shaw.ca
Susan	MacCULLOCH	shmacculloch@shaw.ca
Heather	McQUAY	heather.mcquay@divestco.com
Teriesa	MILLS	millconn@telus.net
Liz	MURRAY	lizmurray@shaw.ca
Terry	NAIL	tfn@telusplanet.net
Joanna	NG	ng_joana@shaw.ca
Anita	SCOTT-DOUGLAS	NScott-Douglas@shaw.ca
Margot	SKINNER	margotskinner@shaw.ca
Kathy	YUZDA	lyuzda@telus.net

Motion to accept Membership Report, moved by Louise Parsons, seconded by Doug Connery. All in favour, motion carried.

Garage Sale (Jeff Schaefer and Gwen Schaefer)

The St Andrews Heights Community Garage Sale was held on June 7, 2008. The event was coordinated by Gwen and Jeff Schaefer who were grateful to the community members who contributed their time and expertise. Despite the pouring rain and cool temperature, the garage sale raised \$950 for the community association. Many thanks to those who donated and purchased items. Photos of the garage sale are available on the community web site.

Motion to accept Garage Sale Report, moved by Pia Blum, seconded by Bob DeWolff.
All in favour motion carried

4. **Q & A**

Karin Goodrich

Suggest fundraising that she started in 1992 to be carried forward, selling reusable bags for \$10.00 with \$2.00 of the proceeds going to the community association. Karin suggested that it goes in the September Newsletter.

Paper Bins collects garbage. Karin cleaned up cardboard and found shipping labels on the cardboard. She called the people and informed them that this was not acceptable practice.

Karin delivered 216 welcome packages over 9 years. Association thanks her for her efforts.

Suggestion for residents and professional lawn companies to not blow lawn clippings into the street that will wash down the street.

5. Presentation of Slate and Election of Officers

The 2007/2008 Executive will be as follows:

President	Liz Murray
Past-President	Guy McLaughlin
Secretary	Michael Fuchs
Treasurer	Gitte Gulien
VP – Sports	Adev Ahluwalia
VP – Facilities	Doug Connery
VP – Planning Residential	Bob de Wolff
VP – Planning Non-Res	Liz Murray
VP – Communications/Events	Pia Blum
VP – Seniors	vacant

No further nominations: three times. **Ebba Kuiz** motioned to accept, seconded by Mary Stokes. All in favour, unanimously carried.

Al Rasmuson thanked the board for all of their hard work.

6. Adjournment – 8:55 pm

Adev Ahluwalia motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Michael Fuchs.