

CMGRA Foundation Meeting Summary

After realizing that there was no active RA between Chartwell and Maple Grove, our organization was established in April of this year by a group of concerned residents whose objective was to inform and represent the residents within our boundaries.

We identified the power plant, the planned Edgemere development, and the proposed school closures as our major issues.

With Doug MacKenzie elected as our president, we immediately began our campaign to raise awareness and objection to the proposed power plant through various activities including the circulation of a petition; organizing public events such as drive-thru petition signing at Chisholm Educational Centre and the rallies in Mississauga and Oakville; encouraging other Oakville RA's to join us; and lobbying local politicians to take a stand. Eventually this became such a big issue that we decided it was necessary to form a much broader-based organization to deal exclusively with the power plant fight. C4CA was formed under the leadership of Doug MacKenzie who stepped down temporarily as President of CMGRA.

On the Edgemere issue, the developer appealed to the OMB to approve his plan to build a 103-unit multi-residential condominium complex on the former Mattamy property. CMGRA was very concerned over the precedence that this would set for infill development in our community, so we joined the OMB appeal as a Party. This step required us to incorporate and obtain legal counsel.

Although our organization was formed late in the process, we participated in the debate over the proposed closures of several local public schools.

In October of this year, we applied for and received our incorporation papers. As this requires us to formally adopt a set of bylaws and to establish a duly elected Board of Directors, we will deal with both of these items tonight.

In addition, we would like to achieve broader participation from our community, and there are several opportunities for you to get involved. We have a slate of nominees for the board of directors, but would like to see an additional one to two directors added this evening. We are particularly looking for persons to get involved in membership development and corporate administration. Additional opportunities which will make a difference in this community are volunteers on committees focused on zoning and schools.

We would also like to establish a network of street captains to assist in building membership and to circulate information to non-members and those without email.

Finally, when donating your time isn't possible, a financial donation is always welcome. We do try to rely on local expertise, but this isn't always possible. As situations arise, we may need professional advice and, as we all know, lawyers and consultants are expensive.