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**URA Member Meeting Minutes**  
**May 2, 2016**  
**Pan Am Centre**

**URA Directors:**

Alick Siu, Gene Genin, Tom Davies, Adam Poon, Donna Day & Reid McAlpine  
Regrets: Karen Lui, Peter Miasek, Keing Li, Kanthini Rajakanthan

**Elected Officials:**

Councillors: Don Hamilton (Ward 3) and Karen Rea (Ward 4)

**Attendance:** Approximately 23 members

**1. President's Introduction**

The meeting was called to order by URA President, Alick Siu, at 7:05 PM. Alick welcomed members and elected officials.

**2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Members reviewed and approved the April 4, 2016 meeting minutes.

**3. Membership Report**

No Report was presented at the meeting.

**4. Treasurer's Report**

No Report was presented at the meeting.

**5. Charter Amendment for URA Name Change**

To modernize the URA's brand, President, Alick Siu, proposed a motion to change the association's name from Unionville Ratepayers Association to Unionville Residents Association.

Motion: That the Unionville Ratepayers Association be renamed the Unionville Residents Association.

Moved by: Reid McAlpine

Seconded by: Adam Poon

**Motion carried.**

## **6. Committee Reports & Focus Topics**

### 6.1 Zoning By-law Review

Alick provided an update on the City's plans to update zoning by-laws and the URA's interest in topics such as rooming houses, set-backs and tree preservation. The URA plans to submit a deputation on these topics along with the need to strengthen penalties for by-law infractions. For some infractions, the penalties are no longer a deterrent.

### 6.2 Tree Preservation

Reid updated members on the issues with the City's current approach to tree preservation. The "Trees for Tomorrow" program allows for the removal of all trees in return for "suitable" compensation from the property developer.

In the Fred Varley development, the lack of any setback for below ground parking permitted construction to adjoin the property line thereby eliminating any possibility of tree replacement.

### 6.3 Toogood Pond Skating

Reid confirmed that despite several meetings with the City, no progress has been made. Next meeting is scheduled for mid-June.

## **7. Council Updates**

Councillor Don Hamilton confirmed that a rooming house zoning sub-committee has been organized with York University participation. The sub-committee has not published any recommendations at this time.

## **8. New Business**

None.

## **9. Meeting Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM

## **10. Transportation Sub-Committee Update**

URA Director, Tom Davies, provided an update on the Transportation sub-committee's progress. So far the sub-committee has identified and prioritized issues affecting traffic and transportation in Unionville. Invitations to relevant region and Metrolinx officials to address the committee issues have been extended.

## **11. OMB Reform**

To address the increasing rate in official plans being overturned by the OMB, Karen Rae, Councillor for Ward 4, will be participating in municipal planning summit. The objective of the summit is to develop and submit, by September, OMB reform recommendations. 120 municipalities will be participating in the mid-May summit. Since abolishing the OMB is highly unlikely, the best outcome is to limit the OMB's jurisdiction and thereby reduce the likelihood of official plans being undone by the OMB.