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**Draft Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the
Centretown Citizens Communication Association
McNabb Community Centre
November 18 2014, 19:00 to 21:00**

Presiding CCCA Board Member: Patricia Marsden-Dole

Corporate Secretary: Graham Pressey

CCCA Members Signed Up and Present: Tim Abray, Charles Akben-Marchand , David Avery, Nick Bachusky, Michael Bell, Judy Bernstein, Valerie Blazeski , Anne Burnett, Helen Campbell, Sara Caverley, Jordan Charbonneau, Jean Christie, Victoria Cole, Edward Conway, Michael Daudlin, Geraldine Davidson, Jean-Phillip Davis, Rob Dekker, Jared Denison, Matt Denison, George Domaiadzki, Steven Dwyer, Mark Egener, Mark Elson, Norm Fee, Judy Forrest, Andrew Giguere, Peter Gillich, Katharine Gourlie, Robert Gow, Abram Greenspoon, Yvette Hackett, Suzanne Harding, Adam Harris, Geoff Heintzman, Brendan Hennigan, Julie Hong, Paul Jensen, Susan Jessop, Stephanie Jones, John Kearney, Carol Kerfoot, Michelle Kirkman, Mitchell Kutney, Charles La Salle, Winn Lambert-Meek, Georgia Lay, William LeDrew, Nick Lapan, Bonnie Mabee, Heather MacDonald, Patricia Marsden-Dole, Maria Luisa Marti, Maureen Martyn, Jennifer Matsunaga, Daphne McCree, Jane & Hunter McGill, Thomas McVeigh, Paul Mennier, Jeff Morrison, Alice Nakanishi, Nancy Neville, Glenn Noakes, Maria Olive, Jay Potter, Graham Pressey, Anthony Raso, Silviu Riley, Glen Robinson, Vicki Robinson, Eric Rowell, Liz Ruddick, Eleanor Sawyer, Michel-Adrien Sheppard, Mindy Sichel, Steve Skorenky, Joan Spice, Dennis Stec, Sandra Stec, Markus Streibel, Nathalie Thirlwall, Stephen Thirlwall, Sharon Virtue, Drina Wethey, Tom Whillans and Doris Zastre. (86 members)

1. **Call to Order:** Patricia Marsden-Dole welcomed all present and called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. She drew attention to the screen where the various items, motions and reports included in the AGM agenda would be projected throughout the meeting.
2. **Tribute to outgoing Councillor Diane Holmes:** The AGM heard tributes from Gerry Ohlsen and Brian Bourns. CCCA Member Georgia Lay presented Diane Holmes with a certificate conferring a lifetime honorary membership in the CCCA in recognition of her continuous support for the and her exemplary service for her community for over 30 years.
3. **Adoption of the Agenda and Approval of Minutes from the 2013 Annual general meeting:** A motion to adopt the agenda was moved by Paul Mennier and seconded by Tom Whillans. Carried.

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4. **Executive Reports:** Patricia Marsden-Dole drew the attention of the meeting to the Executive Reports from the President, Treasurer and Corporate and Membership Secretary, included in the Agenda package for the AGM. Treasurer Paul Mennier provided an overview of the CCCA Financial Statements for August 30 2014 to August 30 2015. Motion: Norm Fee moved and Adam Harris seconded a motion to approve the Financial Statements. Carried.

5. Elections for President and Board Directors

5.1 President: Patricia Marsden-Dole indicated that Rob Dekker and Thom McVeigh, both of whom had served on the CCCA Board in past years, had submitted bios indicating their interest in the position and their experience and qualifications. She called three times for nominations from the floor. There being none, nominations were closed. Both candidates made brief presentations and answered questions from the floor. Ballots were distributed and counted. Thom McVeigh was elected as President for a one-year term. Ballots were destroyed.

5.2 Board Directors: Seven candidates were nominated for six vacant positions. After three calls for further nominations and no response, the candidates were invited to make brief statements. Member Judy Bernstein spoke on behalf of Judy Forrest who was absent. Ballots were distributed and counted and the following members were elected to the Board for two year terms: Tim Abray, Michael Daudlin, Rob Dekker, Judy Forrest, Mitchell Kutney and Maria Luisa Marti. Ballots were destroyed.

6. Key Note Speaker Catherine McKenney, Councillor-Elect for Somerset Ward

Ms. McKenney spoke to the AGM about her plans and priorities.

She intends to continue the Minto Park sale. She looks forward to listening to and drawing on the expertise of the community association.

She is looking forward to forming a coalition of likeminded Councillors to work together for a strong urban core. The Councillors of Rideau-Rockcliffe, Rideau-Vanier, Kitchissippi, Capital and Somerset Wards will form this "Urban Caucus". The new light rail will be the first opportunity in decades to change how we move through the city. We need to think of sidewalks as public spaces and respond to the needs of pedestrians with better winter maintenance, wider sidewalks, tree canopies and automatic pedestrian signals. As well, there needs to be more investment in cycling infrastructure so that people have the option to leave their cars at home.

On development, Ms. McKenney will work to ensure that new developments enhance the character of existing neighborhoods; to encourage the provision of appropriate housing for

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everyone from all walks of life, and to encourage and make new investments in affordable housing.

Ms. McKenney believes that engaging the community associations and all residents will help the Urban Caucus make headway. She would like to identify 10-12 minor initiatives or projects that the community could undertake without the necessary need for Council approval or large infrastructure investments to make a difference in the community

She would like to see more Centretowners participating in the budget consultation meetings so that our voices are heard. Living downtown should mean that you can spend your entire day downtown without having to leave the core. While that means different things to different people, it is about making sure everyone's needs are met.

Ms. McKenney answered several questions from the floor.

- 7. **Standing Committee Reports:** As time was running out, Patricia Marsden-Dole drew attention to the extensive Committee reports included in the agenda from the Planning, Seniors, Transportation, and Trees and Greenspace Committees and invited members to speak with Committee chairs after the meeting or send in any questions they might have.
- 8. **Report on OMB Appeal:** CCCA Member Joan Spice, who had testified as witness for the CCCA at the Appeal Hearing, summarized highlights of the CCCA participation in the appeal process and answered questions from the floor.
- 9. **Adjournment:** The agenda having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.