

## **Welcome and Introductions**

Domenic Natale, President of WORA, welcomed approximately 100 attendees to WORA's 15<sup>th</sup> AGM at St Thomas Church Community Hall in Shanty Bay.

The members of the Board of Directors introduced themselves: Domenic Natale, Ron Golden, Kelly Lazar, Helena Lazar, Michael Higgins, Bill Forster, Judi Bolton, Frank Hutcheson, and Anne Golden (Advisory).

Domenic introduced previous Board members, members of Partner groups, including Aware, the Simcoe County Greenbelt Coalition, and The Nottawasaga Conservation Authority, and guests, including candidates Sandy Agnew and Bruce Wiggins whom WORA has agreed to support in the upcoming municipal election. A third candidate from Ward 3, Cathy Keane was introduced and Domenic offered to meet with her to assess whether her platform aligns with WORA's mandate and concerns.

## **Association Business**

Kelly Lazar provided the **Treasurer's Report** and Financial Statements as of June 30, 2018, copies of which were distributed. Motion to approve by Kelly, seconded by Judi Bolton and carried unanimously. Kelly moved that Glen W. Wickins be retained as WORA's External Accountant for fiscal 2019; motion seconded and carried.

**Election of Officers:** One new Board member, Wendy McKay, was elected as WORA's ninth Board member. Otherwise there were no changes to the existing Board.

**Ratification of Board decisions and activities:** Frank Hutcheson moved that all decisions and activities of the WORA Board from inception to today be ratified by the Association members present. Motion seconded and carried.

## **Guest Speaker, David Crombie, Chair, Ontario's Greenbelt Council**

David began by congratulating the candidates running in the upcoming O-M election, noting that political elections are tougher today, and that there are more critics. He described his personal connection to the Barrie and Shanty Bay area through his wife's family.

David explained the origin and rationale for the review of the four provincial growth plans (Niagara Escarpment, Oak Ridges Moraine, Greenbelt, Growth Plan) affecting the Greater Golden Horseshoe, an immense area comprising 2/3 of Ontario's population and accounting for 75% of Ontario's GDP. These planning efforts to manage the enormous and relentless growth in the region have been and should be viewed as non-partisan; the first two plans were brought in by Conservative governments and the last two by the Liberals.

The Panel, which David chaired, worked for two years, consulting extensively with the public. The Panel's Report *Planning for Health, Prosperity and Growth: In the Greater Golden Horseshoe 2014-2015* was submitted to the Liberal Government in late 2016. The Panel's conclusions were unanimous with 87 recommendations focused specifically on *how* to manage the forecasted growth (from 9.0 to 13.5 m people by 2041.) The recommendations were organized around seven themes including: Growing the Greenbelt; Complete Communities; Protecting Agriculture; there was no specific section on Climate Change, rather it was woven into the entire report.

The Wynne Government embraced David's report and issued its own report incorporating the Panel's conclusions. The Government set up the Greenbelt Advisory Council and asked David to serve as Chair. The impact of the election and the Conservative victory on the new Council is unknown.

To understand what is at stake for us and why this Report is important, we need to remember that our world is constantly changing; technology continues to transform our world (as trains and cars did in past centuries). How to protect our relationship with ecology – at the same time having regard for the economy and community – is the challenge. To find a balanced approach in our land use planning we must integrate the perspectives of economy, ecology and community.

#### **Live Auction, Barbara Richards, Auctioneer**

Judi Bolton introduced Barbara, Professional Auctioneer. Barbara was a most entertaining and persuasive auctioneer and the auction was a great success, raising \$3650! We also raised \$870 from dues and donations, for a total of \$4520.

**Municipal Election Delegates: Bruce Wiggins (Councillor Ward 4) and Sandy Agnew (O-M Mayor).** Bruce and Sandy each made brief presentations which were very well received by those present.

#### **Other Business:**

A member brought up the issue of the marijuana grow-op that was allowed on Line 7, without consultation with neighbours affected. The noxious intrusion effects are forcing her to move. When she wrote to John Crawford to complain about the grow-op and its impact, he responded "good luck in your new location". The audience was appalled to hear this; the story confirmed Mr. Crawford's indifference to legitimate resident concerns.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.