

June 9<sup>th</sup> was Glens 2009 Annual General Meeting and what a success it was! The turnout was fantastic, one of our best in years (parking at the premium), with between 200 and 300 residents (depending on who counted) and 5 guests in attendance, including our MPP Lisa MacLeod, Councillor Gord Hunter, Constable Tara McDougall (Community Police), Michael Kearney (City of Ottawa) and Brent Loney (Dillon Consulting). Very special thanks to everyone who came out and participated. It was wonderful to have so many enthusiastic presenters and neighbours meeting together, discussing the challenges associated with development of our community.

Our elected official expressed delight at the healthy attendance which showed that the traditional strength of Glens remains intact and community continues to be vocal on important civic issues. An enthusiastic audience of residents took the floor to raise their concerns, pose questions and explain their views – often punctuated with applause from the audience.

Despite evident frustration on the topic of municipal servicing and its recurring theme, residents demonstrated a clear consensus of opinion and fighting spirit during the proceedings to counteract changing the status quo. It seems that residents do not want municipal water and sewer services, and are adamantly against the City of Ottawa's policy that current community residents must pay for the exorbitant cost of local improvements to bring water and services into the community. As one resident eloquently explained, such improvement would be on City property, provide new infrastructure that would benefit future homeowners, likely increase municipal taxes on our properties, and generate user fees. In this light, many would see the City's policy in this regard as an unfair cost to current homeowners, a short-sighted approach, and wrong public policy. Final survey results will be posted on the Association website as soon as they are available, and will be announced in the next newsletter.

Overall the night was a huge success. We may not have resolved all challenges but the Association's mandate is clear. Once again, the community stood united expressing residents vision for the future of the Glens. Hopefully, we will continue in to see such outstanding turnouts at future Annual General Meetings. Well done, everyone!

Have a look at some pics from that night below.