



**We live in interesting times. To cope, we recommend our
Neighbourhood Pub Night at the Clarkson Pump & Patio
This Thursday, April 3rd at 7pm**

PUB NIGHT

**FREE
WINGS**



**We'll supply the wings. You get your beverage.
We all supply the friendly conversation.**

Spring '25 Neighbourhood News

Our goal as a Ratepayers association is to be a group who helps make our neighbourhood a better place.

We do events to build community and help you better know your neighbours. CFSRA advocates and liases with local government on matters of shared interest. We have fun.

Thank You

- to the more than 35 residents who came out to our 50th Anniversary Dinner & AGM in November
- to the more than 75 residents who came to our End of Summer Ice Cream Party in September

Upcoming Events

- Thursday, April 3rd - 7pm:
CFSRA Pub Night at Clarkson Pump & Patio
- Sunday, April 27th - 2pm - **Hindhead Park Party** – Park Clean-up, Treasure Hunt, Games, Refreshments & More.
- Saturday, June 7th: **Neighbourhood Garage Sale**. Look for treasures on participating streets: April, Balsam, Hartland, Hindhead, Welwyn & Whittington

Neighbours Making a Difference

- We had our best winter in years at the Hindhead Park skating rink. Massive thanks are due to the dedicated team of volunteers who prepared and maintained the rink all season including: Jim L., Richard B., Jimmy F., Brian M., and Bobby A.

Hindhead Park Playground News

An upgrade to Hindhead Park Playground is scheduled in 2025, according to the City of Mississauga. The planned playground replacement will include the following accessible improvements:

- Engineered Wood Fibre safety surfacing (EWF)
- Accessible swing
- Ground-level play pieces, including crawl tubes, spring toys and sensory & tactile play pieces
- Junior and senior play structures with accessible transfer stations
- Sand play, where space allows
- Ramp and paved accessible routes, including a paved connection to Balsam Ave.
- Seating for users and caregivers

Showing Some Love to the Nine Creeks Trail

Richard Birchall, a past CFSRA President, is leading an initiative to encourage residents who enjoy our lovely Nine Creeks Trail (from Winston Churchill to near Mississauga Road) to do a bit of clean-up. He'll be putting posters up along the trail, and suggests doing a bit of clean-up on Easter Weekend, Earth Day, or during our Park Social & Clean-up Party on April 27th. For info and trash bags contact Richard at 416-418-7109.

CFSRA Board of Directors		
Member	Role	Address
Tanya Caruana	Director	1886 Hindhead Road
Johanna Clement	Director	1910 Hindhead Road
Bill & Muriel Chudiak	Director	1934 Hartland
Graham Nickalls	Treasurer	1863 Balsam
Don Cudmore	President	1186 Welwyn Drive
Heather Stewart	Secretary	1054 Welwyn Drive
Kathleen Cranmer	Director	1192 Welwyn Drive
Risa MacDonald	Director	1174 Welwyn Drive

Changes to How We Collect Membership Dues

CFSRA relies on a very modest amount of dues from member families. To simplify the administration of dues, and to save on credit card fees, we are making the following changes:

- We will collect membership dues in September each year.
- Dues will be by e-transfer to clarksonfairfieldsratedpayers@gmail.com (please include an obvious security question like "What year is it?"). You can also pay by cash and drop it off at the mailbox of our President (1186 Welwyn) or Treasurer (1863 Balsam).
- We will have a suggested minimum donation, but will be happy to accept more than that, as with more funds we can offer more free food at events.

Recent City Council Debate on the new Official Plan

At City Council on March 24, the Planning and Development Committee voted to adopt the Proposed Mississauga Official Plan 2051. A controversial aspect of it concerns changing zoning of all residential properties to potentially enable mixed use (small scale retail, small scale services) and multiplex development. It's a complex issue that is difficult to convey in a brief newsletter. Ultimately, it comes down to the tension between maintaining the character of established neighbourhoods versus the reality that our city is unaffordable for many young families (including many of our own adult children).

To get a sense of this, you can watch the council meeting recording online (e.g. watch from 3hr 16 min mark through to the 3hr 28 min mark, accessing the video at the QR code). Ultimately, our councillor, Alvin Tedjo, voted for the Official Plan. Councillor Stephen Dasko was the lone dissenter.

