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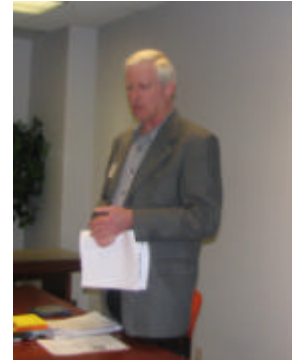
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MEMBER UPDATE

F.U.N. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This meeting was held on Saturday, May 5th, 2007 at North York Civic Centre, 5100 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ontario. Toronto Councillor Cliff Jenkins brought greetings to the meeting and urged the members of the Federation to become more involved in local politics as well as lobbying for changes to the Municipal Elections Act to prohibit donations from corporations. He also suggested a need to support development charges to fund infrastructure and facilities especially for new condominiums.



Councillor Cliff Jenkins



President William Phillips

President William Phillips summarized the activities of F.U.N. over the past year, which included attempts to reform the Municipal Elections Act, the OMB and land planning in Ontario. He also noted that F.U.N. had supported the work of the Citizens' Forum on Electoral Reform. Phillips spoke forcefully about the need to take drastic action to counteract global warming, including conservation efforts and shifts away from fossil fuels to clean energy such as nuclear power.



Treasurer Archie Campbell presented the financial statements and auditor's report to the meeting and noted that the Federation was in a financially sound position because of the low costs of running an energy efficient organization using the Internet and conference call Executive Committee meetings. Consequently, annual membership dues were confirmed at the present \$50 per member association. The 2007-2008 Budget was approved and Carol Sissons of Ottawa was appointed auditor for 2007-2008.

Representatives attended the AGM from Guelph, Hamilton, London, Ottawa, Scarborough, Toronto and Kitchener-Waterloo.

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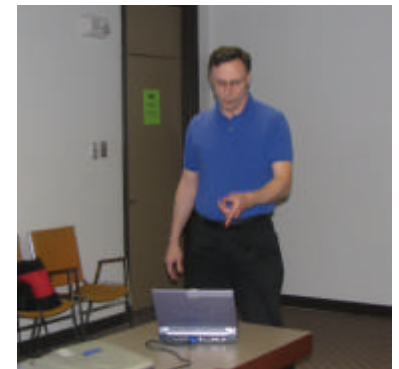
The following were elected to the F.U.N. Executive Committee: President - William Phillips (Toronto); Vice-President - Ernie Dyck (Kitchener-Waterloo); Secretary – Amy Kempster (Ottawa); Treasurer – Archie Campbell (Ottawa); Membership Secretary – Sonja MacDonald (Hamilton); Past President – Gloria McGinn-McTeer (London); Members-At-Large – John Caron (Guelph), Michael Kilpatrick (Scarborough); Rob Payne (Hamilton). A unanimous motion of thanks to former Secretary and retiring Executive Committee member Susan Bentley and to retiring Membership Secretary Janice Brown for their huge contributions and dedicated support of the Federation over its past five years of existence.

Following the adjournment of the annual meeting, the President introduced Barry Koen-Butt, Executive Lead, Communications for the Secretariat, Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform who explained how the Assembly was chosen and the many weekends of dedicated effort devoted by the 104 members of the Assembly in arriving at its recommendations. Barry also outlined the way a Mixed-Member Proportional system (MMP) would operate to balance both having a representative elected from each riding and ensuring that proportionate representation is honoured. The Final Report of the Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform will be presented to the Ontario Government on May 15, 2007 and its recommendation will be put before the people of Ontario on Election Day in October 2007. The F.U.N. Executive Committee was so impressed by the MMP system recommended by the Assembly that it unanimously voted to support the MMP recommendation. The Executive Committee was very appreciative of all of the time and effort expended by the Assembly members and staff. For further information, see www.citizensassembly.gov.on.ca.



Barry Koen-Butt presents a slideshow outlining the work of the Citizens' Assembly and its recommended MMP system for electing Ontario MPPs

Next came the luncheon which was sponsored by the President's organization, the South Rosedale Ratepayers' Association and prepared by his wife, Sophia. CORRA and FONTRA arranged the venue. The luncheon speaker was Michael Kilpatrick (right), Chair of the Scarborough Communities Association. Using a computer slideshow, Michael emphasized the need for improved services for suburban areas in Toronto and emphasized the need for the development of sustainable communities with appropriate facilities and services within walking distance. He also argued against the construction of more high-rise condominiums as being unsuitable for sustainable growth and suggested that high-density development could be accommodated using low-rise buildings.



The following are a few photos taken at the F.U.N. 2007 Annual General Meeting:

