

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Don McVie
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MIRANET is a network of Mississauga residents and ratepayer groups dedicated to giving every citizen in our city the opportunity to be informed and engaged in civic matters that affect them. We currently have over two dozen registered member associations from throughout the City.

MIRANET is committed to forging effective working relationships with the various levels of government; to the sharing of information between residents associations comprised of regular citizens and the governments that represent them; to fostering and encouraging the development of forums for community engagement and to sharing and benchmarking best practices aimed at achieving these goals. MIRANET is a non-partisan organization and as such does not endorse any specific candidate or political party seeking public office. We are, however, committed to encouraging broad public participation in the electoral process and dedicated to the ideal of effective good government.

MIRANET is a collective without a conventional hierarchical structure. Our flat structure relies on distributed leadership through our subcommittees which in turn collaborate via the Steering Committee. Our Secretary serves as the facilitator for the group and is frequently tasked as our Spokesperson in many instances. We are fortunate to have had an outstanding Secretary in the person of Dorothy Tomiuk who was a prime mover in the formation of MIRANET in early 2008 and a mainstay of our evolution ever since.

The Governance Subcommittee found its origins in the original Terms of Reference subcommittee. Our role has been to continuously monitor and periodically update the structural context in which the MIRANET operates.

Tonight, your Governance Subcommittee proposes a slate for the roles of Secretary and for Treasurer for the next year. We propose that Dorothy Tomiuk continue in her position as Secretary to MIRANET and that John Briers from Churchill Meadows take over as Treasurer.

Are there any other nominations? Discussion? I would call for a vote. Would all those in favour please raise your voting cards? Opposed? Carried.

Governance Subcommittee:

Don McVie, Vice-President – Port Credit Village Residents' Association (PCVRA)
Peter Walton, President – East Collegeway Ratepayers Association (ECRA)
George Podbereski, President – Lisgar Residents' Association (LRA)