

November-December 1978

Don Area CO-Op Housing Incorporated

255 Carlton St. (Rear)

Carmel Hill, Ruth Stanners, Sharon Cunningham,

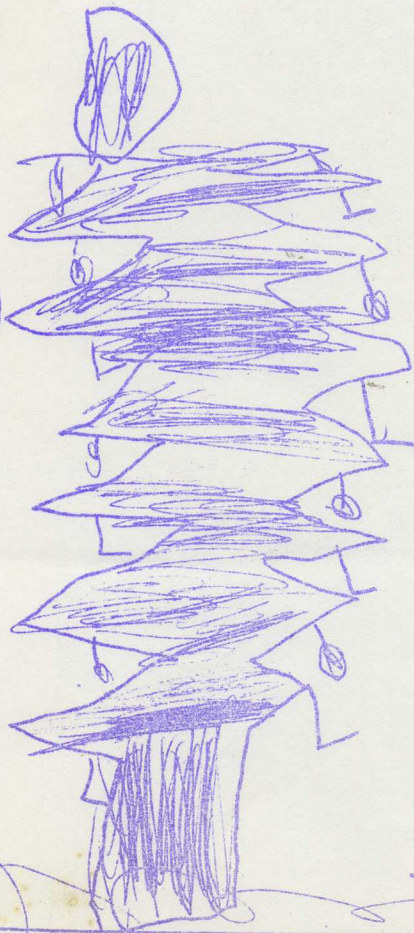
Rudi Stocking, D. Cross.

The

DACHI NEWS

a girl and her Christmas tree

wishes you the best for the season



Board Briefs



There has been so much water under the bridge since the last edition of the DACHI NEWS, that Board Briefs may be ~~Bored~~ Bored Briefs for certain. Because of this, just the highlights of the past meetings will be noted. For further explanation, contact a member of the Board of Directors or visit the office and read the complete minutes there.

The special general meeting ^{was} held on Sept. 18 with forty Dachi members attending. Geoff Stanners was the chairman for the evening so that members of Dachi directly concerned with the matter of the meeting could speak freely. The meeting had been called at the request of Irene and Bill Lee so that they could present an appeal to reverse the Board's decision to evict them for the non-payment of rent arrears. After considerable debate, the Board's motion to evict the Lees was up held by the membership. The Lees were given notice to vacate 16 Dermott Place on Nov. 30, 1978. (Gadfly also

The regular general meeting of the Board was held October 23 with Rudi Stocking, Grant Pattingale, Kay Battle, Beverly Marshall, Francis Rukevina, Krishna Gandhi, Mike Turner and Robert Spurll present. The Arrears Committee presented its report. The chairman of that committee, Bill Klein stated that he needed two more members for the committee. Irene Lee presented the membership report and recommended that Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hartman be accepted as members in unit 263A Carlton St.

Rudi Stocking gave the financial report which indicated a loss for the month of September due to the new construction and demolition of 12 Dermott. However, he indicated that Dachi was still within its budget. Helmut Soldwisch, property manager stated that at that point, there was 100 percent occupancy at Dachi.

Several relocations were approved. Mike Halloran from 259D Carlton to 275D Carlton, Andy Stanley to 259A Carlton, both for Dec. 1. Also, speaking of relocations, the Dachi bank account was moved from the Bay and College Branch of the CIBC to the Carlton and Parliament Branch.

Money for the improvement of the Dachi office was allocated. \$425. will be spent to install a toilet and a sink in the office. Several estimates were requested, one for the repair of the basement of 44 Spruce.

The parking lot and the playground areas were also discussed. The area behind 18 Spruce and 20 Spruce will be used for play area, but the work must be done on a voluntary basis.

The latest meeting of the Dachi Board of Directors was held Nov. 21 at 20 Spruce St. All the members were in attendance except Beverly Marshall and Robert Spurr. The minutes for that meeting are not available yet. For further information, contact Grant Patingale, secretary of the Board or wait a bit longer and visit the office.

G O I N G S

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C O M I N G S

Debbi and Patti Freidman 275B Carlton

Cynthia Forde (T) 277A Carlton

Giselle Hervieux 344A Sackville

Judy Shipman 259A Carlton

Mike Halloran (relocation)

Andy Stanley (relocation)

John Harris 259D Carlton

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hartman 263A Carlton

CRC Christmas party is on Tuesday, Dec. 19 at 7.30 p.m. All welcome!

The next meeting of the Dachi Board of Directors will be Dec. 18.

Joyce Meisner and her family wish to thank all of those who sent cards, flowers, and memorials at the time of Tom's passing. They will

Gadfly's Corner

(As explained before, Gadfly hands the Editors a few paragraphs of observation and advice every month. He speaks his mind candidly but kindly.)

The fall has come and gone. We had enough leaves around to feed a herd. It was nice to see the spirit of the co-op at work one Saturday morning. A handful of residents on Carlton Street organized a clean-up of the green behind the houses. Within an hour and a half, the grass was free of leaves and looked nice. When the snow arrives, it will be great to see this same kind of partnership operating.

I am glad that the general meeting in October convened to discuss the eviction of a family because of arrears problems had found a generous solution: the family was given to pay all its arrears as well as the month's housing charge at the end of November. Who says that the co-op does not bend over backwards to help its members? Where else could people come up with such an arrangement? I hope now that both the general membership and the family will keep their end of the bargain!

I have heard many complaints about children in Dachi destroying or damaging things. During election time, many signs were pulled down on the lawns of the Carlton houses. People I talked to mentioned particularly one child. On my rounds, I've noticed also a number of window glasses that were smashed. There is also a door on Dermott that has been bashed in. We have to remember that it will be us who will pay for this damage. Maybe, it will be fairer to have the parents of these kids ~~the vandals~~ that should pay!

I would like to suggest that Dachi hold a Christmas party. It is another five weeks to Christmas and we have time to plan for such an event. It will be a good opportunity for old and new members to meet. However, let us not let good Kay Battle do the work all by herself. She is doing more than her share. 'Twill the season to be jolly as well as co-operative!

The municipal elections brought to power three very good friends of Dachi. Janet Howard, our junior alderman, Gord Cressy, the senior alderman and Mayor John Sewell worked very hard for Dachi in the early seventies. Then, Dachi was just starting and had many an obstacle to overcome. Many of the newly-arrived well-off young residents fought against it tooth and nail. At that famous community meeting at St. Martin's school in January 1972 where over four hundred Don Vale residents approved Dachi by a slight majority, John Sewell, then the junior alderman, Janet Howard, then the president of the now defunct Don Vale home-owners and Residents' Association, and Gord Cressy, then a ward trustee, spoke out very strongly in favour of Dachi. It was due to this kind of support from various members of the community that finally Don Vale gave the green light for the project's development and funding. The government would have never financed the co-op, had the community turned the idea down.

Well, folks, keep warm till we meet again and good luck!

DACHI'S Finances, October '78

R. Stocking

MAINTENANCE

Our expenditures in September were over the budget due to the demolition of 12 Dermott which cost us \$2,600. Soil and sod was another special expenditure for the improvement of the lot behind the Carlton Street houses.

All the expenditure's items, i.e. utilities, mortgage payment and administration were within our monthly budget estimates.

Our total expenditures were \$30,626 while our total revenues were only \$26,529. Thus, we had a negative cash flow in September due to the special expenditures mentioned above, and also because the full housing charges payable were not received. There were no vacancies as of mid-October. However, four units will become vacant at the end of November. Two 2-bedrooms and one 3-bedroom and one 1-bedroom will be empty.

An important piece of financial news is that C.M.H.C. have held up the processing of our application for the development of the new town-houses, until certain repairs required under the Phase I renovation plan are completed. This matter was discussed at the Board meeting of the 23 rd. October, 1978, and it was recognized that the necessary repairs should be carried out as soon as possible before the onset of winter.

OUR FOOD COOP

C. Hill

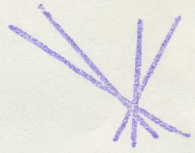


As the Newsletter reported a couple of months ago, the Don Vale Food Co-op has moved into the basement of 257 Carlton Street at the rear. This is hopefully one of many changes that will occur in the Food Co-op of our area.

Again, we emphasize that Dachi members are particularly welcome in our food co-op, which carries produce as well as a host of other items. People are guaranteed substantial saving. The food also is of good quality.

The co-op operates on a pre-order basis at the present time. This means, that members have to signify what they want on Tuesday and then be able to pick it up on Thursday. In the near future, the co-op will convert into a co-operative store. That would mean that you could come in on designated days of the week and buy your food off the shelves.

It is hoped that the store will open its doors by the beginning of the coming year.



SOME ADVICE ON YOUR HEALTH

Dr. D. Gross

In a population as diverse in age and background as the residents of Dachi, it is difficult to come up with a brief medical column that will be of interest to all. I thought that a reasonable subject for discussion, then, would be high blood pressure or hypertension in medical terms. (Although the medical expression contains the word tension, do not be misled: people with high blood pressure need not be tense or nervous.) The reason I chose this subject is that there is usually no way that a person with mild or even moderate hypertension can tell that he or she has this problem. Although there may be no symptoms for years in the early stages of this problem, there is mounting evidence that if untreated patients with longstanding hypertension have more chance of developing stroke, heart failure or kidney failure in their later years.

Most people will consider seeing a doctor only if they feel unwell or if they must submit to a medical checkup for insurance or employment purposes. A routine medical examination can pick up a number of conditions (of which hypertension is only one) which if detected early, can be treated and lead to fewer complications in future. The moral of this story, then, is that men and women over the age of 35 years should have regular medical checkups, and anyone of you who have not seen a doctor in over five years should make every effort to make an appointment in the near future. He will do a complete but usually brief physical examination, including blood pressure measurement, and he may collect some specimens for laboratory tests. This may seem like an unnecessary waste of time and energy to many of you, especially if you are feeling well, but perhaps it would help if you considered it a small investment to ensure your own enjoyment of the future.

A JOYFUL CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL AT DACHI

Anyone in Dachi who is interested in writing about the co-op or the neighbourhood or express an opinion should contact Carmel Hill at 922-7391 or else Sharon Cunningham at 923-9574. The deadline for writing to be given to the editor is usually the end of the month. The Dachi Newsletter usually comes out early in the month.