

# RISE AND FALL OF GREEN CITY

## CHAPTER 3 (1980)

The records were kept by Marilyn Verigin, in a special binder, included type-written minutes from a General Meeting of the Green City Improvement District and dated July 19, 1980. An authentic copy is appended:

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<p>GENERAL MEETING</p> <p>GREEN CITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT</p> <p>JULY 19, 1980</p> <hr/>
<p><u>In Attendance</u></p> <p>Mike &amp; Kate Varabioff Lorne &amp; Irene Tamelin Larry &amp; Edna Sapriken Lawrence &amp; Mabel Verigin Joe &amp; Shirley Podovnikoff Nick &amp; Nellie Keraiff Fred &amp; Nina Voykin Fred &amp; Donna Arishenkoff Phil &amp; Ann Sookochoff Fred &amp; Anne Chursinoff Elmer &amp; Marilyn Verigin</p>
<p>Presiding is Elmer Verigin who insists on being called 'Your Horseshit'. He welcomed first-time guests. Hopefully they'll be able to stomach the whole weekend without too much retching. Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted by Fred A./Lorne T.</p>
<p><u>Old Business</u> (some extremely old)</p> <p>1) Bylaw 137 regarding erections, passed in 1975, to be reviewed. Are bigger erections justified? Definitely NOT! says Annie C. (Phil becoming fidgety and obviously nervous).</p> <p>2) Mike Varabioff is thoroughly disgusted that the carefully crafted benches of yesteryear are nowhere to be seen, no doubt pilfered by some dishonest <i>scum</i>.</p>
<p><u>New Business</u> (and Gossip)</p> <p>1) Lorne presented the Mayor, alias Elmer Verigin with a Chain of Office on which hangs a magnificent mendallion. Donna all choked up. The Mayor displayed his assortment of nuts and asked if anyone would like to see a screw (on the chain, stupid). MOTION Fred A. That the forger of the magnificent mendallion explain the significance. Lorne Tamelin explained that the mendallion has eight holes (for the eight councillors) 2 nuts and 1 screw. The chain is to be worn around the Mayor's neck at <u>all</u> times, be it convenient or not.</p>

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MOTION Fred A./Nina - That we offer a vote of appreciation for the forger of the mendallion. Lorne stood up and took a well-deserved bow.

MOTION Irene/? - That Mrs. Mayor be acknowledged. Marilyn was presented with a similar chain which she chose to wear sagging around her sagging middle.

MOTION Fred C. - That Mrs. Mayor parade around showing off her mendallion.

MOTION Fred A. - That Mrs. Mayor should take anyone interested aside and show them the hole in the middle.

MOTION - Larry - That Mrs. Mayor stop distracting the public and display herself wearing only the mendallion. Carried.

Mrs. Mayor, modest girl that she is, said, "Later, boys, later!"

- 4) Good News! A permanent building has been erected by the public works dept.

Bad News! Your taxes will double to 200 mills.

Shirley is opposed to increase in taxes - would like an immediate investigation.

MOTION Shirley - That the rock garden in front of the Mayor's mansion be investigated as there is something fishy going on. Carried.

Irene accused His Horseshit of stealing from the people. Mayor sat there with his mouth open saying nothing (for a change).

- 5) Irene asked if Council Members salaries were going to double as well.

- 6) Larry asked if there would be a fine for absenteeism since the salaries were going to be so high.

Fred A. - Point of Order - Larry should make an official motion.

MOTION - Larry/Irene - That we fine all of the absentees because the salaries have become so high.

MOTION - Fred A. - That we table the preseeded motion. Defeated.

Discussion of aboriginal motion. Question asked - Why should we fine absentees because they are fining themselves by not being here. It is unfair to fine them for circumcisions beyond their control such as earth quakes, volcanoes and other unmentionable eruptions. Motion defeated.

7) Nominating Committee Report

Larry wants to know who the hell is who on the Crazy Council.  
Fred A. submitted candidates for Mayor and Mayor's Ass:

Lorne and Irene Tamelin

Nominations closed by Freds A. and V.

Since there were no other nominations from the dirt floor,  
Lorne and Irene were elected by inflammation.

MOTION - same Freds - That the present Mayor serve out his  
term for today and tomorrow. Carried.

8) Serious problems of sanitation (namely shit control).

There is a need for a sanitary inspector. Duties are to flush  
the toilet at least once a day. Method used to be decided upon  
his or her own excretion.

Fred A. wants to caucus after this meeting at which time the  
sanitary inspector will be appointed.

Mayor was told to keep the meeting flowing or else. Inspector  
disappointments to be made now.

Nominations - Edna and Nina

Both agreed to share the position only if their wages are double  
the Mayor's.

They will be known as the Pee Pooh Parlour Patrollers!

Nina reported that it would be very difficult to do the job  
because they couldn't get near the place. Lack of equipment  
such as oxygen masks.

Mike very concerned about the toilet being flushed.

Nina stated that unless there is a competent excavating committee  
the place will have to be raised. There was a vote of confidence  
in the P.P.P.P.'s.

9) Street signs are in deplorable condition (and decrepit besides).  
No volunteers to wrecktify the situation.

10) MOTION - Kate/Edna - That the road definitely needs grading.  
Present conditions cause mufflers to drop off and litter the road.

Poop and Talbot to be notified that they will be financially  
irresponsible for the grading.

11) Fred A. (admitting that the high elevation of Green City and the  
26 oz. of spirits that he consumed had made him light headed)  
asked if the previous motion (regarding the election of Mayor)  
could be brought back on the floor. Request agreed upon.

MOTION - Fred - That we retain the incumbent Mayor to serve a  
minimum of 2 yrs. or until his mendallion becomes tarnished.  
Seconded by Irene. Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

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Monkey Business

- 1) Complaint about a lot of fish being caught in Green City.  
Some are too long; some too short.  
Suggestion that there be fishing licenses distributed by the notorious public. Joe volunteered.
  - 2) MOTION Lorne - That our camp ground be moved closer to the wood supply. The creek goes too. Edna agreed.  
Joe not in favour of moving the creek. We need the exercise.  
Lorne, "We'll move only one fork".
  - 3) All three Freds agreed that something should be done about security. Too much drinking, vandalism, carousing, rabel rousing, etc. etc. We need a Sheriff!  
Mike - His Horseshit should appoint whoever he wants.  
The Mayor appointed Nick Keraiff.  
Fred A. - Sheriff is usually elected.  
Mike - Mayor is in charge.  
Mabel - Mayor is crooked and corrupt.  
Joe - I support the mayor. He has to have some power.  
Shirley (to Joe) - You're going to get it when you get home!  
Joe - (big smile)
- MOTION Fred A. - Sheriff and Marshall must be elected by unpopular vote.  
Motion seconded by Mabel, Nellie, Shirley, Kate, Nina
- Nominations: Nick Keraiff  
Nellie Keraiff
- Nominations closed. One to be Sheriff; the other Marshall.  
Nellie - What the hell do we do?  
Someone - Just be Nick's sidekicker.  
Mayor - We'll let you know. Don't call us! We'll call you!
- Meeting adjourned for the second time.
- THANK GOD! I'M TIRED.

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A committee of one (1) met ("constitutionally", the Mare) (specifically Fred Areshinkoff) and developed a constitution for the newly arisen community of Green City



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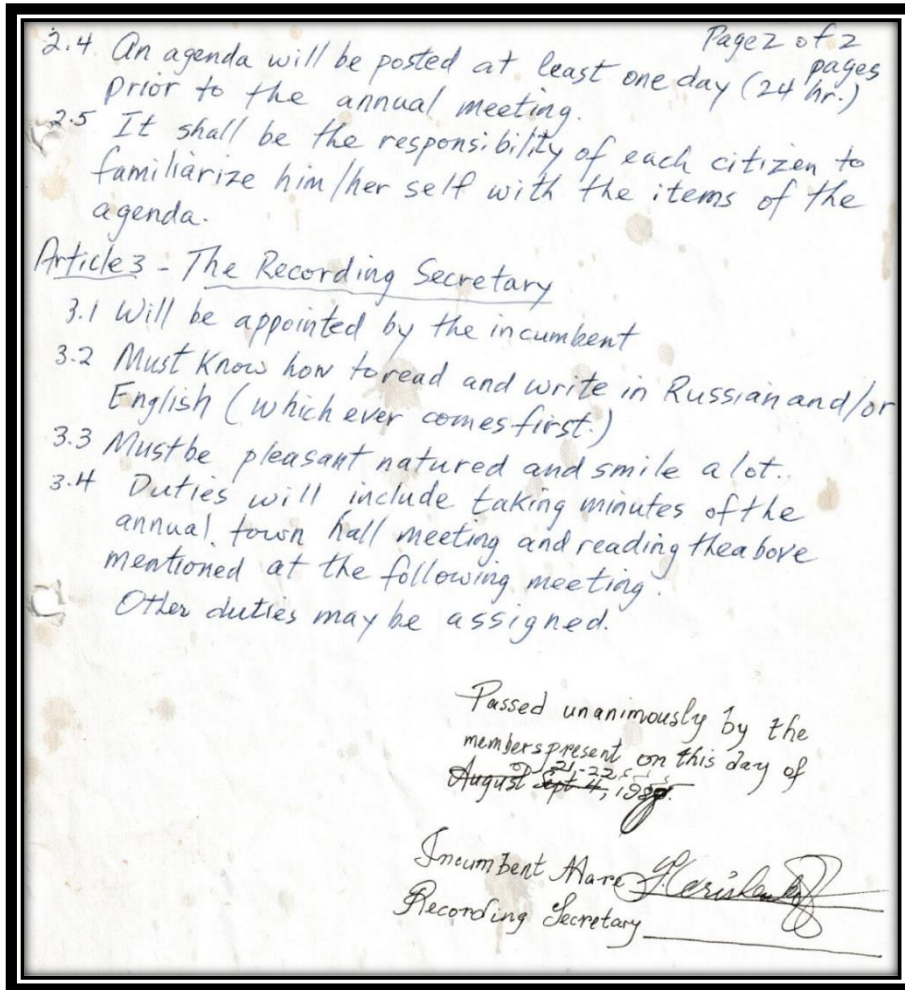
## Proposed Constitution

### Article I - The Mayor

- 1.1 Will be elected for a single two year term. His term of office will begin the summer following the year in which he was elected.
- 1.2 The election will be held on the Sunday of the 2nd year of the incumbent's term of office. The election will be the last order of business at the annual town hall meeting.
- 1.3 A person cannot be elected for a second term until all citizens have held at least one term of office.
- 1.4 Will appoint ad hoc + standing committees as he sees the need to ensure smooth and effective operation of municipal affairs and safety and comfort of the citizens. Citizens so appointed should feel honoured to be appointed and so execute their duties with enthusiasm, vigor, and little or no bitching.

### Article II - Annual Town Hall Meeting

- 2.1 Will be held on Sunday commencing promptly at two p.m.
- 2.2 The incumbent will preside over the meeting.
- 2.3 Citizens attending should address the Mayor with due respect and civility and observe all rules of civilized conduct.



The writer notices that the Popoffs are not listed on the attendance for this annual meeting and so there are no authentic photographs in the “archives” that can be found for 1980.

This photograph is a copy and shows Elmer Verigin wearing the mundallion referred to in item 1 new business of the July 17, 1980 minutes. The mundallion was manufactured by Lorne Tamelin and included a matching mundallion for Mrs. Mayor. Over the subsequent years and the debates over who was the Mayor as well as the “questionable” elections, the mudallions disappeared

Out of interest, the root word “Munda” means a person of very questionable repute and not recommended to be translated in this story.



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