

**NAVAN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
L'ASSOCIATION DES RESIDENTS DE NAVAN
October 19, 2009**

MINUTES

- 1. Additional agenda items and approval of agenda. Moved by Chris MacPherson and seconded by Ann-Marie Potvin that the agenda be adopted as read. Carried**

- 2. Approval of minutes of the last meeting of September 21, 2009.
Moved by Hal MacPherson and seconded by Ross Bradley that the minutes be adopted as read. Carried**

- 3. Outstanding Business**
 - 3.1 Berm Invoice**

The invoice for the work down by the contractors for CTAS on the berm at the Fairground was received. It had been estimated at around \$7,000.00 but came in at \$10,494.00. The NCA is liable for the excess of \$3,494.00 payable to the CTAS.

 - 3.2 Water-ditch meeting information**

Ralph Brookholmes attended the meeting and will be sending a recap of the proceedings for Marg to publish in the upcoming *Nugget*.

4. Communications and Announcements

- 5 Reports
 - 5.1 Treasurer – Dale Borys

Dale was not present

 - 5.2 Public Relations – Margaret MacNeill

Marg was not present

 - 5.3 Web Master – Don St. Denis

762 unique visitors last month, 1300 visits for the entire month. Ray suggested having the NCA meetings posted on the first page of the website to make them more visible to residents.

 - 5.4 Horticulture – Anne-Marie Potvin

Ray and Ross offered to take out the dead flowers from the two flower beds. Canna lillies are available for those wishing to help themselves. Anne-Marie suggested looking at more perennials next year. She has asked the firemen to take down the flags for the winter and mentioned that we will probably need a few new ones next year

 - 5.5 Government Liaison – Phil Grandmaitre

Phil was not present

 - 5.6 Membership and Mer Bleu update – Ray Vetter
 - 5.6.1 Ray gave a copy of the updated membership list to Anne-Marie. He would like to have another membership drive later in the Fall.

- 5.6.2 The Friends of Mer Bleu attended a presentation on the Millen Operation on Navan road regarding their request for an extension to their contract. The Friends gave an exhaustive presentation of why they think the operation should close. Millen countered with an equally good presentation of why they should stay in operation and outlining their recycling programme. As yet this presentation has not gone to planning and Linda will look into it.
- 5.6.3 Ray reported on a delegation from the United Nations who were touring the Mer Bleu Bog. Ray will do a little write up on this and the Friends of Mer Bleu activities.
- 5.7 Transportation – Chris MacPherson
Chris had received complaints from riders of the last bus that the traffic lights at Anderson and Innes were causing heavy holdups. Chris contacted Pat Scrimengour at OCTC Transpo and subsequently the light was extended for traffic off Anderson.
- 5.8 Safety – Ralph Brookholmes
 - 5.8.1 Ralph has received complaints that the bus is churning up the roads in the village causing some dangerous chunks to break off. This is only happening on the side of the road where the bus travels. Linda will take it up with the City.
 - 5.8.2 It was noted that the stop sign at Fairgreen and the entrance to the Curling Club has been erected in the wrong place. Ralph will look after this.
 - 5.8.3 The resident who complained about youth making bombs at the back of his property on the Fairground stated that the offenders have been apprehended by the police. However there still seem to be concerns regarding the sandpile. Emmanuelle pointed out that safety issues are concerns of the NCA but the sandpile problem should be taken up with the Agricultural Society. Anne-Marie stated that one of the piles will be moved.
- 5.9 Youth Dances – Tom Devesceri
Tom was not present
- 5.10 Park Plan – Emmanuelle Grandmaitre
Emmanuelle reported that Diane is working on the working plans and hopefully they will be approved and the project can get started. The plans and agreement were handed to Linda to deliver to Rob. We would like the legacy fund released as soon as possible so the project can start as soon as possible.
- 5.11 Cenotaph Project – Ross Bradley
Ross attended a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Agricultural Society and they seem to be open to the restoration of the cenotaph and removal to one of two potential sites. At the next meeting on November 10th a decision will be rendered and hopefully an announcement can be made at the November 11th ceremonies.
- 5.12 City Council – Linda Payant

- 5.12.1 Linda informed us that \$10,000.00 is available to help out with the cenotaph project and will have the money transferred to the NCA before the end of the year. This money is to be held in a separate account.
- 5.12.2 A pamphlet on the sno-go programme was circulated. This programme helps payment for snow removal for disabled persons and seniors with a low income. This will be published in the *Nugget*.
- 5.12.3 Seasonal Flu clinic will be held at Heritage School for seniors on November 12th.
- 5.12.4 Waste Reduction Weekend is this weekend. Please label stuff “free” and place at the end of the driveway.

6. New Business

6.1 Fall Fest

Anne-Marie reported that the recent Fall Fest was a great success and raised around \$1380.00. \$300.00 will be put aside for next year's event and the remainder will be held by the WI for one of three projects: (a) benches for the park project (b) benches at the cenotaph (c) a new clocktower.

6.2 Environmental Issues – Rob and Alison Myer

Rob and Alison raised concerns about the area along the Via railbed, especially the pond, which has totally disappeared. They stated that this pond area was home to much wildlife. Even though the property belongs to Via Rail, concerns were raised as to whether South Nations Conservation society had been consulted. Concern was also raised that the berms constructed by the City to prevent erosion of the properties on Barnwell backing on to the Via rail property have also been removed. Linda will have the City come and check on all this work and find out who gave permission for such clear cutting to be done without proper investigation of the consequences. Rob will bring these concerns to the attention of residents with an article in the next edition of the *Nugget* as well as a mail out to all residents asking for support in re-naturalizing the area.

7. Adjournment