

**NAVAN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
L'ASSOCIATION DES RESIDENTS DE NAVAN**

**MINUTES
Monday, September 19, 2011**

1. **Additional agenda items and approval of agenda. Moved by Ross Bradley and Seconded by Fred Hyde that the agenda be approved with additions. Carried.**
2. **Approval of minutes of the last meeting of June 20, 2011. Moved by Fred Hyde and seconded by Virginia Lowe that the minutes be adopted as read. Carried.**
3. **Outstanding Business**
4. **Communications and Announcements**
 - **CRC Bulletin**
5. **Reports**
 - 5.1 Treasurer – Dale Borys

Dale presented his financial statements for all accounts.
 - 5.2 Public Relations – Virginia Lowe

Virginia reported that everything is going well with the *Nuggett*. She hopes to have the current issue to the printer by Monday so it will be distributed in plenty of time for residents to read up on the Fallfest activities. The test distribution of the *Nuggett* at Bearbrook and Canary has resulted in Ray recommending that the drop at Canary be continued and that the drop at Bearbrook be stopped. The decision was based on the number of copies that had been picked up at each site over the defined period following the drop. Ray has agreed to continue dropping the items at Canary. The residual copies that had not been picked up were dropped at the J.T. Bradley store. Future runs of the *Nuggett* will not be reduced and the copies that went to Bearbrook will be added to the J.T. Bradley bundle.
 - 5.3 Web Master – Don St. Denis
 - 5.4 Horticulture – Anne-Marie Potvin

Anne-Marie commented that the flowers are going well in the corner beds. She spent \$356.00 of the \$500.00 budgeted and this included the shrubs. We appreciate the free top soil donated by Taillefer and the plants from Robert Plante were sold at a very reasonable price.
 - 5.5 Urban/Rural Liaison – Phil Grandmaitre
 - 5.6 Membership, NCC and Mer Blue update – Ray Vetter
 - We now have one Lifetime Membership and four 5 year memberships. Some annual memberships have been sold and the proceeds were passed on to Dale. Ray requested the Directors to return the membership sign-up sheets, proceeds, and any unsold memberships cards at the next meeting.
 - Signs – Ray provided information on the prices for the restoration of the signs. The NCA will need to decide if, and how, this should proceed and he recommended that once the decision was made that a committee be formed to carry out the restoration. Ann-Marie pointed out that unlike Vars and Carlsbad Springs, Navan does not have City signs and wondered if some of those unspent funds could be diverted to the

restoration of the present signs, rather than asking the City to provide new ones.

- Friends of Mer Bleu – Ray reminded members that submissions for the next round of grants will be in May 2012. All submissions should be in prior to the end of April.
- NCC – Ray attended another long session. Open houses have been held and there has been lots of public input. There is a new group working with the NCC and a draft document is being prepared.
- Ray presented a letter from a concerned resident concerning the taking down of the trees by Hydro One. It was felt that they had gone above and beyond in some cases, taking down more trees than was really necessary. This letter was passed on to Philip Berthiaume to be brought to the attention of Stephen Blais.

5.7 Transportation – Chris MacPherson

5.8 Safety – Fred St. Pierre

Fred has not received any complaints all summer although members did bring up concerns around bottles being left in the park and dog poop on the new trail. It was felt that a notice should be inserted in the next *Nuggett* drawing residents' attention to keeping Navan beautiful. Phil did make mention of the warranty attached to the park project as some of the landscaping is not up to par. Philip Berthiaume will look into this.

5.9 Youth Dances – Tom Devecseri

- Ray reported that the Friends of Mer Bleu have not approved a grant for the Youth Dance as the dance is self-sustaining from admission charges. The FOMB has communicated to the NCA that if the dance was to continue with no admission charge, they do not object to any other form of fundraising taking place at the dances. Several members of the NCA s felt that it would be preferable to continue running the dances as in the past as it is hoped that the dances will be self financing. Tom reported this requires 100 youth at each dance and there were 90 at the last dance so he feels optimistic that the numbers will increase.

5.10 Parks and Recreation – Emmanuelle Grandmaitre

5.11 Cenotaph Project – Ross Bradley

Ross handed out his latest report on the Cenotaph project in which he informed members that the sponsorship plaques were installed on August 5, 2011 at a cost of \$9,040.00. He also handed over an invoice from the Cumberland Township Agricultural Society in the amount of \$396.36 for Cenotaph Insurance, which will be paid by Dale. Ross also presented the club with a beautiful photograph of the newly restored and renovated cenotaph. He also reported that the 632 Phoenix Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron will be taking part in the Remembrance Day ceremony this year.

5.12 Petrie Island – Fred Hyde

5.13 City business – Stephen Blais/Philip Berthiaume

- Philip Berthiaume reported that he has been assisting the Clock Tower Committee with grants for the clock.

- Philip also commented that the Health Department is studying smoking in parks and on beaches and will present the staff report on that issue when it comes out.

5.14 150th Committee – Anne-Marie Potvin

6. New Business

6.1 Clock Tower – Anne-Marie-Potvin and Sheila Minoque-Calver

Sheila commented on the plans and fundraising for the new clock tower. So far, \$30,000.00 has been raised for the project, of which \$21,000.00 remains after expenses. The clock and two matching lights are on order and should arrive in mid October. Sheila passed the meeting over to Brian Coburn who joined the committee a few months ago with his idea of incorporating a Community Builders Wall in memory of Keith Simpson. It is planned for this wall to surround the clock and be available to other service clubs in the community to include plaques inscribed with the names of citizens deemed to have made outstanding contributions to the Village. Brian suggested having an NCA committee to look at all names brought forward by the various Navan clubs on a yearly basis.

6.2 Net at baseball diamond – Phil Grandmaitre

Phil received a letter from the Cumberland Township Agricultural Society requesting our assistance in working with the City to install a net around the Centennial Park baseball diamond due to safety issues. Phil will contact the Ag Society and City and look into this.

6.3 Crossing guard for school – Virginia Lowe

Virginia Lowe expressed concern about school children crossing Colonial Road at Henn Drive due to the heavy truck traffic. Chris pointed out that this issue had been raised in previous years and promised to send all pertinent information to Virginia to pursue with other parents and the school to see if there would interest in having a Safety patrol with volunteer adults.

6.4 Fall Fest – Fred Hyde

Fred reported that the Fallfest will be taking place at the Domes and Blue Building on October 1st from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The NCA will be responsible for providing all the food and drinks and the Lions will be doing the cooking and running the popcorn machine. Anne-Marie will look into what we ordered last year and make an order at Bradley's.

6.5 Ice Rink

Fred Hyde raised the question of whether we should have an outdoor rink this winter if we can find a volunteer. It was decided to advertise in the next issue of the *Nuggett* to find out if anyone is interested in managing this facility before we go ahead with any more plans.

6.6 Website

Anne-Marie has contacted Paul, who was responsible for the last website update and found that he no longer lives in town. Anne Warburton offered to take over the website and, if need be, design a new one for \$500.00. It was thought that only \$50.00 had been paid out of the original budgeted amount of \$500.00 but

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Dale will look into the exact figures and report back before we go ahead with designating another website designer/manager.

7. Adjournment