

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

**MINUTES
Monday, October 16, 2017**

In attendance: Bob Price, John Ladds, Luc Picknell, Brian Moore, Cheryle Houle, Daniel Charron, Anne-Marie Potvin, Ross Bradley, Dale Borys, Tom Devecseri (acting chair), Fred Hyde (acting secretary), Steven Blais, Jason Coulas

- 1. Additional agenda items and approval of agenda. Moved by Luc Picknell and seconded by Bob Price that the agenda be approved as presented. Carried.**
- 2. Approval of minutes of the last meeting of September 18, 2017, Moved by Ross Bradley and seconded by Dale Borys that the minutes be adopted as read. Carried.**
- 3. Outstanding Business**
- 4. Communications and Announcements**
- 5. Reports**
 - 5.1 Treasurer – Dale Borys
There is about \$43000 in the combined accounts
There are a couple of cheques outstanding that have not been cashed
 - 5.2 Navan Nugget – Tom Devecseri
Deadline for articles is October 20
 - 5.3 Social Media – Kevin Woodward
A number of interested parties, including members of the Navan Lions Club, met with Catherine Priestman from CP Solutions to discuss changes and improvements to the websites and Facebook pages. Some suggestions were made and Catherine was to come back with a proposal.
 - 5.4 Horticulture – Anne-Marie Potvin
Nothing to report
 - 5.5 Membership, NCC and Mer Blue update – Ray Vetter
No report.
 - 5.6 Safety – Bob Price
Bob reported that vandals had spray painted some obscenities on a couple of CTAS building. He will discuss the matter with the CTAS.
 - 5.7 Parks and Recreation – Luc Picknell
Luc reported that the rink is going up next week.
 - 5.8 Navan Park/Remembrance Day – Ross Bradley/Kenda St. Amour
John Ladds was speaking on behalf of this committee and reports that there was planning for Remembrance Day is well underway and on track, The printing of the programs is being donated by Monica from SURE COPY. There will be an addition cost for replacement of some of the wreath ribbons.

5.9 City business – Stephen Blais

Stephen introduced Jason Coulas, who is now his assistance on Rural Affairs.

Jason may be contacted in the councillor's office at 613-580-2424 x26670 or by email at jason.coulas@ottawa.ca .

Stephen spoke to the rumors and concern about paramedics being moved out of Navan. The details of the explanation are included in appendix "A".

6. New Business

There was no other new business at this time.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM\

INFO ABOUT RURAL PARAMEDICS

Stephen Blais, Councillor, Cumberland Ward

There were inquiries from the community about changes to rural paramedics. The following is some info that Councillor Blais has provided. If you have any more questions about the paramedics or any other issues, he encourages you to contact him without any hesitations.

At present, while paramedics check in and start their day in Navan they do not stay in Navan or even necessarily the east end. Paramedic units are not static and move around the city in response to call volume and patient acuity to ensure demand is managed based on patient needs. All paramedics are currently dispatched out of our central HQ on Don Reid Drive based on their location, type of call etc...

In July, the City received an arbitration order related to the Ottawa Paramedic Service. The order requires, among other things, that all paramedic units start and end their shifts at Paramedic Headquarters on Don Reid Drive.

The Service previously maintained eight (8) rural "report-to-work" (such as in Navan and Cumberland) stations in addition to headquarters. These eight (8) rural stations will now continue to remain open as paramedic posts under this revised plan.

In effect, instead of starting their day in Navan and then moving about the City based on coverage and need, the paramedics will now start their day at Don Reid Drive and move about the City based on coverage and need. The rural stations will still act as Paramedic Posts.

This change is neither a reduction in coverage, nor is it a substantive change to the current dynamic deployment plan, primarily because paramedics already move around the city in response to call volume and patient acuity to ensure demand is managed based on patient needs.

The above-noted changes will be fully implemented by September 1, 2017, in accordance with the arbitration order. Depending on the unique needs of the day, this change also potentially makes more paramedics readily available, should the unfortunate need for multiple ambulances arise.

Rest assured that I will be paying close attention to this change to ensure that our community maintains its current paramedic coverage and continue to take steps to improve that coverage.

Last year I was very vocal for our need to hire more paramedics to ensure we had proper coverage of our City, particularly in the rural area. Between 2016 and 2018 the service is hiring 36 new paramedics and five new emergency response vehicles. You can see some of my comments on this importance here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QPfcQllgLEM&t=3s>