

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

MINUTES

Monday, October 19, 2020

7:30 p.m. via Zoom

In attendance: Chris MacPherson, Fred Hyde, Anne Marie-Potvin, Allison Trellet, J.P. Gravel, John Ladds, Jackie Moore, Catherine Kitts, Erin Zintel, Phil Grandmaitre, Ray Vetter, Eleanor Foy, Luc Picknell. Fred had everyone introduce themselves

- 1. Additional agenda items and approval of agenda. Moved by Ray Vetter and seconded by Erin Zintel that the agenda be adopted as read.**
- 2. Approval of minutes of the last meeting of September 21 , 2020. Moved by Anne-Marie Potvin and seconded by Ray Vetter that the minutes be adopted as read.**

**3. Outstanding Business
Ward Boundary Review**

Our new councillor, Catherine Kitts, reported on a Zoom meeting held last Friday with Catherine, Fred Hyde (NCA President), Linda Dunn (former Cumberland councillor), Matt Luloff (councillor for Orleans) and George Darouze (Osgoode councillor). They all expressed their gratitude to everyone for their submissions. They stated that the message had been heard and it was loud and clear, namely that the loss of a rural councillor by amalgamation, the lack of recognition that our community of interest lies with Orleans, and the threat to the francophone minority was unacceptable to our residents. They indicated that they have been working with the consultants (Catherine met the first week of her new job) to come up with an amenable solution to ensure proper representation in the east end. They are working on a modified option to take into consideration all of our concerns which would either be presented by the consultants or proposed by the three Councillors. It is their belief that they will have some good news shortly and will communicate with everyone soon.

Communications and Announcements

4. Reports

- 5.1 Treasurer – Dale Borys
All accounts the same
- 5.2 Navan Nugget– Tom Devecseri
Deadline for the Nugget is tomorrow. Samantha MckEag is going to be assisting Tom with the Nugget, doing a story for every Nugget.
- 5.3 Social Media – Jackie Moore
Jackie reported no major updates
- 5.4 Horticulture – Anne-Marie Potvin
Anne-Marie is looking at decorations for Xmas. Ray offered some dahlias and gladioli bulbs for planting in the village flower beds for the spring. He will keep them for the spring.
- 5.5 Membership, NCC and Mer Blue update – Ray Vetter

Ray reported receiving membership money received from the outdoor exercise group. Betty Neilands paid but she was already a member so her contribution will be refunded.

Friends of Mer Bleue – Meeting coming up in November. Ray has not seen any submissions yet for grants.

NCC – New bridge downtown

5.6 Safety – Bob Price

5.7 Parks and Recreation – Luc Picknell

Luc has had a discussion with Luc Bergeron regarding cameras to keep down vandalism at the rinks. Rink boards will be erected by City and Luc and his volunteers will set up the rinks.

5.8 Navan Park Memorial Park/Remembrance Day – Ross Bradley/John Ladds

John reported than an update on preparations has been sent to committee members. Tom is working on a video and that is now complete and a link has been sent out on the website to try out. There will be no formal ceremony this year due to the Covid restrictions but wreaths will be put in place by Tom and John and people can view them from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Some school classes may come and visit during the day. A notice regarding the day's events will be posted in the next issue of the Nugget.

5.9 City business – Catherine Kitts

Catherine informed members that there will be an east end budget meeting tomorrow via Zoom and she can share the link. Covid-19 testing centre opened at Ray Friel today from 8 – 3:30 p.m. Visits are by appointment only and the Centre is being run by the Montfort. Catherine visited today and everything looked state of the art.

5. New Business

6.1 **Future of the Multi-Use Trail**

Fred received a call that the mayors along the Prescott-Russell trail were not going to support the upkeep of the trail any more in their area. John Ladds felt that Ottawa should continue with the upkeep in this area, as it is very well used, especially by people from Ottawa. Members felt that in the time of the Covid restrictions it was a wonderful outlet where people could walk, bike and exercise their dogs. Catherine is looking into it and will report back later.

6.2 **Directors' Insurance**

It appears that Directors' liability is not covered any more in the insurance. Phil was ensured when he was president that we were covered so he does not know whether there has been a change in policy. Fred would like Catherine to find out from the city the true situation. Fred will send Catherine a copy of the documentation he received from the insurance company.

6.3 **Easement to trail**

Ray was approached as a member of the NCA to see if there was anything that could be done to improve access to the trail from the easement at Barnwell. Residents feel that the current access is a safety issue and restricts them from accessing and using the trail. As this is a matter that requires discussions with the City, Ray suggests that in the interim it would be prudent to place signage at the entrance warning of the difficulty in navigating the path to the trail. Fred suggested that Catherine should check into the status of the trail and then look into the easement.

6.4

Dog Park

Allison Trellert asked if anyone had looked into the feasibility of a dog park in Navan. It was pointed out that there is very little City space in the village but perhaps the Agricultural Society would be willing to donate some of the land adjacent to the arena for such a project. Luc suggested that he did not feel that the NCA could take on such a project at this time but advised any group of interested dog owners to contact the City for the rules and regulations required for setting up such a park and proceed from there.

Adjournment