

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

MINUTES

**Monday, February 15, 2021
Via Zoom at 7:30 p.m.**

In attendance: Chris MacPherson, Fred Hyde, John Ladds, Luc Picknell, Gerry Dust, Bob Price, Alison Trellert, Tom Devecseri, Ray Vetter, Wally Burns, Jackie Moore, Erin Zintel, Catherine Kitts, Dayle Borys, Carlos ?.

- 1. Additional agenda items and approval of agenda. Moved by Tom Devecseri and seconded by Erin Zintel, that the agenda be adopted with additions. Carried.**
- 2. Approval of minutes of the last meeting of January 18, 2021. Moved by Ray Vetter and seconded by Erin Zintel that the minutes be adopted as read. Carried**

3. Outstanding Business

3.1 Dog Park

Gerry Dust explored the idea of using the baseball diamond as an off leash dog park in the baseball off season with the City and found it was worth making an application for doing so. He e-mailed information from the by-law concerning rules and regulations for setting this up. Allison Trellert had also made mention of this at previous meetings but had not taken any specific steps in setting up a dedicated dog park. As an initial step Gerry was looking for confirmation of this initiative by the NCA, following which application can be made to the city. Bob is willing to work with Gerry to take this forward. First step is for a letter to be sent to the City and Bob is willing to follow up with this to get things rolling for next fall. This is seen as a temporary solution to the dog park issue as it can only be used off-season. Tom raised the question of poop and scoop after the dogs and also liability of a dog biting or attacking someone. Signage provided by the city would be installed as in other City dog parks. Gerry suggests a letter of support from Catherine's office. Ray thinks the off-season needs to be spelled out. **Moved by Bob Price and seconded by Dale Borys that the NCA endorse an application to be made to the Emergency and Protective Services of the City, for the designation of a dog park at the baseball diamond in Centennial Park. Carried.**

3.2 Directors' and Officers' Insurance

Fred is still investigating the issue of Directors' and Officers' Liability insurance with several insurance companies. Gerry felt that that any activities carried out under the auspices of the NCA and declared as such, were covered by the City insurance, such as someone having an accident at the rink. However, any actions regarding monetary concerns for individual officers were not covered, such as someone making off with NCA funds. Discussion took place regarding the liability issues. Fred quoted costs \$500 – \$800 per year to cover individual liability. As this is such an involved issue, Luc has a contact in the insurance industry and will ask him if he is willing to come and talk to us.

3.3 Trail parking lot

Social media has seen a lot of comments regarding the snow ploughing of the parking Lot on Smith. Chris approached Catherine's office and was told that this was not covered in the City budget. However, people are getting stuck in their

vehicles at this location so Catherine will investigate further.

4. Communications and Announcements

- 4.1 Anne-Marie e-mail**
- 4.2 Dog Poop on the trail – Sheila Calver**

5. Reports

- 5.1 Treasurer – Dale Borys
Dale sent out financial reports via e-mail
- 5.2 Navan Nugget– Tom Devecseri
Tom reported \$860.00 left to be paid for ads in the Nugget. Pretty sure these people will pay up. 5 days to deadline for the next issue. Catherine Kitts will be joining us a contributor.
- 5.3 Social Media – Jackie Moore
Jackie reported receiving a lot of complaints about people leaving little bags of dog poop along the trail. It was felt that Bob Price could address this issue in his column in the Nugget. It was also felt that Helping Hands is super active and a lot of information being shared.
- 5.4 Horticulture – Anne-Marie Potvin
- 5.5 Membership, NCC and Mer Blue update – Ray Vetter
Ray reported no change in membership as no activities are in the progress at the present time.
Friends of Mer Bleue, just a reminder that it is nearing the deadline for submissions for this round of grants
- 5.6 Safety – Bob Price
Bob has not received any safety issues e-mail. Always looking for safety ideas which he can tackle. Cameras seem to be identifying vandals at the rink and keeping incidents down. Suggestions for an article on sharing the trail between skiers, snowshoers and snowmobilers.
- 5.7 Parks and Recreation – Luc Picknell
Luc was pleased to announce that everything is going very well with the rink. There have been plenty of sponsors this year and Luc would like to extend a vote of thanks to all of them.. Some vandalism and the problems were solved internally due to the cameras. After tomorrow hockey on the rink will be allowed.
- 5.8 Navan Park Memorial Park/Remembrance Day – Ross Bradley/John Ladds
- 5.9 City business – Catherine Kitts/Heather Scott
The main thing has been the urban expansion discussion. A 15 year housing need would lead to extension of the urban boundary. However, it is noted that no agricultural land will be touched for extension of the boundary.

6. New Business

- 6.1 **Great Disconnect – Jackie Lane Moore**
Jackie recently watched this documentary by an Ottawa Film Maker. She feels it would be a really good film to screen and share with residents. She asked if the NCA would be interested in sponsoring a viewing to the tune of \$350.00 for the screening. One suggestion was that it could be shared with other community associations as it addressed how physical and mental health are impacted by your community. It would be a virtual screening. Catherine suggested sending

her an e-mail and she will try and coordinate with the other community associations.

6.2 AGM

The next AGM in meeting is supposed to be held in April. Fred is wondering if a Zoom meeting would be appropriate. Catherine says other community associations are using Zoom. All Directors are required to direct their reports to Chris for inclusion in the minutes for that meeting.

6.3 Springfest – Anne-Marie

Jackie had been in contact with Anne-Marie regarding an idea for springfest. It was suggested that residents might like to decorate their front porches like they do for Fallfest. There could be incentives for people participating such as prizes or gifts. It was thought gift certificates for local businesses would be a good idea. Registration would be through Anne-Marie and she will put together a panel of judges. Discussion took place about advertising if for the Easter weekend but Fred suggested making it later so he thinks Anne-Marie and Sheila should get together and decide on a date.

6.4 Village Enhancements

After initially bringing up the topic of paving the agricultural land where the rink is placed at a previous meeting, Luc took this proposal to the Agricultural Society. He also proposed using that space for a basketball court during the summer months. They seemed to have concerns over insurance issues but Luc was able to assure them liability for activities are covered by the City. Luc received a quote around \$57,000.00 for the paving. However the Agricultural Society wished to have further discussion among themselves before committing to the project. If paving is turned down, Luc will look at stone dust, and that will be a lot cheaper. When a decision is received from the Agricultural Society, Luc will put together a proposal for the rink, along with flower beds with Anne-Marie and Jackie for funding, which are estimated to be around \$3,000.00.

7. Adjournment