

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

M I N U T E S

Monday, April 19, 2021

7:30 p.m.

Via Zoom

In attendance: Chris MacPherson, Fred Hyde, Tom Devecseri, Ray Vetter, Bob Price, Jackie Moore, Anne-Marie Potvin, Catherine Kitts, Dale Borys, Luc Picknell, Rachel Putins, Erin Zintel, Eleanor Foy, Barbara Allen

1. Additional agenda items and approval of agenda.
2. Approval of minutes of the last meeting of March 15, 2021. Moved by Erin Zintel and seconded by John Ladds that the minutes be adopted as read. Carried.
3. Outstanding Business
 - 3.1 Dog Park
Dayle made the suggestion that maybe the Verna Cotton park could be used as a permanent dog park. Concern was raised that it would need to be fenced. Erin also suggested the land at Smith meadows as an alternative. Bob suggested that the NCA should not be taking the lead on this issue but a concerned resident needs to bring any researched ideas to the NCA for our endorsement. Anne-Marie suggested putting a note in the Nugget regarding the role NCA should be taking in this issue. It was agreed the NCA will not take any further action until a member of the community brings an official request and researched plan to the NCA.
4. Communications and Announcements
 - 4.1 E-mail from Heather Scott regarding contract for clearing parking lot at Smith
Discussion took place around snow clearing of the parking lot at Smith Road. It was deemed that the gentleman who had been clearing it in the past was Ray Marks and Fred will contact him. Catherine Kitts indicated that if we wish to get permission from the City we need to get a Consent to Enter which can be added to the Rink Agreement.
5. Reports
 - 5.1 Treasurer – Dale Borys
Nothing else to add.
 - 5.2 Navan Nugget– Tom Devecseri
Trying to come up with a front page for the next issue. Catherine's spot will revolve around resident's responsibility regarding keeping culverts clear.
 - 5.3 Social Media – Jackie Moore
Jackie stated that she and Anne-Marie will try and get more people to register and get involved in spring decorating.
 - 5.4 Horticulture – Anne-Marie Potvin
Anne-Marie reported that she is happy to get all her volunteers back this year. The plan is to get garden beds set up when she hears back from Friends of Mer Bleu. The application has been sent in. Luc thinks the NCA should assist financially with any initiatives in this regard.
 - 5.5 Membership, NCC and Mer Bleu update – Ray Vetter
Ray is not certain at this point when The Friends of Mer Bleu will be holding their annual meeting but will pass on the information as soon as it is available.
 - 5.6 Safety – Bob Price
Bob informed members that he has sent a letter to the By-law and Regulatory Services regarding erecting a temporary dog park on the baseball diamond at Centennial Park during the winter months.
The issue of trail safety issue between Barnwell and the trail was raised again. Bob will send an e-mail to Catherine asking her to investigate.

Parks and Recreation – Luc Picknell

Luc was pleased to announce that the NCA did receive the rural grant for the pad from the City \$26,000.00. With the \$5,000 from the NCA and about \$3,000 from sponsorships he felt there was enough funds to complete the project. He has also received permission from the Agricultural Society to proceed. A local Contractor can do the work within the budget and he is ready to go now. Rink boards will be removed by the City and Luc has phoned them regarding this issue. Work should be completed by the end of June.

Luc also pointed out that tennis courts are locked right now, and the lock must belong to the City and who should he contact to get the lock removed, when the restrictions for COVID are lifted.

5.7 Navan Cenotaph Committee– Ross Bradley/John Ladds

John stated that the committee has not started discussing next Remembrance Day yet.

5.8 City business – Catherine Kitts/Heather Scott

Catherine brought up that the Covid issue is quite concerning at present and taking up a lot of council's time and resources. Chris enquired about the return of the pop-up, rural vaccination clinics and Catherine informed members that if you got your first vaccine at the rural pop-up clinic you will be able to get your second dose also at the rural pop-up clinic and you will be contacted shortly. Catherine will inform Chris as soon as she knows the date of the next clinic and this will be posted on the Helping Hands page of Facebook and also in the Nugget.

Catherine was thrilled that she received such good support from her colleagues for the rural rink grant.

She also reminded residents of road closures for maintenance with the sewage system on Navan Road which will be closed westbound for 6 months and also a small section of Renaud Road. Catherine feels Council needs to re-open the transportation plan which was paused due to Covid issues and different travel plans for working individuals. NCC has taken an overly firm position against the extension of Brian Cockburn.

Catherine is asking to be informed before pesticide spraying this year so residents can be notified ahead of time.

Tom pointed out that we questioned the way the spraying was being conducted. She felt that all concerns had been addressed by the city and relayed to David Grattan, who had made the initial enquiry. Ray Vetter requested a garbage can on the trail at Trim Road for people to put in their dog waste. The problem seems to be the emptying of the can which is not covered under the City garbage contract.

6. New Business

6.1 Budget and Auditing – Fred Hyde

Fred brought up the issue of insurance companies asking for a copy of our budget which we have never had up to this point. It seems we should also have an audited statement. Fred was asking whether we should have a budget and audit in future years. Discussion took place but nobody seemed to think a budget was necessary as we have such small expenditures throughout the year. As for auditing Fred thought a local resident could be approached to review the books on a pro bono basis. Catherine will look into the information regarding budgets and audits.

6.2 Response to Nugget request

Sarah MacDonald wrote to the Nugget regarding racial issues in the Nugget. Fred contacted her and invited her to take part in the NCA meeting tonight but she did not respond. It was felt by members that we were not a political or opinion based paper and therefore the matter should be put aside until such time as Sarah felt she wished to discuss it further with committee members.

6.3 Terracycle Programme

Jackie pointed that we celebrate Earth month this month and there is so much garbage around. The landlord of the building on the corner of Trim and Colonial is willing to put a collection bin in the building housing the pharmacy either inside or outside. The cost is around \$300.00 - \$350.00 and the landlord is prepared to pay half the costs and Jackie was asking if the NCA is willing to put up the other half or should she look for sponsors. Members felt that the NCA should absorb this cost. Moved by Jackie Moore and seconded by Luc Picknell that the NCA approve the cost of the bin. Carried

7. Adjournment