

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

**MINUTES
Monday, March 15, 2021
7:30 p.m. via Zoom**

In attendance: Chris MacPherson, John Ladds, David Grattan, Luc Picknell, Catherine Kitts, Fred Hyde, Jackie Moore, Tom Devecseri, Anne-Marie Potvin, Rachel Putnins, Ray Vetter, Eleanor Foy, Erin Zintel

1. Additional agenda items and approval of agenda. Moved by Ray Vetter and seconded by Anne-Marie Potvin that the agenda be approved with additions. Carried.
2. Approval of minutes of the last meeting of February 15, 2021. Moved by John Ladds and seconded by Ray Vetter that the minutes be adopted with one amendment. Carried.
3. Approval of minutes of executive meeting. Moved by Anne-Marie Potvin and seconded by Luc Picknell that the minutes be adopted as read. Carried.
4. Outstanding Business
 - 4.1 Fred informed members that Insurance for Directors' and Officers is going ahead. The start of the year for this insurance is June so we will pay the adjusted premium for the rest of this year and then start again in June with the full year's premium..
 - 4.2 Anne-Marie would like to change the date for the spring fest contest. She will discuss this with Jackie in the near future so it can be inserted into the Nugget prior to the weekend.
5. Communications and Announcements
 - 5.1 Petrie Island Canoe club e-mail
Jackie recently received an e-mail from the Petrie Island Canoe Club looking for support regarding a proposal for building a storage facility for canoes, kayaks and club equipment. Evidently they are looking for review and feedback on this proposal from local community associations. Chris forwarded the e-mail to all members for their consideration.
 - 5.2 15 Minute Neighbourhood e-mail – Jackie Moore
Jackie also received an e-mail from the Community Associations for Environment Sustainability (CAFES) regarding "15 minute neighbourhood" initiative. Jackie has offered to sit as a representative of the NCA and report back. Chris e-mailed the information to all directors.+
 - 5.3 Local concerns e-mail – David Grattan
David Grattan gave a power point presentation regarding indiscriminate spraying of herbicides on the pathway and also speeding trucks and poorly engineered culverts along Smith Road. Discussion took place around traffic concerns, especially truck traffic on local roads. Catherine is willing to reach out to the truck companies to find out why they are using Smith Road. She will also reach out to OC Transpo regarding bus routes and speed of buses on local roads. She will also follow up with best practices regarding the chemical spraying of the recreational trail. Ray suggested asking the building contractors of the new subdivision off Smith Road if they could relay the concerns with truck traffic to the truck companies they are employing.
6. Reports
 - 6.1 Navan Nugget– Tom Devecseri
Tom is suggesting offering a special rate for Amanda to advertise Navan markets in the Nugget and is planning on a full front page be given to this initiative in the next edition.
 - 6.2 Social Media – Jackie Moore
Tom will be doing web page maintenance and assisting directors with updating pages. Jackie will continue to update the news portion of the website and till take a look at the analytics on the website and see which pages are receiving lots of hits. She will report on this at the next meeting.
 - 6.3 Horticulture – Anne-Marie Potvin
Anne-Marie will be looking for a grant from Friends of Mer Bleu for financing plant boxes. Anne-Marie suggested indicating to the public how many volunteer hours are being put in by members of the NCA to support activities and running of the NCA committee in the village. Fred will put this together.
 - 6.4 Membership, NCC and Mer Blue update – Ray Vetter
Ray reported nothing going on with membership apart from one more lifetime membership. It was pointed out that NCA has submitted our application for the \$3,000.00 grant for administration. Ray stressed that we should ensure applications for summer projects are submitted as soon as possible as the deadline is fast approaching.
 - 6.5 Safety – Bob Price

6.6 Parks and Recreation – Luc Picknell

Luc reported that the rink closed on March 6th for this year and that the City has started taking down the nets. Luc is applying for the grant for the Stone pad through the City and he will be meeting with Catherine on Friday. He will also be making plans to remove the dead Christmas trees.

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

It was decided that henceforth, this committee will be named “Navan Cenotaph Committee”. John Ladds met with Ross Bradley and John said he will take over the memorial park and Ross will remain a director emeritus. Eileen Vaillancourt has been very industrious in working on historical knowledge about names on the cenotaph and a brief history of where they lived. She has been collaborating with Laurie Watson on this project.. Eileen is primarily working with people here and Laurie is seeking out those who have moved away. They are thinking of entering this information onto the website but the committee is looking into different options. As yet, no money is involved with this project. Laurie will be seeking information from residents on names with no information . It was pointed out that information on WW1 and WWII veterans in the UK may require money. One name was mentioned – that of Henry Arthur Evans. Evidently he was sent to Canada by an orphanage during World War I and then returned to England where he subsequently joined the army and was killed.

6.8 City business – Catherine Kitts/Heather Scott

Catherine was able to report that several vaccination centres are open now, our nearest being at the YMCA in Orleans. Eligible residents can now book on-line appointments. Rural vaccination units will be opening in about two weeks and touring the rural villages and that will be advertised when more information is available.

The dog park application is being made and signs will be posted in the spring for feedback. There will be three weeks of feedback and then results will be sent back to Catherine’s office to move through the process.

Catherine had also explored previous concerns regarding clearing of the parking lots along the trail. Evidently liability issues had arisen and that is the reason for the stop order. Catherine will be meeting with Luc on Friday regarding the village enhancement initiative.

7. New Business

7.1 New Director

For insurance purposes, Chris suggested that Juanita Vetter be installed as a Director in her capacity as head of the Nifty-Fifty Club. Moved by Chris MacPherson and seconded by Erin Zintel that Juanita Vetter be added to the list of Directors of the NCA. Carried.

8. Adjournment