

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

**MINUTES  
Monday, May 17, 2021  
7:30 p.m.  
Via Zoom**

In attendance: Chris MacPherson, Fred Hyde, John Ladds, Phil Grandmaitre, Luc Picknell, Tom Devecseri, Eleanor Foy, Erin Zintel, Catherine Kitts, Ray Vetter, Bob Price, Gerry Dust, Jackie Moore

1. Additional agenda items and approval of agenda. Moved by Ray Vetter and seconded by Erin Zintel that the agenda be adopted as read. Carried.
2. Approval of minutes of the last meeting of April 19, 2021. Moved by John Ladds and seconded by Ray Vetter that the minutes be adopted as read. Carried.
3. Outstanding Business
  - 3.1 Trail Parking Lot  
Fred contacted Ray who stated that he is not interested in cleaning the parking lot at the end of the trail on Smith Road during the winter months. He suggests putting up a barrier to stop cars going in there during the winter months. Catherine does not think the City is willing to take the task of snowclearing such a small area.
  - 3.2 Dog Parks  
Fred put a notice in the Nugget regarding the establishment of dog parks but no residents have replied to date, indicating a willingness to take on the leadership in this project. The temporary dog park is going ahead at the baseball park during the winter months. Catherine will follow up regarding signage.
4. Communications and Announcements
5. Reports
  - 5.1 City business – Catherine Kitts/Heather Scott  
Catherine addressed the issue of a Rural Transportation Survey being circulated by EORC.  
She also informed members on the status on second doses for covid vaccine from the Ottawa Health Unit. Evidently this is now being taken over by the province which is striving to change the functionality of the provincial system so residents are able to book second doses. Catherine will let everyone know when second dose appointments can be booked through the provincial portal. Catherine will post information in the upcoming Nugget. Also discussed was the increase in speeding noted during the pandemic lockdown. Redeployment of speed calming measures is being looked at. Catherine stated that the best way to get police presence is through residents filing complaints. Tom pointed out that the temporary traffic light on Milton around road works is not easily visible. Catherine will look into this. She is also pushing for Milton to be resurfaced next year.
  - 5.2 Treasurer – Dale Borys
  - 5.3 Navan Nugget– Tom Devecseri  
Tom has some cute fox kit photos for the front page of the Nugget.
  - 5.4 Social Media – Jackie Moore  
Jackie informed members that the springfest plan was not widely popular with residents but she will ask for pictures of those who did register to include in the Nugget. Terracycle boxes are in and can be accessed at the Pharmacy. Used disposable masks, gloves, protective equipment, cosmetics etc. can be placed in the boxes.
  - 5.5 Horticulture – Anne-Marie Potvin  
Anne-Marie was not on hand but Jackie reported that planter boxes will be installed around the community, around the churches, the spa and the corners. There are also plans for a medicinal garden in front of the pharmacy. Concern was expressed that we have not heard from Friends of Mer Bleu regarding the beautification grant as yet. The question was asked about the NCA assisting with expenses? Bob Price made a motion that the NCA cover expenses up to \$2,000.00 for beautification if the grant does not come through. Seconded by John Ladds. Carried.
  - 5.6 Membership, NCC and Mer Blue update – Ray Vetter  
Ray reported that the AGM for Friends of Mer Bleu will be held on Wednesday and grants will be looked at then so Anne-Marie should have an answer concerning the application of the grant by the end of the meeting.  
Ray announced that we are continuing to add members numbers to NCA. Tom suggested some information could be placed in the Nugget to let people know the role of the NCA in our community. John Ladds suggested a little square in the Nugget regarding membership and how to join, Tom thought a few times a year, rather than monthly. Jackie suggested a short, punchy item directing residents to the website.

5.7

Safety – Bob Price

Ray suggested a sign instructing cyclists to ring the bell when on the trail.

Erin suggested reminding citizens that they should be facing traffic when walking along the road.

Discussion took place around bins for dog poop along the trail. Catherine suggested someone taking the lead and calling 311 with a request and the City will look into the feasibility. Bob will look into this and get back to members.

5.8

Parks and Recreation – Luc Picknell

Luc was pleased to report that the NCA has received the \$26,000.00 for the rink pads and work will start soon. He also addressed the issue of the lifecycle of the baseball diamond and he will be looking into that with the City. Tennis courts are still closed and the City will open then as soon as the lockdown is lifted. Luc is also looking at “no smoking” signs for the rink area for next year. John Ladds has some and is willing to share with Luke.

5.9

Navan Cenotaph Committee– John Ladds

The committee will meet during the summer.

6.

New Business

6.1

Petrie Island

Fred attended a Zoom meeting with Petrie Island and other community associations regarding a building for community use for storage. Does our community agree with this without any financial commitment. Luc thought we should support such an initiative. Ray suggested having Fred putting something in the Nugget regarding the canoe club and what an asset it is for residents of our area.

6.2

Director of Minor Ball

Phil will now be a director on the NCA for Minor Ball.

6.3

Grant from the City

Last year Jill Noakes had applied for a grant for “Music in the Park” and \$900.00 has been granted. We now need an invoice. Ray will talk to Jill regarding this issue and put her in touch with Luc.

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Adjournment