

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

**M I N U T E S**

**Monday, November 15, 2021**

**Via Zoom at 7:30 p.m.**

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

1. Additional agenda items and approval of agenda. Moved by Ray Vetter and seconded by John Ladds that the agenda be adopted as read. Carried
2. Approval of minutes of the last meeting of October 18, 2021. Moved by John Ladds and seconded by Ray Vetter that the minutes be adopted as read. Carried.
3. Outstanding Business
  - 3.1 Dog Park  
There is still no solid information on another site for the dog park. The City is looking at the space next to the cenotaph. People felt that it was not large enough but Catherine thought it met minimum standards for size. Fred suggested the spot next to the ball diamond. Catherine will follow up prior to the next meeting.
  - 3.2 Snow Dump  
Still being investigated by by-law department.
  - 3.3 Vaccination of Volunteers  
Luc was following up on this. He had written an e-mail in this regard to the City, stating he was not prepared to carry out this task, but Catherine has not seen any reply.
4. Communications and Announcements
5. Reports
  - 5.1 City business – Catherine Kitts/Heather Scott  
Catherine informed members that the draft budget has been tabled. She felt there was good news regarding investment for road resurfacing.  
Order of Ottawa being received by Ross Bradley on Wednesday. Special ceremony for 2020 recipients. There should be a live stream for this. Catherine will let us know.  
LRT back on track and working well so far. Catherine was very impressed with third party overseeing the return to service plan.  
Fred questioned the resurfacing of shoulders on Navan Road. Catherine stated this will be done before the snow comes. Milton will be resurfaced next year.
  - 5.2 Treasurer – Dale Borys
  - 5.3 Navan Nugget– Tom Devecseri  
Tom suggested Catherine getting a photo taken with Ross at the Order of Ottawa ceremony for the next Nugget. The Plante Greenhouse opening will be getting a spread in the Nugget. Tom was pleased to announce that we now have a new reporter for the Nugget. Alex Allard grew up in Navan and has offered his services. Tom will have to contact advertisers for the upcoming year regarding payments.
  - 5.4 Social Media – Jackie Moore
  - 5.5 Horticulture – Anne-Marie Potvin  
Anne-Marie stated she had nothing to report until the spring. Discussion took place around the placing of the plaques on the planter boxes. It was decided to put the plaques on the boxes in the spring and David Grattan offered to do this. We will hold off taking photos of the planters until the spring.
  - 5.6 Membership, NCC and Mer Bleue update – Ray Vetter  
Ray informed members that the AGM for Mer Bleue met last week and we now have contacts for all the community associations in the Mer Bleue area. Designates will be appointed for all community associations and Ray will obtain this list and supply names to NCA members. Ray also questioned whether the run off from the snow dump went in the direction of the Mer Bleue bog.
  - 5.7 Safety – Bob Price
  - 5.8 Parks and Recreation – Luc Picknell
  - 5.9 Navan Cenotaph Committee– John Ladds  
John reported that the ceremony was held virtually again this year and Fred counted around 100 people on camera coming to the cenotaph during the course of the day. Laurie Watson and Eileen Vaillancourt have finished their extensive research into names on the cenotaph and have written comprehensive bios on those named. That information is now on the website. Tom will be writing an article in the upcoming edition of the Nugget.

6. New Business

6.1 Update on Nifty Fifty Seniors' Club resumption – Ray Vetter

Ray and Juanita met with Jessie from the City regarding conditions of resumption of the Nifty Fifty Seniors Club. They have been studying all the rules and regulations from the City and the province so Ray is hopeful that early January they will be able to resume if Covid situation remains stable. 50 people responded that they would be willing to return. Fred questioned if vaccination status had to be checked and how that would be done. Ray is still looking into that. City is recommending \$2 million in liability insurance. This can be negotiated with the City.

6.2 NCA Red Maple project responsibility – Ray Vetter

Ray was approached about the Red Maple trees that were planted and one has now died. Steve, at the arena said they had a warranty but he did not know for how long. However they were bought from Laporte and they are no longer in business. John met with Ross and he did not think the warranty was any good after all this time. John thought the tree that had died was due to the soil condition. Ray suggested telling Steve to remove the dead tree as it is on City property.

6.3 Future NCA Meetings – Fred Hyde

The Arena is now available for meetings and Fred was questioning whether we should go back to face to face meetings. The consensus among most members was that we should remain on Zoom for the time being, especially during the winter months. It was suggested we pay for a Zoom account which could be shared among all the organizations in town. Fred will contact the other organizations in town in this regard. Tom made the motion to set aside \$250.00 for a Zoom account for a year. Seconded by Ray Vetter. Carried.

6.4 Road Sign – David Grattan

David had a visual presentation of conditions on Smith Road regarding speeding trucks, shoulders that drop off, and bad road conditions. Catherine commented that letters had gone to the trucking contractors regarding trucks not using Smith Road. Catherine will also investigate how to get sidewalks not tied to a developer. Catherine is asking members if she should push for work on Smith ahead of other roads in the Navan area, if the NCA wishes this.

7. Adjournment