

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

**M I N U T E S  
Monday, October 18, 2021  
At 7:30 p.m.  
Via Zoom**

In attendance: Chris MacPherson, Fred Hyde, Luc Picknell, Tom Devecseri, John Ladds, Ray Vetter, Phil Grandmaitre, Rachel Putnins, Eleanor Foy, Robert Price, Jackie Moore, Erin Zintel

1. Additional agenda items and approval of agenda. Moved by Luc Picknell and seconded by Ray Vetter that the agenda be adopted as read. Carried.
2. Approval of minutes of the last meeting of September 22, 2021. Moved by Luc Picknell and seconded by Tom Devecseri that the minutes be adopted as read. Carried.
3. Outstanding Business
  - 3.1 Dog Park – Bob Price and Gerry Dust  
Bob Price stated that Catherine Kitts' comments were passed on to Gerry Dust and he will follow up. Rachel said the use of the ball diamond as a seasonal dog park was not feasible because of the by-law concerning dogs and dog parks. Other alternatives are being explored by the City. Two other sites are being considered.
  - 3.2 Snow Dump – Fred Hyde  
An e-mail and video were circulated to members by Fred concerning this issue. Rachel says ongoing investigations and talks are taking place to see if any zoning by-laws are being broken and whether there is a grandfathered agreement concerning this snow dump. Rachel will also check with South Nations to ensure they are aware of this problem. Fred is suggesting asking Friends of Mer Bleu for a grant for water testing regarding the run off from this dump.
  - 3.3 Rural Internet – Fred Hyde  
Fred finally got a contact at Bell Canada and he has sent an e-mail asking him to look into the internet situation. No response as yet but Fred will contact the McFaddens with a reply.
4. Communications and Announcements
5. Reports
  - 5.1 City business – Catherine Kitts/Heather Scott  
Catherine offered apologies for missing this meeting but she is working on the new official plan committees. Rachel commented that Electoral Boundaries will be redrawn for the next election and Orleans-South Navan will be our new ward
  - 5.2 Treasurer – Dale Borys  
Dale sent his report via e-mail
  - 5.3 Navan Nugget– Tom Devecseri  
Tom wondered what we should put in the Nugget regarding the new owners of Bradley's store. Should we follow up on John and Dan. Fred suggested asking Sheila to comment in her column. It was felt a thankyou should go out to John and Dan prior to introducing the new owners. Tom also reported that the Nugget will be delivered to those areas not covered at present.
  - 5.4 Social Media – Jackie Moore  
Jackie requested that any notes for posting should be directed to her e-mail.
  - 5.5 Horticulture – Anne-Marie Potvin  
Anne-Marie was not in attendance but she did send an e-mail stating that the raised garden beds will be moved shortly by the volunteer firemen to the back of Navan Autopro for winter storage. She also has plaques that will be placed on one of the beds and Amplify It will do the rest in the spring so that all 6 are well identified as Friends of Mer Bleu funding. Anne-Marie will be looking for more volunteers to help with horticulture projects come springtime.  
Builders' Wall Ceremony went well. As usual Tom took great photos. Thanks Tom. Brian Coburn just brought 10 frames to Anne-Marie for the next years. He was unable to "write the names" for this year's recipients. She will be looking for someone who can do that.
  - 5.6 Membership, NCC and Mer Blue update – Ray Vetter  
A deposit for NCA membership was made on September 14th. The FOMB will be holding their AGM in early November.
  - 5.7 Safety – Bob Price  
Bob informed members that there were not a lot of safety concerns coming in to the in-box.
  - 5.8 Parks and Recreation – Luc Picknell  
Luc reported that things are going well. November 6th is the day for setting up the rink. Luc feels he is the one who needs to take responsibility and sign off for volunteers having been vaccinated and he feels uncomfortable with this. Rachel advised Luc to send an e-mail to Catherine in this regard. Luc would like to be on hand when the assessment of the ball diamond is being done by the City.

5.9 Navan Cenotaph Committee– John Ladds

John informed members that nothing has changed with regards to November 11th. A couple of questions have been posed by the City and they have been informed we are going virtual. John heard from CBC Montreal wondering if we had any aboriginal heritage persons. Let John if you know of anybody. Erin Zintel will check her written records.

6. New Business

6.1 Orleans Library – Fred Hyde

Invitation from Pascale regarding new library in South Orleans. Does anyone have any comments. If you would like to talk to this invitation, please let Fred know.

6.2 Ward Boundaries – Fred Hyde

Covered by Rachel in her report.

6.3 Neighbourhood Resource Team – Bob Price

Bob Price addressed the upcoming formation of Neighbourhood Resource Teams working in rural areas. Special vehicles and Logos on uniforms will be part of this new initiative. Bob stated their mandate puts an onus on the police force to work with other City services. Teams of officers will be working more in an intervention manner rather than enforcement. Hopefully this will address the root causes that lead to crime in that the team will try to help out people and refer them to City services before their circumstances lead to crime. The Team is not up and running yet but Bob will approach them to attend one of our upcoming NCA meetings to present their mandate to members and answer our questions. Bob will arrange for team members to attend one of our meetings.

7. Adjournment