

NAVAN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
L'ASSOCIATION DES RESIDENTS DE NAVAN

M I N U T E S

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Via Zoom at 7:30 p.m.

In attendance: Chris MacPherson, Fred Hyde, Tom Devecseri, John Ladds Luc Picknell, Bob Price, Rachel Putins, Jill Noakes, Catalina Clifford, Erin Zintel, Anne-Marie Potvin

1. Additional agenda items and approval of agenda. Moved by Tom Devecseri and seconded by John Ladds that the agenda be approved with additions. Carried
2. Approval of minutes of the last meeting of March 21, 2022. Moved by Luc Picknell and seconded by Erin Zintel that the minutes be adopted with one correction in 6.1 Carried,
3. Outstanding Business
- 3.1 Snowdump update

Rachel Putins was in attendance for Catherine Kitts and presented the following report regarding the ongoing snowdump issue. Following the completion of an inspection and review of operations at G&L Auto, particularly focused on snow disposal operations, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks has determined that the current design and configuration of the snow disposal area is not suitable for snow stockpiling as the melt water can be impactful to McKinnons Creek. As such, the ministry has requested that the company take immediate action to prevent run-off from the current stockpile from entering McKinnons Creek. Further, the ministry does not support ongoing snow disposal activities unless the company installs required systems to address salt-impacted run-off and infiltration at the site. Any such improvements to the site will be subject to an engineering review and, if the system design is appropriate, approval by the ministry.

This report has been forwarded to George Langlois, the resident who brought this issue to the attention of the NCA.

4. Communications and Announcements
5. Reports
- 5.1 City business – Catherine Kitts/Heather Scott

Rachel was pleased to announce that the Rural community Grants programme has awarded the NCA a grant in the amount of \$14,000.00 for further rink advancements. Catherine is very pleased with this outcome.

Road resurfacing plan are being laid out for 2022 and include the upgrading of Frank Kenny Road. Catherine is also working on having upgrading of other rural roads to the attention of council. Speeding concerns are still being received. Rachel is suggesting that residents keep calling Ottawa Police when infractions occur. This is still the best way to address this issue. Erin questioned why the pylons had not been reinstated but Rachel stated that usually the City waits until all chance of snow has passed. Members were reminded about the change of wards for the upcoming elections. We now have Orleans South Navan and Orleans East Cumberland.

Catherine Kitts and Mayor Jim Watson were pleased to be able to visit the very successful market last Sunday.

Bob questioned what to do about a call he received regarding a rundown house on Trim Road which could be a fire hazard. Evidently the best course of action is to call 311 and they will investigate the situation.

5.2 Treasurer – Dale Borys

5.3 Navan Nugget– Tom Devecseri

Tom reminded Rachel to have Catharine submit her report for this month as soon as possible.

5.4 Social Media – Samantha McKeag

5.5 Horticulture – Anne-Marie

Anne-Marie has started visiting nurseries and collecting plants. She has written a piece for the Nugget asking for support from the community. She is also asking residents to clean up the village around where they live and bags are available if you contact Anne-Marie.

5.6 Membership, NCC and Mer Blue update – Ray Vetter

5.7 Safety – Bob Price

Bob was asking members if they have any safety concerns as he is not receiving any e-mails around this issue. Anne Marie pointed out that there are lots of cars going behind the Arena at night and that maybe lights should be installed to go on and off. Bob will mention it to the Neighbourhood local team and the Curling Club

5.8 Parks and Recreation – Luc Picknell

Luc reported that the rinks will be dismantled this weekend. Luc was very happy to have received the grant and can now move onto action. Discussion took place around renewal of insurance papers which Fred has just received and have to be completed by next week. Nets are now up for tennis.

5.9 Navan Cenotaph Committee– John Ladds

6. New Business

6.1 Music in the Park – Heather Monkman & Jill Noakes

Jill was on hand to report that she and Heather have booked three performances for their Music in the Park initiative. The Centralaires will be on hand for June 15th, a rhythm and blues group for June 22nd and, June 29th Nepean Concert band. All performances will commence at 7:00 p.m. and there is no cost to the public

6.2 National Healing Forest- Catalina Clifford

Catalina Clifford brought up the subject of a National Healing Forest to assist in the healing process regarding the residential schools for indigenous people. Initially she was considering either a private piece of land or City property in the village. Chris informed her that the Lions Club of District A 4 have a memorial forest on Russell Road where members of the public can purchase trees for their loved ones and it will be planted by the ICSS, who own the property. There are beautiful quiet gardens on this property, including a Butterfly Garden and Chris thought it would be possible to hold ceremonies and healing workshops there with permission of the ICSS. Information on the property can be found at [20Lions%20Memorial%20Forest%20Brochure%20-%202018%20-19\(1](#) Erin also suggested maybe partnering with Heritage School as part of their outdoor education programme.

6.3 Navan Fair – Fred Hyde

Fred informed members that the Fair will be held a week earlier this year 4 – 7th of August. The Fairboard also needs written permission of the NCA to hold the Fair. No objections were noted so the letter can be sent with our approval.

6.4 All Candidates Meeting

Fred questioned whether we should try for an All Candidates Meeting for the upcoming provincial and municipal elections. It was deemed too late for a provincial debate but a municipal debate was left on the table.

Area Community Association gathering

Fred recently attended the inaugural meeting of 9 local community associations. It was felt that this was a good opportunity for information collection and sharing of ideas. Rachel stated that Catherine is hoping to be available to attend any upcoming meetings of this group.

7. Adjournment