

NAVAN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
L'ASSOCIATION DES RESIDENTS DE NAVAN

MINUTES

Monday, March 21, 2022

7:30 p.m. via Zoom

In attendance: Chris MacPherson, Fred Hyde, John Ladds, Carole Ouellette, Luc Picknell, Heather Monkman, Jill Noakes, Catherine Kitts, Erin Zintel, Ray Vetter. Tom Devecseri

1. Additional agenda items and approval of agenda. Moved by Erin Zintel and seconded by Luc Picknell that the agenda be approved with one addition. Carried.
2. Approval of minutes of the last meeting of February 21, 2022. Moved by Fred Hyde and seconded by Luc Picknell that the minutes be adopted as read. Carried.
3. Carole Ouellette, Community Development Co-ordinator, OCCRC  
Carole Ouellette was on hand to inform members of her role with the OCCRC. She said that she is here to support any local projects. She also gave an overview of the many programmes they support, including a tax programme for low income residents. She is also willing to assist community groups with any upcoming projects.
4. Outstanding Business
  - 4.1 Dog Park Update  
Catherine reported that there are no new updates in this regard. Erin asked if the piece of land off Smith would be suitable for an off-leash dog park. Catherine will look into this option. Rob and Luc thought without someone championing this cause we should leave things the way there are, i.e. the Verna Cotton area being designated as a dog park.
  - 4.2 Snow Dump Update  
Catherine stated that this is an incredibly challenging item and reminded us that Stephen Blais is also taking an interest. Evidently a subservice investigation was supposed to have taken place in December. The investigation has been completed by the Ministry, and was submitted on February 16th and is currently under review. The City will be performing a site inspection this week and the results should be received by the end of the month. The City is also conducting an investigation because the owner has stated he has the right to use it for a snow dump due to permission being granted under the old Cumberland township for many years. If this information is incorrect you can file an affidavit stating this was not the case. George Langlois, who was the instigator of the investigation into this item, was on hand via phone to voice his concerns regarding what he sees, as a poisoning of the water table by this snow dump.
5. Communications and Announcements
6. Reports
  - 6.1 City business – Catherine Kitts/Heather Scott
    - Catherine commented on her investigation into the status of the Navan Hills Estate which was brought to our attention during the last meeting by Ray Vetter. Evidently the City has not received any application for development at this site. Before any work could commence there would need to be an application and consultation with neighbours in the immediate area. A comment was made that three wells have been drilled on the property so far.
    - Catherine will be attending a meeting next week with rural councillors to consider rural grants.

- It was also noted that lots of events will be starting up again in the coming weeks following the lifting of some Covid restrictions.

- The fact that the Brian Coburn extension has been supported by NCA has been passed to the NCC, Catherine wanted to let residents know that there is now a survey posted on the City website regarding collection of waste matter and all comments and suggestions are welcome.

- Catherine now has a digital feed on her website with the latest City updates.

6.2 Treasurer – Dale Borys

Dayle was not on hand but distributed his information via e-mail to all members.

6.3 Navan Nugget– Tom Devecseri

Tom asked Ray for information on Nifty Fifty to put on the front page of the Nugget. He also mentioned the opening of a temporary art gallery on Trim Road

6.4 Social Media – Samantha McKeag

6.5 Horticulture – Anne-Marie Potvin

Anne-Marie was not on hand but sent an e-mail regarding plans for spring planting.

6.6 Membership, NCC and Mer Blue update – Ray Vetter

Ray reported that 38 new members have signed up due to the opening of Nifty Fifty. They are still keeping Covid precautions in place for the foreseeable future due to the age and health of members.

Friends of Mer Bleue – looking at applications for grants tomorrow. Recurring grants should be duly noted such as Music in the Park

6.7 Safety – Bob Price

6.8 Parks and Recreation – Luc Picknell

6.9 Luc was pleased to announce that a grant has been approved for the improvement of the storage facility.

He is also working on having the rink boards taken down in April or May. Fred will let Luc know when the Cairine Wilson Run will be held so they will be cleared before then. He has also been on to the City regarding upgrading of the baseball diamond.

6.10 Navan Cenotaph Committee– John Ladds

7. New Business

7.1 AGM – Date, Location, Reports

Monday, April 18th should be the date for the next NCA meeting and Annual General Meeting but that's Easter Monday. It was decided to move the meeting to Tuesday, April 19th. Fred reminded all Directors to submit their reports to Chris via e-mail prior to the next meeting so they can be distributed to all members.

7.2 Concerts in the Park

Jill addressed the subject of bringing back concert in the parks. Have two concert bands booked and maybe a third. Henceforth, this will be referred to as Music in the Park so different genres can be introduced. Jill was also pleased to announce that they have been given a grant from the Friends of Mer Bleue . As of now, three Wednesday evenings in June have been booked. Heather asked Catherine if Rural Grants could be applied for to assist with advertising. Catherine thought this could be a possibility and will forward information for making application for such a grant. The WI is also sponsoring Shakespeare in the Park by Company of Fools on June 30th. This production will take place behind Bradley's store..

8. Adjournment