

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

**MINUTES**

**7:30 p.m.**

**Monday, May 15, 2023**

**In attendance: Chris MacPherson, Fred Hyde, Jill Noakes, John Ladds, Erin Zintel, Sue Macartney, Ray Vetter, Bob Price, Sheila Calver, Betty Neilands, Catherine Kitts, Anne-Marie Potvin, Tom Devecseri, Catalina Clifford.**

- 1. Additional agenda items and approval of agenda. Moved by Tom Devecseri and seconded by Ray Vetter that the agenda be adopted as read. Carried.**
- 2. Approval of minutes of the last meeting of April 17 2023. Moved by Ray Vetter and seconded by Tom Devecseri that the minutes be adopted as read. Carried.**

**Presentation by City on Emergency Preparedness**

Members of the City Emergency Preparedness Team gave a comprehensive power point presentation on steps that the City has taken to assist residents in time of emergencies such as power outages, tornadoes, floods etc. They also suggested actions that could be taken by individual residents to prepare for such eventualities. The link for the information given tonight is [Ottawa.ca/AreYouReady](http://Ottawa.ca/AreYouReady). Fred will write up relevant information in the Nugget.

**3. Outstanding Business**

**3.1 Healing Forest Update – Catalina**

Catalina has been trying to reach out to indigenous communities for their support with this initiative. She has also been in touch with Catharine's office and with planning Indigenous Relations groups which are looking at initiatives. Catalina is now waiting to hear next steps from Catharine's office. Catharine pointed out that a request for use of land has to come from the Indigenous Relations group.

**4. Communications and Announcements**

**5. Reports**

**5.1 City business – Catherine Kitts/Heather Scott**

Catherine was pleased to announce that the blitz of picking up debris from the derecho and the ice storm is taking place tomorrow. They will be taking away smaller loads and flagging the streets with really large amounts of debris to be picked up at a later date. John Ladds is still looking for a price on the bike station so that plans can be made to raise funds. Catherine described feedback on the contentious garbage collection changes coming next year. Evidently the bag tag system where residents would be given about 2 bags per week per household is not that popular.

**5.2 Treasurer – Dale Borys**

**5.3 Navan Nugget– Tom Devecseri**

**5.4 Social Media –**

Fred informed members that two people have shown an interest in this position and maybe we could use both of them in tandem. Jackie is filling in for the

meantime.

- 5.5 Horticulture – Anne-Marie Potvin  
Anne-Marie reported that the garden beds need to be set up now and at the beginning of June, the pots should be put out.  
An application for nomination to the wall has been received and the ceremony will take place in September.
- 5.6 Membership, NCC, Nifty Fifty and Mer Blue update – Ray Vetter and Erin Zintel  
Erin commented on the recent Friends of Mer Bleue meeting. The annual cheque for \$4,000.00 administration costs has been received. Decisions for funding of grants are being discussed. A bench is to be installed in the Mer Bleue bog for Edwin Morton, founding member of Friends of Mer Bleue. A reminder that grants will again be handed out in the fall with a deadline for applications for the end of September. As things stand now, there will be 2 more years of administration grants to community associations as well as the annual school scholarships.  
Ray reported 30 new members thanks to families of soccer players.
- 5.7 Safety – Bob Price  
Bob commented that if you see suspicious people in your backyard and you think it important enough to post on Helping Hands, then call the police and let them know.
- 5.8 Parks and Recreation – Luc Picknell
- 5.9 Navan Cenotaph Committee– Erin Zintel
- 5.10 Music in the Park – Jill Noakes and Heather Monkman  
Performances are set up for June 7, 14 and 21. Electronic posters will be sent to committee members and they can send out to their contacts. Someone is needed to set up sound system as Don Lawlor cannot set up. Ray volunteered. Discussion took place around Community BBQ on June 7<sup>th</sup>. The Navan Lions will take on the main course and someone else needs to do desserts if this is deemed necessary. Jill is interested in putting up the information on the Arena sign. It was pointed out that this needs to be bilingual. John thought the Agricultural sign would be better.

## 6. New Business

## 7. Adjournment