

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

**MINUTES
Monday, November 20, 2023**

7:30 p.m

In attendance: Fred Hyde, Chris MacPherson, John Ladds, Ray Vetter, Tim Bernardi, Brian Moore, Catharine Kitts, Luc Picknell, Dale Borys, Heather Monkman, Erin Zintel

- 1. Additional agenda items and approval of agenda. Moved by Tom Devecseri and seconded by Luc Picknell that the agenda be adopted as read. Carried.**
- 2. Approval of minutes of the last meeting of October 16, 2023. Moved by Ray Vetter and seconded by Tom Devecseri that the minutes be adopted as read. Carried.**
- 3. Outstanding Business**

3.1 Healing Forest

Catharine addressed this issue and has an article in the next Nugget that the idea is being reviewed by the Indigenous Circle and cannot be brought to the City and public consultation before they give their consent.

4. Communications and Announcements

5. Reports

- 5.1** City business – Catherine Kitts/Heather Scott/Amanda Kristalovich/Ethan Fink
Catherine was in attendance and informed members that the budget season at City Hall is in full swing. She was pleased to see that the paving of Frank Kenny has been approved.
Evidently upon amalgamation the Community Associations were covered for liability insurance by the City. However, this is now being revisited and much discussion has taken place at the council level as to how they should proceed in the future as not all community associations are as involved as the NCA and therefore do not need that level of insurance. Suggestions have been brought forward that maybe from now on community associations should procure their own insurance and then apply for city grants to cover the cost. It was proposed that criteria should be drawn up as to the duties of community associations. Catherine will keep us posted.
Catherine is also in consultation with Ashcroft Builders regarding the closure of Navan Road for an extended period to carry out needed installations for future housing developments.
Dale Borys expressed concern regarding the issue about a complaint he made about the creek in the rear of his property not being addressed in a timely manner. Catherine will investigate, but knows that that particular department is behind in their projects.
- 5.2** Treasurer – Dale Borys
Bank balance sheet \$30,261.00. Dale mentioned a couple of outstanding cheques that need to be investigated.
- 5.3** Navan Nugget– Tom Devecseri
Tom now has a sign in the Nugget with advertising rates for the upcoming year.

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5.4 Social Media – Sarah Zintel

Sarah was unable to attend the meeting but did send in a report:

- Website updates – contact form has been updated to direct submissions to the correct board members
- As mentioned in our last meeting, the Board member page has been updated
- Work to remove reference to Navan Helping Hands has begun
- Social Media Updates – another month with high engagement on Instagram. The canteen post still seeing the most activit(mainly because it is also tied to Giroux's account) and the Remembrance Day post coming in second
- Promotion of the Nugget was well received and we will continue doing this for every issue
- The local fire station and other groups are starting to request collaboration on posts (shared on both pages). We will accept these collaborative posts so long as they are relevant to the NCA. As of yet, nothing unusual has been requested
- Promotion of other community groups' posts in our Stories continue to be well received
- Access to Facebook has been resolved. Cross promotion on both Facebook and Instagram will begin with the next post promoting the December Nugget.
- Please reach out if there are any upcoming community events that should be promoted in the next 30 days. There is nothing on the radar at this time.

5.5 Horticulture – Anne-Marie Potvin

5.6 Membership, NCC, Nifty Fifty – Ray Vetter

Ray reported a couple of new members in Nifty Fifty, now 72 members in all

5.7 Mer Bleue – Erin Zintel

5.8 Safety – Bob Price

5.9 Parks and Recreation – Luc Picknell

5.10 Luc passed around a photo of a proposed cover for the rink at a cost of approximately \$350,000.00. He has a private investor willing to donate \$100,000, and suggests trying for grants from the Friends of Mer Bleue, the City rural grants, plus maybe some money from NCA. Looking for approval from the Fairboard as well.

5.11 Navan Cenotaph Committee– Erin Zintel

Remembrance Day very successful. There is a crack in the cenotaph wall which will be looked into in the spring.

5.12 Music in the Park – Jill Noakes and Heather Monkman

Two bands are already interested and Jill and Heather will start making plans in January. Heather made the motion to have another bbq on one of the nights.

Motion by Fred Hyde and seconded by Tom Devecseri that the Navan Community Association provide up to \$1500.00 for food. Carried.

6. New Business

6.1 **Liability Insurance – Fred Hyde**

This item was dealt with under the City report.

6.2 **It was decided we would not hold an NCA meeting in December 2023.**

7. Adjournment