

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

M I N U T E S

Monday, September 18, 2023

7:30 p.m.

In attendance: Chris Macpherson, Fred Hyde, John Ladds, Erin Zintel, Sarah Zintel, Tim Bernardi, Ethan Fink, Jill Noakes, Luc Picknell, Ray Vetter, Tom Devecseri, Catherine Kitts.

1. Additional agenda items and approval of agenda. Moved by Ray Vetter and seconded by Erin Zintel that the agenda be adopted as read. Carried.

2. Approval of minutes of the last meeting of June 19, 2023. Moved by Tom Devecseri and seconded by Luc Picknell that the minutes be adopted as read. Carried.

3. Outstanding Business

3.1 Healing Forest Update – Catalina Clifford

3.2 Bicycle Repair Station Update – John Ladds

John has not heard anything from the City since last June. Ethan will look into it. Fred questioned whether the Community Development grants would be an appropriate source of funding.

4. Communications and Announcements

5. Reports

5.1 City business – Catherine Kitts/Heather Scott/Amanda Kristalovich

Ethan Fink, a newly hired member of Catharine Kitts' office was on hand to discuss City business. He informed members that the paved shoulders on Trim Road are being worked on and the paving of the road is taking place. Discussion also took place around the reveal of the improvements that have taken place in the Arena by Quaker Oats. City will help with setting this up for October 14th, same day as Fall Fest and Pancake Breakfast. Fred suggested promotion in the Nugget for people to attend this event, in the evening. All members were in favour.

5.2 Treasurer – Dale Borys

5.3 Navan Nugget– Tom Devecseri

Tom stated that the upcoming edition of the Nugget will refer residents to social media posts regarding the reveal at the Arena. Has two pages in the upcoming Nugget regarding all the renovations that have taken place at the Arena.

5.4 Social Media – Sarah Zintel

Sarah, who recently took over this position is looking for room for improvement with the social media pages. She has also been working on seeking out who has access to the NCA email.

5.5 Horticulture – Anne-Marie Potvin

Anne Marie will be giving up her positions on Horticulture and The Wall. Ray will try and contact the individuals who helped Anner Marie and see if they may be interested in the horticulture portfolio. He will also post the opportunity at Nifty

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- Fifty. Fred will talk to Anne Marie and go over the criteria for nomination to the wall.
- 5.6 Membership, NCC, Nifty Fifty – Ray Vetter
Ray was pleased to announce 30 new members to the NCA, all of whom are Nifty Fifty members. On September 6th, Nifty Fifty plus Seniors started their new season for 2023-2024. The first week 52 members signed up for another year. The Chairperson was surprised to receive a message from the City of Ottawa that Nifty Fifty was selected to receive a 2023 Older Adult Plan Project Award (RCFS Access to Space Award). A credit has been awarded for their September to December 2023 rent and Nifty Fifty is very grateful for being selected for the award. On August 19th, Nifty Fifty members attended the Lions Memorial Forest Tree Dedication Ceremony for which the group donated funds for trees dedicated to Nifty Fifty members who passed over the years. Four Mountain Ash trees were planted in their honour.
The Friends of Mer Bleue is pleased that the dedication bench has been installed by the NCC at the Mer Bleue bog. The bench was installed to commemorate the memory of one of the founding members.
- 5.7 Mer Bleue – Erin Zintel
It was announced that the new sign for baseball field is up in NDC. Erin also pointed out that a donation was recently made from Friends of Mer Bleue to the Navan Lions Club for their website.
- 5.8 Safety – Bob Price
- 5.9 Parks and Recreation – Luc Picknell
Luc said that his team will probably set up the rink in November. Unfortunately the shed wall was vandalized over the summer and also a camera was broken. The Fairboard will be looking after this.
- 5.10 Navan Cenotaph Committee– Erin Zintel
Erin has been cleaning up around the cenotaph. Another weeding is needed. Luc needs to come in and resurface. **Motion by Erin Zintel for an amount of \$4,146.85 to resurface. Amended by Tom up to \$4,500.00. Seconded by John Ladds. Carried.**
- 5.11 Music In the Park – Jill Noakes and Heather Monkman
It was noted by Sarah Zintel that she had received feedback that more information needs to be posted on social media to get residents to come out. One instance was given of the indigenous programme that was held this summer not being given enough exposure prior to the event happening.

6. New Business

- 6.1 **Flood Abatement along Prescott-Russell Trail – Fred Hyde**
Much chit-chat on Social Media centred around the clearing of bush and dead trees behind Barnwell. Even though Catherine had taken the time and effort to visit adjacent properties on Barnwell prior to the event to explain that the cleaning was taking place to alleviate flooding in the farm next to the trail, much needless chatter and criticism was seen on Helping Hands site. Concern was expressed that this site was not set up for this type of chatter and should be addressed by the coordinators.
- 6.2 **“I Love Navan” bumper stickers – Fred Hyde**
While cleaning out some file cabinets, Fred discovered a whole bunch of bumper

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stickers. Suggested giving them out at Fallfest with a donation jar for those who wish to contribute.

6.3 Quaker Food project – Fred Hyde

Covered previously.

7. Adjournment