

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

**M I N U T E S
Tuesday, May 21, 2024**

7:30 p.m.

In attendance: Chris MacPherson, Luc Picknell, Ray Vetter, John Ladds, Erin Zintel, Brian Moore, Fred Hyde, Heather Monkman, Bob Price, Tom Devecseri, Catherine Kitts

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

2. Approval of minutes of the last meeting of April 15, 2024. Moved by Ray Vetter and seconded by Brian Moore that the minutes be adopted as read. Carried.

3. Outstanding Business

3.1 Update re the garden beds at the north and east entrances to the village – Heather Monkman

Heather has been looking into ideas regarding the garden beds at the entrance to the village. One idea was to erect a sign (Welcome to Navan) on the flower bed coming into town and she is also asking Barry Irvine what would plants would grow there that can withstand drought and not take too much attention.

3.2 NCA BBQ – Heather Monkman

Heather was enquiring of Catherine Kitts how other community associations promote their BBQs so we can attract more residents. Catherine thought the use of social media was a good place to start and so Heather will be in contact with Sarah in this regard when she returns home.

4. Communications and Announcements

5. Reports

5.1 City business – Catherine Kitts/Ethan Fink

- Chris was asking if it is possible for Catherine to acquire another bin for animal waste to be placed at 10th Line and the Trail as pet owners are just throwing waste bags on the ground at the entrance to the trail. Catharine will check this out.
- Catharine has also been reviewing the possibility of obtaining a minor capital grant for the pavilion (Could be as much as \$125,000.00). She stated that normally these grants are not given to projects not situated on City Land but the committee is reviewing it and she was feeling that they might approve it.
- A water rate review is being discussed at council and there will be a consultation at the Navan Arena on June 25th which is open to all residents. Catharine is looking at how much the City is spending on culverts in our area.
- Final section of Frenk Kenney being paved this year.
- South Nations recently purchased a section of the woods behind Barnwell and they will be cleaning up the downed trees from the derecho and making trails for residents to use.
- John Ladds informed members that the base for the bike repair station will be going in soon.
- Ray was asking about the street light on Delson which has been out for some

- time. Catharine will look into it.
- 5.2 Treasurer – Dale Borys
- 5.3 Navan Nugget– Tom Devecseri
President of NCA needs to submit his report for the Nugget. Deadline is this Friday. BBQ and Music in the Park will be on the front page in this upcoming issue.
- 5.4 Social Media – Sarah Zintel
- 5.5 Horticulture –
Still looking for a director
- 5.6 Membership, NCC, Nifty Fifty – Ray Vetter
Annual memberships will come due at the end of June. Nifty Fifty will have its final gathering at the end of June. Last dinner will be held on the first Wednesday in June. Ray questioned whether rumoured maintenance work at the Arena would affect upcoming Nifty Fifty afternoons but Catharine stated that work will be done on the Arena downstairs, probably during the summer months and therefore would have no impact on the Nifty Fifty afternoons.
- 5.7 Mer Bleue – Erin Zintel
Erin was pleased to announce the approval of a \$200,000.00 grant for the pavilion project.
- 5.8 Safety – Bob Price
Bob covered some of the current frauds and scams are going on. Talked about the traffic speed concerns. Community oriented policing being looked at. Bob reminded members and residents that all suspicious activity should be reported to the police, not merely posted on Helping Hands.
- 5.9 Parks and Recreation – Luc Picknell
Luc was pleased to inform members that the Pavilion project is coming along nicely even though the Trillium grant did not come through. There is \$615,000.00 in grants and pledges thus far and several fundraising initiatives are being considered as well as a GoFundMe page. Total budget will be in the region of \$900,000.00. There is a youth dance being arranged for May 31st and a Barn Dance in September. Lots of initiatives for fundraising going on. Chris questioned how many names could go on a plaque. Luc will look into that. **A motion was proposed by Tom Devecseri and seconded by John Ladds that the NCA donate \$300.00 for chips and drinks at the Youth Dance. Carried.** Any extra supplies will be passed on to the Navan Lions Club for use at the BBQ. All food expenses will be borne by the NCA and the Navan Lions Club will be collecting the donations in the jars and will discuss donating the proceeds to the pavilion project at its next meeting.
- 5.10 Navan Cenotaph Committee– Erin Zintel
- 5.11 Music in the Park – Jill Noakes and Heather Monkman
Heather said all 4 slots are covered for June. The Orleans Jazz Band is willing to come and start playing at 6:00 p.m. during the BBQ. Heather will reach out to Sarah when she returns. Al Robinson put up the signs on the 12th May and the lawn signs will go up by the weekend. Catherine is coming on the 12th. Betty Johnson has been asked to do the land acknowledgement on the 19th. WI will be providing a strawberry shortcake dessert on the last night and the United Church will be catering the dessert on the 19th.

6. New Business

6.1 NCA Memberships and the NCA events – Heather Monkman

Heather was voicing an opinion about her impression of low visibility of the NCA within the village and she does not know how we should go about improving this image. Maybe it is something for the membership to think about.

7. Adjournment