

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

**M I N U T E S
Monday, September 16, 2024**

7:30 p.m.

In attendance: Erin Zintel, Ethan Fink, Catalina Clifford, Luc Picknell, Fred Hyde, Tom Devecseri, John Ladds, Sarah Zintel, Tim Bernardi, Brian Moore, Heather Monkman, Ray Vetter, Shelley Cotton, Cheryle Houle, Danielle Griffin, Chris MacPherson

- 1. Additional agenda items and approval of agenda. Moved by Erin Zintel and seconded by Brian Moore that the agenda be adopted as read. Carried.**
- 2. Approval of minutes of the last meeting of June 17 2024. Moved by Erin Zintel and seconded by Brian Moore that the minutes be adopted as read as with two amendments. Carried.**
- 3. Outstanding Business**

3.1 Healing Forest – Catalina Clifford

Catalina Clifford was on hand to inform members on the latest updates for the Healing Forest. She has been trying to connect with Heather to set a date for a face to face meeting to discuss next steps, one being, how can we name the park. Catalina also invited members to a ceremony for a healing forest Birch Opening next Sunday 1 -3:30 2391 Pepin Court in Blackburn on a private land and it's open to everybody. There will be traditional drumming and singing and ceremonial chanting. Get in touch with Catalina if you are interested

4. Communications and Announcements

5. Reports

5.1 City business – Catherine Kitts/Heather Scott/Ethan Fink

- Ethan was representing Catherine at today's meeting with a list of information from City Hall. The depression on Navan Road has been fixed. There is still no firm date for the closure of the road by Ashcroft. They have still not finished the paperwork required for the closure for their needed work but it has to be closed for no longer than 6 months.
- 3 item garbage limit kicking in on October 1st.
- Rural Summit upcoming.
- City wide budget consultation coming up in October 23rd.
- Navan Arena is expected to get some renovations next summer. Arena slab being replaced. Retrofit of elevator. Accessibility upgrades. Asked that Catharine put it in her article in the Nugget. Working to get a definite update as arena will still be open but access through the elevator will not be there.

5.2 Treasurer – Dale Borys

5.3 Navan Nugget– Tom Devecseri

5.4 Already had submissions prior to the deadline

5.5 Social Media – Sarah Zintel

Had a really good summer good growth on all platforms.

5.6 Horticulture – Shelley Cotton

Shelley is taking over as the new director and she will receive outside help. **Motion by Luc Picknell and seconded by Fred Hyde that Shelley Cotton take over this portfolio. Carried** Shelley asked what the budget is for horticulture in the village. Luc suggested putting together a budget of what she would like to do. Sarah suggested working with local organizations to maybe donate some plants. Maybe general acknowledgement of one partner who donates plants. Planter boxes and two corners are covered under this directorship. Luc will soon be meeting with other nearby community associations to see how they handle their watering of planters.

5.7 Membership, NCC, Nifty Fifty – Ray Vetter

Ray informed us that the annual memberships expired in June and need to be renewed except for lifetimes. Have about 50 lifetime members so we always have members and also some 5 year ones. Well into the mid fifties in terms of membership for Nifty Fifty. Quite a few from Orleans. This upcoming Wednesday a lawyer will be giving a short presentation to the seniors regarding wills and estates

5.8 Mer Bleue – Erin Zintel

Nothing going on. Upcoming meetings later in the fall.

5.9 Safety – Bob Price

5.10 Parks and Recreation – Luc Picknell

Luc was pleased to announce that the Pavilion is going really well. 80% of fund raising so far and he will be sending out updates each month. Still have a grant in the mix with the City and hopefully that will come through. Made \$16,000.00 at recent Barn Dance. There is also an upcoming pancake breakfast staged by the firemen at Fall fest. Mobilization of the site is starting and some buried trees have to be excavated which could result in the need for a little more money. Soil testing is taking place and Sarah is working on a video kicking off the next big exciting thing. Fred said that he had been approached by several residents voicing their concerns about the project not going to tender and this may be affecting donations. Suggestions were offered that maybe Luc should clarify the situation in the Nugget and at Nifty Fifty. Dale has found way for us to get back the HST rebate by having the CTAS pay the bill for us as they have an HST number. Luc will present this idea to the Fairboard.

5.11 Navan Cenotaph Committee– Erin Zintel

Evan asked what this committee is looking for regarding Remembrance Day. It was suggested that Catherine could be on hand and her office could provide wreaths. John also pointed out that a box is required for the storage of the wreaths. Erin was also looking for chairs from the Arena. Another request was that there be no bookings at the Arena prior to the event. Luc suggested Erin put this in writing to Heather. The next meeting of this committee will take place on Thursday.

5.12 Music in the Park – Jill Noakes and Heather Monkman

Heather was pleased to announce that this programme was a great success this year. Next year she would like to try and find a way of evaluating how many people attended. Suggestions are welcome. Sarah suggested Music in the Pavilion instead of Music in the Park.

5.13 Builders' Wall – Tim Bernardi

Tim reported that the ceremony was well attended this year. He is presently

trying to create a blueprint for the Builders Wall. Would like to try and update the application process to lay out the criteria and present that at the next meeting. Would like to make the process more transparent and accountable.

6. New Business

6.1 Fallfest – Cheryle Houle

Cheryle said everything is going along well. Looking to refresh a few things and make subtle changes. Also adding some kids baskets for the auction. Looking for pies to be donated. Financially doing very well. Last year this committee was able to donate to several local causes such as Amanda Watson at the span, Muggleton and Foodbank. They now have new Facebook and Instagram pages. They are also looking to have a page on the website.

7. Adjournment