

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

**MINUTES
Monday, June 20, 2011**

11 in attendance

- 1. Additional agenda items and approval of agenda. Moved by Fred Hyde and seconded by Emmanuelle Grandmaitre that the agenda be adopted as read. Carried.**
- 2. Approval of the minutes of May 16, 2011. Moved by Fred Hyde and seconded by Fred St. Pierre that the minutes be adopted as read. Carried.**

3. Outstanding Business

- **NCA Community Safety Audit**

An E-mail was received from WISE enquiring as to whether the NCA had followed up on any aspects of the recent Safety Audit. Resident Dave Paterson was on hand to enquire about the deep ditches and sloping sidewalks which had been identified as a concern in the report. Stephen Blais pointed out that an estimate had been done for ditches and sidewalks from the end of the sidewalk on Trim Road to Colonial Road at a cost of around \$300,000. Unfortunately there is no money in this year's budget for such a project as it involves moving hydro poles to widen the sidewalks. However he did point out that Council has identified roads, ditches and sidewalks in its long term planning and hopefully monies will be available for rural areas but there we no promises for a prompt fix in the near future. Fred St. Pierre questioned why residents were not allowed to fill in their own ditches to specific specifications as had been the practice under the former Cumberland council. Stephen will look into this and report back. .

4. Communications and Announcements

- **E-mail from Cumberland Community Association**

An E-mail was received from Rebecca Dufton from the Cumberland Communication Association asking if we would be interested in joining a rural affairs group for community associations to share information. It was suggested that Chris contact Rebecca for more detailed information.

- **F.U.N. Member News Spring**
- **E-mail from Dave Paterson re state of ditches and sidewalks**
- **OCCRC Community Calendar**

5. Reports

5.1 Treasurer – Dale Borys

5.2 Public Relations – Virginia Lowe

5.3 Web Master – Don St. Denis

5.4 Horticulture – Anne-Marie Potvin

Several compliments were paid to Anne-Marie on the flower beds at the corner of the village with the 150th logo. Anne-Marie stated that Plante's had supplied the flowers at cost.

5.5 Urban/Rural Liaison – Phil Grandmaitre

5.6 Membership, NCC and Mer Blue update – Ray Vetter

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- Ray stated that pictures of village signs had been sent off to Noella for her consideration.
 - Ray is working on the paperwork with Tom to submit an application to BFI for dance money.
 - Ray commented that there is no entrance fee to register the float in the fair parade. Dale has volunteered to help Ray after July 2nd. Ray has a truck and a trailer which can be used. He thinks that he will be able to complete the float without too much expense but will E-mail members if a budget is required.

5.7 Transportation – Chris MacPherson

Chris approached Eric Fleming to be her voice on the bus and he agreed to comment on any problems encountered by passengers.

5.8 Safety – Fred St. Pierre

Park signs re by-law are still not posted in park. Fred will follow up with this. Chris saw a dirt bike on the trail today and Stephen commented that no motorized vehicles were allowed and to call 311 each time one is spotted so it can be documented by the police and, if it continues to be a problem, more police presence may be requested.

5.9 Youth Dances – Tom Devecseri

144 kids at last dance. 27 students in total this year 725 hours of volunteering. Including grant money we have \$4000 so if not for the grant money, we would be losing money on the dances.

5.10 Parks and Recreation – Emmanuelle Grandmaitre

Emmanuelle is working tirelessly on the shade shelter but has now learned that a building permit is needed but there are difficulties because of two different companies being involved. Stephen will look into it to hasten. Emmanuelle wants to move an existing picnic table under the shade shelter. She will also look into the possibility of buying a bench and will check out these options with the City. Chris stated that the Billings family has a blue bench purchased in remembrance of their daughter, Hannah and, with the Billings' family approval, maybe this could also be placed in the park area. The observation was made that the grass alongside the path is being burned and it was explained that this was due to the asphalt. The baseball markings were also faded and some of the grassy areas were not in very good condition. It was thought that these problems were covered under the warranty by the City. Stephen will follow up

5.11 Cenotaph Project – Ross Bradley

Final wording for the sponsorship plaques will be sent to Kevin Allen shortly. They anticipate installation date during the first week of August..

5.12 Petrie Island – Fred Hyde

There was a meeting last Tuesday but Fred was unable to attend. Members are still reviewing the draft report.

5.13 City business – Stephen Blais/Philip Berthiaume

Trim Road construction is underway and should be done by Fall. Stephen reported that future development calls for 5 roundabouts between Innes and the Highway. Colonial Road is slated to be redone in 2015. Stephen reported that the rural review is underway. Tom asked about the special screen paint for the

- 5.14 Arena wall so presentations can be shown. Stephen will look into this.
150th Committee – Anne-Marie Potvin
Anne-Marie commented on a very busy weekend for the 150th Committee with a Wine and Cheese on Friday, community dinner on Saturday and Bike Rally on Sunday. The Bike rally saw about 70 participants riding the trail, followed by a bbq at Smith Road. There is quite a lot of money from homecoming events for the clock tower fund and the Golf Tournament is sold out for next weekend.

6. New Business

- **Errors and Omissions Insurance**
Phil will look into whether it is necessary to carry this kind of insurance and then forward the information to members
- **Getting our French Name right**
Phil commented that anyone using the French NCA name for official purposes needs to have it right (e.g. L'Association des residents de Navan).
- **Tennis fees**
An E-mail had been received enquiring as to why Navan was charging fees for the tennis courts when it is a City facility. It was pointed out that only a nominal fee is being charged this year to pay for a key so there is limited access
- **Bike Racks at the Arena**
Chris pointed out that there are no bike racks at the Arena. Stephen stated that he had located some that were no longer being used elsewhere and one of those would shortly be installed.
- **Strawberry Social**
A fundraising event for Emily Keenan will be held at the Arena on June 26th from 6 – 8 p.m.
- **Beer Can Fundraising**
Ray enquired if it would be possible for the NCA to retrieve the beer cans from the Navan Fair as a fundraiser. Ross will check this out.

7. Adjournment