

MANOTICK VILLAGE AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Board Meeting

Nov 16, 2011 Manotick Public Library Board Room 7pm

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes of BOD meeting, Sept. 21, 2011
3. Treasurer's Report (Pierre Viau)
4. Brief summary report on Remembrance Day Ceremony (Jane Dormon/Jan Hynes)
5. Shiverfest update (Jan Hynes)
6. Report from Subcommittees
 - a. Transportation (Klaus Beltzner)
 - i. Update on Bridge St. crosswalk and Van Vliet Intersection)
 - ii. Discussion re: "Wash and Wake" mtg. held Nov 7th – Introduction of Janice Domaratzki
 - b. Communications (Ted Ross, in absentia)
 - c. Advocacy (Jan Hynes for Brian Tansley, in absentia)(See brief summary, attached below)
 - i. Watson's Mill visioning session (Oct. 26, 27)
 - ii. Minto Mahogany Phase One Update Mtg. to be held at the Legion, Nov. 28th, 7pm) City planning staff and Minto staff in attendance.
Motion to approve rental expense for Harmony Hall 6 – 10 pm.
 - iii Co-sponsorship of the public meeting to discuss the city's review and update of Manotick's Secondary Plan (information from Rose Kung, Lead Planner) Dec. 6. Upstairs at the Arena) 7pm (poster attached to distribution email message).
7. Other business
8. Adjournment

NOTES Re: Wash and Wake Committee Matters...

Klaus and Brian were invited to attend the original 'stakeholders' meeting sponsored by Parks Canada March 30 of this year regarding what to do about the deteriorating shoreline conditions along the Rideau River from north of Manotick south to Hurst Marina. As you know, the Rideau River is narrow through much of this distance. Parks Canada commissioned a study of the shoreline along this stretch of the Rideau River and identified a number of 'problem' areas with excessive erosion -- ostensibly caused by recreational boating activity. The meeting consisted of a series of 'working groups', each made up of Parks Canada personnel, commercial wake and ski school operators, shoreline residents and members of community groups (MVCA included). In plenary sessions held near the conclusion of the meetings it was clear that no consensus existed amongst the participants as to the magnitude of the problem as well as whether the proposed management of the problem by restricting certain aspects of boating activity through Manotick, would be effective. One or more follow-on meetings was promised over the summer months which would give a greater spectrum of members of the community the chance to weigh in on the matter.

By the end of the summer another stakeholders meeting hadn't materialized. Instead, Parks Canada went ahead with implementing its extensions to the existing 'No Wake' zones through Manotick. Doing this without carrying through with their promised community consultation process has created community 'push back'. Recreational boaters, in particular, regard Parks Canada's actions as a unilateral move that restricts boating activity through Manotick without any evidence that the erosion identified in their study is indeed caused by boat wake.

A second meeting finally came to pass -- a very lively affair, held at the RVCA and attended by what looked to be several hundred residents, landowners, boaters and marina operators. In what amounted to a much larger (and noisier) version of the March 30th meeting, those present argued that the new regulations Parks Canada has imposed through Manotick have made boating too restrictive.

Janice Domaratzki will be attending Wednesday's meeting. Janice is actively involved in these "wash and wake" issues and has made some positive proposals regarding addressing some of the issues through educational initiatives. I think her ideas are worthy of our support. To be sure, however, the wash and wake issue is a difficult one and I doubt if any one initiative will solve things to everyone's satisfaction.

Klaus and I have discussed these matters and are in favour of inviting Janice to participate as a member of the MVCA delegation to the Wash and Wake Committee (assuming she renews her lapsed membership!). Her involvement with the MVCA will make possible applying for funding for student summer employment to initiate the education of local recreational boaters and 'pass through' cruisers. It will also provide an opportunity for these ideas to be aired in Parks Canada sponsored 'stakeholder' meetings, should there be any more held (the invitees to the March 30th meeting were all representatives of community-based organizations).

ADVOCACY NOTES...

- i. Watson's Mill visioning session (Oct. 26, 27)
I attended the Thursday evening session along with about 20 others (the usual suspects). The consultants (from Burlington, ON) went through the same basic 'visioning' drill that we went through with the MVCA visioning session. Although the session was advertised as a discussion regarding the future of the Mill, it turned out that virtually everyone in the room regarded the Mill as an integral part of Dickinson Square and so that's where the focus of the evening went. The consensus was to keep the historic character of the mill and Dickinson House intact but program revenue-generating activities into both facilities.

One thing that surprised me was the paucity of ideas regarding how both the infrastructure of Dickinson Square and the community activities talked about would be FUNDED. I found it ironic that the proponents for keeping the Mill and Dickinson House in their

historic condition were so stridently opposed to any 'modernizing' modifications to either building that would increase the chances of revenue generation--yet seemed to be oblivious to the fact that both were, for example, electrified and slated for installation of water sprinklers. I pointed out that any serious use of either building (plus all the rest not referred to directly) will require that the structures meet building codes and this will take money.

LOTS of ideas emerged regarding what to do with the square. Aside from maintaining the historic character of the Mill (and its milling capabilities) and Dickinson House, very little was said regarding the rest of the buildings. Most of the discussion was over the kinds of community activities that people would like to see on a sustaining basis. One thing that emerged from several of the groups was the need to 'refresh' the personnel of the MMMI. It was agreed that they have been holding their cards to close to their vests during this critical period and many didn't feel that this approach was in the best interests of the square's future. The consultants promised a summary report in February, to be followed by a business plan according to one of the MMMI Board members present at the meeting (Chair Bill Schaub).

- ii. Minto Mahogany Phase One Update Mtg. to be held at the Legion, Nov. 28th, 7pm) City planning staff and Minto staff in attendance. Jennifer Murray and Susan Johns of Minto will provide an update on Phase One, which is now underway. Jeff Ostafichuk from City Planning staff will also be in attendance to answer questions and take comments.

Information will be available on the proposed work in the coming months (including two model homes plus the pumping station plus sewers/roads/other infrastructure.

This Meeting will be held in Harmony Hall (rental fee borne by MVCA).

Note: Meeting proper – 7pm – 9pm. Rental from 6pm-10pm to provide time to set up and take down.

- iii. Public meeting to discuss the city's review and update of Manotick's Secondary Plan (information from Rose Kung, Lead Planner) Dec. 6.

Upstairs at the Arena) 7pm. This is a follow-on mtg. to the one held earlier in the year.

MVCA agreed to help publicize this mtg. and BT will be putting up posters around the Village. Jan has posted this announcement on the Village Voice email tree as well.

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES: NOT FOR CIRCULATION
September 14, 2011 Manotick Library.

PRESENT: Klaus Beltzner (KB), Jane Dormon (JD), Allan Haan (AH), Jan Hynes (JH), Brian Tansley (BT), Pierre Viau (PV)

REGRETS: Ted Ross.

ATTACHMENTS: Agenda, Treasurers report,

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Agenda approved
2. August minutes approved without change
3. Treasurer's Report
 - BT to submit a list of expenses for the Picnic-in-the-Park (propane, candy floss, popcorn, etc.)
 - JD to submit a membership cheque received after the Picnic.
4. Brief summary report on the Picnic-in-the-Park
 - The Picnic was a great success, with hundreds of participants there enjoying the great weather! Over \$400 was raised on behalf of the Terry Fox Foundation for Cancer Research. All of the food was

handed out (including >300 cobs of corn), with M&M's having to pull out some sausages to feed people when they ran out of hot dogs and burgers. All of the candyfloss and popcorn went, as well as the pop. One aspect to be examined next year involved dealing with garbage; with all of the food that was thrown in the garbage came swarms of wasps, which made replacing the filled garbage bags quite tricky. Also, it would be great if recycling containers could be readily accessible. The line-ups for the food will be managed differently next year: have separate line-ups for corn, burgers, pop, etc. Also, maybe put up a sign for the drinking water tap.

The First Annual Soapbox Derby was also a great success, with 29 carts participating, and many more than that anticipated for next year. A debriefing party is planned with a tentative date of October 4, to be held at the Legion. The enormous amount of work put into this event by the organisers was recognised by the BOD.

5. Report from Subcommittees

Transportation (KB) Manotick Boat Launch Site

KB reported that there had been some miscommunication between various departments (City of Ottawa; Parks Canada; Wake and Wash Committee) regarding the fate of the Manotick Boat Launch; however, at the end, KB was referred to someone in Parks Canada who would only comment that the fate of the boat launch was currently being negotiated between Parks Canada and the City of Ottawa.

KB requested that the minutes from the Wash & Wake Committee be posted on the MVCA website. An official letter from Parks Canada concerning speed limits, etc., to be handed out to affected residents (KB and Wayne Freitag). South Island Intersection

According to Scott Moffat (section in the EMC paper), he still wants to curve a road around the (current) Manotick Medical Centre, rather than extending Van Vliet. The environmental assessment has not been done as yet.

Communications

(TR absent). Four memberships were renewed and 12 new family memberships purchased at Picnic-in-the-Park.

Advocacy

Manotick Public School

The play structure at Manotick Public School has been ripped out owing to safety concerns. BT has written a letter of support towards a capital grant to the PTA to replace it. City of Ottawa
BT spoke on behalf of the MVCA (CBC) regarding the intention of the City of Ottawa to try and recover court costs from individuals who challenge decisions made regarding development.
FCA BT discussed the position of the MVCA with respect to the FCA (Federation of Citizens Association: the umbrella group for Community Associations). He proposed that the MVCA consider (i) become a paid member of the FCA and send a delegate to the meetings; (ii) host a meeting. It was unanimously agreed that the MVCA should become a paid member, but the other aspects were left for further consideration (BOD received copies of the FCA Terms of reference to examine).

6. Other business

Postponed until the next meeting.

7. Adjournment

ACTION ITEMS:

1. BT to submit expenses.
2. JD to submit membership cheque (received after the Picnic).