



# 2010-2011 ANNUAL REPORT

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## MANOTICK VILLAGE AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



The Manotick Village and Community Association (MVCA) is a voluntary, not-for-profit, membership-based organization.

The objectives of the Association are directed towards advancing the cultural and social interests of the Village and Community of Manotick and protecting and promoting the quality of life of its residents.

The Board consists of a maximum nine (9) Board Members of the Association of which five (5) are deemed to be Officers of the Board. The nominal term of office of a Board member is two years.

The current Officers of the MVCA are:

1. President - Brian Tansley
2. Vice President - Jan Hynes
3. Treasurer - Pierre Viau
4. Secretary - Jane Dormon

The current Directors-at-Large are:

1. Ted Ross – Communications – [communications@manotickvca.org](mailto:communications@manotickvca.org)
2. Transportation – Klaus Beltzner – [transportation@manotickvca.org](mailto:transportation@manotickvca.org)
3. James Clancy

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### **Newsletter:**

The MVCA Newsletter, *The Village Voice* is emailed out to members and is also available on our website, [www.manotickvca.org](http://www.manotickvca.org)

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Quality of life in Manotick takes on many forms — ranging from the opportunities for participation in social and recreational activities throughout the year to ensuring that our community retains its desirable qualities in the presence of development pressures.

The active members of the MVCA support this effort through their generous voluntary contributions of time and energy with financial support from your annual membership fees, city-sponsored grants and various fundraising initiatives (such as the sale of cotton candy and popcorn at Dickinson Days and the recent rain barrel sale at the Arena).

Some of the activities of the Manotick Village and Community Association for the past year included:

- ☑ Incorporation: The MVCA applied for status and was chartered as an Ontario Not For Profit Corporation.
- ☑ Municipal election All-Candidates Meeting: With the cooperation of the Rideau Chamber of Commerce, the Manotick BIA and Manotick Kiwanis the MVCA sponsored the all-candidates meeting held at the Manotick United Church in the fall. The event was well attended and gave Manotick residents a chance to meet and hear the positions of the candidates for our Municipal election.
- ☑ Shiverfest Winter Carnival: held in late January, this year's event was a great success thanks to the hard work of MVCA/community volunteers and the support of the Manotick Mews Merchants Association.
- ☑ Picnic In The Park: Last year's event was held in September in conjunction with the Terry Fox Run and featured, free food, music, fun for the kids and lovely, early autumn weather. Plans for this year's event include more music, food and a soap box derby.
- ☑ Advocacy meetings: Manotick is at a crossroads both literally and figuratively. As Manotick is now scheduled to double its size over the next decade, residential and commercial development will continue to be of concern to our village's residents and to those who live in its surrounds. The character of our village will be, in part, determined by how the community reacts to various development initiatives from both the private sector and the city of Ottawa's planning staff. MVCA has held various public meetings this past year, in conjunction with both city and developer staff, on matters of development and participated in various others, including the ongoing upgrade to our (now out of date) Secondary Plan as part of the City's the Rural Village review. The interim proceedings of this exercise are available on the MVCA website and are recommended reading for anyone interested in a 'snapshot' of what the future may hold for our community. ([www.manotickvca.org](http://www.manotickvca.org)).

The MVCA is working hard to protect and promote the quality of life of its residents. I encourage you to renew your membership today enabling us to continue this effort.

Thank you,  
Brian Tansley, President

## TREASURER'S REPORT

May 31, 2011

### BALANCE SHEET AS AT MAY 21, 2011

#### Current Assets

Cash:	\$28,785 <sup>1</sup>
Accounts Receivable: RainBarrel.ca	\$905

#### Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable: RainBarrel.ca	\$8,865 <sup>2</sup>
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**Net Current Assets** **\$20,825<sup>3</sup>**

### STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS (Since the last AGM)

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>\$45,143</b>
Membership	\$840
Fundraising	\$536
Fundraising (RainBarrel.ca)	\$11,530
Fundraising (RainBarrel.ca Account Receivable)	\$905
Picnic in the Park	\$780
Grants (Parks & Pathways)	\$27,500
Shiverfest	\$3,052
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$49,583</b>
Membership	\$1,185
Fundraising	\$1,570
Fundraising (RainBarrel.ca)	\$8,865
Student Bursaries	\$1,000
Dickinson Days	\$684
Picnic in the Park	\$2,492
Parks & Pathways	\$31,614
Shiverfest	\$2,034
Miscellaneous	\$138
<b>Net Revenues</b>	<b>- \$4,440</b>

<sup>1</sup> Opening Balance was \$25,265.09 (see May 2010 Treasurer's report)

<sup>2</sup> Explanatory Note:

- A total of 357 rain barrels sold by MVCA @ \$55 each; some with extended hoses
- MVCA paid \$45 each
- Approximately 160 rain barrels were prepaid online directly to RainBarrel.ca
- Balance of barrels were paid for in cash at the event (\$11,530)
- Waiting for invoice from RainBarrel.ca
- Net cash to MVCA would be \$3,570

<sup>3</sup> Closing Balance – Opening Balance = -\$4,440

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The MVCA relies upon membership fees in order to support our efforts. Your \$10 annual fee (\$15 for a family) provides us with money for simple things like printing brochures, maintaining our website as well as hosting our annual community events. We supplant this funding with financial support from the city, from our sponsors and from provincial and federal programs, where possible.

This modest annual fee is valued as a means of supporting the goals of the MVCA membership. But, more importantly:



The success of the MVCA depends upon the active participation of its members – those who volunteer their time to support the various activities we undertake on behalf of the community. Your community association strengthens your voice in the democratic process. It is an effective conduit to the municipal, provincial and federal politicians and agencies whose decisions affect what happens right where you live. City Staff and Council recognize the role of community associations in providing key input to their decision making and rely on them to assist in organizing public meetings and forums on topics of concern.

It is the opportunity to have your voice heard by the "powers that be" about things you like, don't like, or are concerned about. Is there an event **YOU** would like to see held? Is there a fundraiser that **YOU** would like to see happen? Are **YOU** worried about the effects of development on schools? facilities? traffic? road safety? or the village character? Then, please **JOIN THE MVCA** and be a voice heard.

MVCA membership topped 618 for 2009-2010 and we acknowledge that these high numbers were mainly due to Minto development. However, there's more to Manotick than Minto. While we are continuing to keep informed about Minto, we are also keeping busy with other issues and activities.

Our current paid membership for 2010-2011 stands at 84 members. We encourage all our members to renew their membership. Help us help you by supporting **YOUR MVCA** with **YOUR** membership!

## EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The Manotick Village and Community Association organizes and hosts two annual community events, one at the end of January and one in mid-September.

Last year, *Picnic-in-the-Park* took place on September 19<sup>th</sup> and was planned on this date to coincide with the Terry Fox Run. Hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks, cupcakes, popcorn and cotton candy were provided free-of-charge and Dr. Kaboom entertained the kids with his strolling performers. Live music provided entertainment for the adults. We are pleased to announce that a new event will be added this year — an **Old Fashioned Soap Box Derby** on Beaverwood Hill. Stay tuned for details on this exciting event.



*Shiverfest* is Manotick's Annual Winter Carnival. This year, the weather cooperated and with our new affiliation with the Manotick Mews Merchants' Association, there were several new activities added:



The **Chili Cook Off** was held in the Legion as the wind-up event and saw competing restaurants and individuals presenting a taste of their best chili recipe to the public to judge. Over 20 contestants registered, and judges paid a toonie to taste and judge them all. “The Golden Chili Spoon” to this year’s winner, The Black Dog Restaurant. The MVCA raised \$307 which was donated to the Rural Ottawa South Support Services.

The **Spirit of Shiverfest** a special challenge for merchants and service providers. They were invited to hold some kind of event (e.g., sale, promotion, etc.) which was advertised in the Shiverfest Flyer along with the schedule of other events.

The **Teen Dance Club** was sponsored by the Manotick Arts School and was held in the meeting hall above the arena. Several local bands used this opportunity to showcase their talent and the youth of Manotick were invited to an evening of entertainment.

Camera enthusiasts were invited to submit their favourite photograph of **Winter in Manotick Photography Competition**. Sponsored by the MVCA and Greg Newton Photography, there were two categories – Adult and Youth (under 14). The winner in the Adult category was Laura Andrews and Riley Duff took first place in the Youth category.

### MVCA Bursary

In addition to these two yearly events, the MVCA provides an annual \$500 bursary for one student from South Carleton High School and St Mark Catholic High School. The recipients are Manotick Village and Community residents, have given a minimum 40 hours community service, will be pursuing post-secondary education and have made an outstanding contribution to the community. The 2010 recipients were: Jeremy Eckert from St Mark and Tally Anable from South Carleton.

## TRANSPORTATION



An important role for the Transportation Subcommittee is to provide a voice for Manotick residents on transportation and transit issues affecting the Village and to keep residents informed on City transportation plans and activities in our area through regular reports posted on the MVCA website.

In the spring and summer of 2010, the subcommittee chair liaised with the City's project office overseeing the construction of sanitary sewers for Manotick and kept the community informed of planned road closures and bus route changes by posting this information on the MVCA web site. In addition, the subcommittee offered proposals accepted and implemented by City Staff regarding safety improvements for motorists and pedestrians at the major intersections of Bridge/Manotick Main and Manotick Main/Bankfield when they were being rebuilt following the sewer work.

The subcommittee also reviewed major development applications and made proposals to City Staff and to the Rural Affairs and Agriculture Committee of Council (ARAC) for additional parking, improved building access and a mid-block cross-walk for improved pedestrian safety and convenience for the seniors who will be living in the proposed 126 unit Junicon retirement residence and wanting to cross Bridge Street to get to the Mill Quarter facilities and churches. The resubmitted site plan for this development now shows more surface and underground parking and improved vehicular access. The subcommittee is working with Councillor Scott Moffatt and the City regarding finalization of plans for the pedestrian crosswalk.

Other transportation files being actively worked on with the Ward Councillor and Staff include signalized access to Bridge Street from the south end of the island, improvements to the First Line/Bankfield and Bankfield/Prince of Wales intersections and improved walkability and pedestrian safety in the Village. The City's plans for and details of work installing sidewalks on the south side of Bridge Street between River Road and the Rideau River has been communicated to residents via the MVCA website.

Looking forward to the coming year there will be numerous new transportation challenges and opportunities for the MVCA subcommittee in its work to improve walkability, pedestrian and cycling safety, parking, and managing traffic flows and speed.

The subcommittee welcomes all comments, inquiries and concerns regarding transportation and transit issues in Manotick. Interested members wishing to volunteer their time to assist in the work of the subcommittee, please contact the Chair at [transportation@manotickvca.org](mailto:transportation@manotickvca.org).

## DEVELOPMENT

Over the past year, several new development initiatives have been brought forward:

- the Minto Mahogany development;
  - the MVCA Mahogany Liaison Committee met with Minto representatives and city staff on several occasions over the past year to learn about and discuss details of the project and to provide an opportunity for residents to express their views and concerns regarding various issues affecting the neighbourhoods nearby. At present, Minto is anticipating approval of their draft subdivision plan from the city staff, with construction to begin in the Spring of 2012.
- the MVCA attended meetings concerning the Junicon Homes Seniors' Retirement residence on Bridge St.;
- the MVCA became a member of the Dickinson Square Heritage Management Inc. (DSHMI), an organization whose mandate is to provide their members' input into considerations regarding the future of the village's historic centre;
- the MVCA participated in city reviews on several redevelopment applications on Manotick Main St. In addition, concerns regarding village traffic, pedestrian safety and parking concerns have been forwarded to city staff from the MVCA Transportation Subcommittee.
- On the eastern front, the results of an upcoming Ontario Municipal Board hearing decision will have a major impact on the future of the village and, in particular, the present location and makeup of its commercial core. The Trinity Corporation sought the extension of the village boundary to the east, from its present location in the middle of the main channel of the Rideau River, eastward to Spratt Rd. If successful, this will permit the rezoning of lands currently north of the Tim Hortons leading to the development of a commercial mall with at least one or two "big box" stores. Both of the former community associations now amalgamated into the MVCA opposed this proposal to city staff when it was proposed in 2008 and we continue to express concern over its potential impact upon the village's future.



As you can see, we've had a busy year. Your continued support is appreciated as it provides us with a mandate to represent the community's concerns before city council and city staff and to provide community input to the direction development is to take here.

### Report on Village Workshop to update Manotick Secondary Plan

On Tuesday April 19th, City Staff and their consultants held a public meeting at the Manotick Community Centre (5572 Doctor Leach Drive) to initiate their review of the Manotick Secondary Plan Policies for the Village of Manotick.

After a brief introduction and presentation, residents were asked to rotate every 20 minutes through 4 different workshop tables, each addressing one of 4 policy areas of:

- Land use/village core (including whether drive through facilities should be permitted)
- Transportation

- The Greenspace network and environmental management and;
- Water and Wastewater.

Participant comments recorded by Staff and consultants were put together in a document and circulated to the Community Association and participants on 26th May. This document is posted on the MVCA website at

[http://www.manotickvca.org/Documents/Development/public\\_workshop\\_notes.pdf](http://www.manotickvca.org/Documents/Development/public_workshop_notes.pdf). Additional comments should be directed to Robin van de Lande, Planner II at the City of Ottawa at: [robin.vandelande@ottawa.ca](mailto:robin.vandelande@ottawa.ca)

### Dickinson Square



Dickinson Square  
c. 1910

Earlier this year, the MVCA was invited to join Dickinson Square Heritage Management Inc. (DSHMI), a coalition of community organizations dedicated to preserving and promoting the unique heritage character of Dickinson Square for the benefit of the community and beyond.

DSHMI sits on the board of the Manotick Mill Quarter Community Development Corporation, a newly formed non-profit corporation within the City of Ottawa administrative structure, who now own the buildings and properties of Dickinson Square.

As a member of DSHMI, we've raised concerns regarding the future disposition of the Square and the need for a four-season cultural facility to both expand the village's current recreational infrastructure and provide an ongoing revenue stream to support the heritage activities surrounding the Mill and Dickinson House.

In keeping with the MVCA's prime principle of informing and asking for member input on important issues, the Association is looking forward to updating its membership with the latest information on Dickinson Square. The input we receive from our members at our Visioning Session tonight will be summarized for DSHMI and the City of Ottawa and will also form the basis of the MVCA's approach to the development of the Square.



*Village Heritage.... Village Character.... Village Pride*

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