

MANOTICK VILLAGE & COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES: MEETING HELD November 17, 2010, Manotick Library

Next meeting to be held December 15, Manotick Library, 19:00.

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Attachments: Treasurers report; Agenda.

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

REGRETS: -/-

GUESTS: Patty O'Brien, Grace Thrasher, Barb Patterson, Len Goodfellow – Dog Walkers Association.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

**1. Agenda**

Agenda was approved.

**2. Minutes of the October meeting**

The minutes were approved.

**3. Treasurers report**

A report was presented by the Treasurer (PV). Please see attached.

**4. Parks and Pathways**

No report was presented as Kris Schultz was unable to attend.

Board agreed that a letter should be sent to Parks and Pathways thanking them for their work on the pathways and updating them on their finances (BT).

**5. Traffic and Transportation (T&TC)**

*Crosswalk on Main Street*

KB reported that City of Ottawa staff are still putting together a response for the T&TC. No feedback of any concern was received regarding the input from T&TC that no parking spots may be lost when installing the crosswalk. Requests have been forwarded to the City for traffic lights; however, the City is not in favour of that because the volume of traffic is considered to be too low. The issue of safety is not a consideration for the City with respect to traffic lights. In the short term, a crosswalk is the best bet to address safety issues associated with pedestrians on Main Street.

*Traffic light at First Line and Bankfield*

KB reported that he had gone through the traffic report and noted that the warrant information had two errors: the data used to determine the need for traffic control was from 2006 (traffic volume and direction), and the speed limit used was 60 km/h where it should have been 80 km/h. Correcting for these errors would raise the warrant values from 52% to 93%. The City has assured KB that they will be keeping a close eye on those numbers. Further, using the information from the Delcan report regarding the direction of traffic, the warrant value increases from 93% to >100%. Note that 100% is the value that if reached, requires the

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installation of traffic lights. KB suggested that Minto and the City share the cost of the traffic lights (City will not pay for traffic lights unless the warrant value is 100%; Developer not required to put in the traffic lights, and assume full cost for installation and maintenance if they should do so when the warrant values are <100%). Although no commitments have been made, offline discussions have been favourable.

**6. Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Legion**

Pictures from the Remembrance Day ceremony have been posted on the website (JH). JH reported that the event was well attended, and that the Legion provided a great lunch. PV commented that the MVCA should have a re-useable banner to go on the wreath for the ceremony. AH will investigate. Some discussion as to what the wording should be on the wreath: the caveat is that the wording should be legible in its entirety. May need a bigger wreath?

**7. Membership Drive**

KB commented that there needs to be more advertising for the website, e.g., more emails when news gets loaded. One suggestion that arose was the possibility of RSS feeds, but we would need a webmaster who is in a position to maintain that. There was unanimous agreement that a committee needs to be created specifically to look after communications.

PV to contact several people who may be interested in helping with respect to communications, and revert to the Board at the next meeting. JH & BT should create a flyer for mailing out to the membership in order to get volunteers for the membership drive. Once again the issue of paying for membership online was raised. Paypal was suggested as an option because their charges are low. JH to investigate and revert to the Board at the next meeting.

**8. 2011 Shiverfest (28 & 29 January 2011)**

JD reported that the Shiverfest Committee had had their first meeting, and there were several suggestions for new activities, including some designed to bring more business to the merchants and service providers of Manotick. These included a chili cook-off.

AH commented that the sign for Shiverfest is in the bunker next to the ice rink. Some discussion was made as to getting permanent banners made for MVCA activities (e.g., Picnic-in-the-Park and Shiverfest), but there was some concern regarding the price. KB told that he believed that we could get a banner (cross-street) made for ca. \$250, but he will look into it. It was suggested that if there is to be a chili cook-off, then Jeffrey Morris of the Manotick Messenger should be contacted, as the chili recipe he provided for the cook book (A taste of Manotick) was a big hit (JD). There would be prizes for the chili cook-off, but the number and type would depend on the number of entrants (free entry). Initial ideas included a gilded wooden spoon with either a commemorative ribbon, or a little brass plaque (engraved with the winners name?).

AH reported that Shiverfest will be on the agenda for the next meeting of the Manotick Mews Association. AH also reported that Shiverfest will be on the agenda for the next BIA meeting, providing we provide Donna Cooper with a proposal (AH & JD). Noel Norenus had thankfully booked the arena for Family Skate night. BT to send in a form for the reservation of the arena (upstairs) for the kiddies activities on Saturday afternoon. AH reported that Beth Morris

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(Manotick Messenger) had agreed to sponsor Family Skate night.

**9. FCA vote re. Lansdowne Live**

Ensuing from the the general frustration and dissatisfaction in Ottawa with the way that the Lansdowne Live proposal, etc., was handled, there is a pending lawsuit against the City. The FCA has to decide whether they are going to back the group fighting against OSEG (developers) and the City. This would require funding. BT received a request from the FCA asking whether we would support the FCA if they support the group fighting “Lansdowne Live” As the MVCA are members of the FCA, the Board unanimously agreed that BT could offer the FCA our support if the membership are in agreement (they would need to be polled), and that what was requested of us was within the mandate of the MVCA. BT to send out an email to the membership in this regard, to be circulated before the end of November 2010.

**10. Ideas for 2011 events**

AH suggested a soap-box derby. Information regarding the organization, etc., of a soapbox derby is available from soapboxderby.ca. AH suggested that it be run on the lines of the soapbox derby run in Orleans. AH has already discussed the issue with the organizers of the Orleans derby, and they mentioned that liability coverage is needed. Questions that arose included (i) is there any possibility that the City would be supportive? (ii) Would the merchants be interested in sponsoring such an event? The Board needs to investigate further.

**11. Other business: Dog Walkers Association (DWA, Patty O'Brien)**

The DWA have been advised by both Glen Brooks and Peter John to actively protect the status of the off-leash dog park (David Bartlett Park). They currently have 374 members interested in maintaining the status of the off-leash dog park. POB commented that Beryl Gaffney park is also officially an off-leash dog park, but that the Rideau Valley Conservation Association have put up “on leash” signs. KB complained to the City Bylaw, because the signs are unilingual English. Apparently these signs were put up by the RVCA without authorisation because some of their employees are afraid of dogs; they subsequently acknowledged that the signs are unauthorised. POB was informed by Christine Hartig (City) that signs indicating that David Bartlett (DB) park is “off-leash allowable” would be installed by September 21, 2010. This has not been done though. Furthermore, David Bartlett park is listed as “on leash” on the City of Ottawa (CO) website. This is because there is still some bureaucracy involved in getting the CO to acknowledge DB park as off-leash, and there is also some perceived reluctance to do so. It is also STRONGLY perceived that any excuse to remove the off-leash status would be seized, so putting in a pathway is very risky.

KB noted that the park has very poor drainage, and is totally unsuitable for any structures. It was discussed that it could possibly be a waste of money even trying to put a stone-chip pathway in that park.

There was some discussion about the possibility of the DWA becoming part of the MVCA (committee). Many members of the DWA are already also members of the MVCA. The Board unanimously approved a motion directing BT to invite the DWA to join the MVCA as a committee. The governing structure would be the same as for the other committees, and the funds they raise would be for their activities. POB to discuss the matter with the membership of

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the DWA (November 30, Manotick arena).

In order to prevent any misconceptions or misunderstandings, should the DWA become part of the MVCA, the first order of business would be to organize a joint meeting between the DWA and Parks and Pathways committees.

## ACTION ITEMS

From October 20:

1. JD to deliver 2 cheques provided by PV to Kris Schultz. **DONE**
2. JD to make preliminary investigations regarding sponsorship for Shiverfest. **IN PROGRESS**
3. Text needs to be drafted for a poll to be sent to the membership asking whether they would be willing to lose the “off leash” status of David Bartlett Park in order to have a path (stone chip) put in. BT to draft an email polling the community about the importance of an off-leash dog park for the community.- **PENDING**
4. KB to draft “reports” for presentation at the next Manotick–Minto Liaison Committee meeting. These reports would concern (i) installation of a traffic light at First line and Bankfield, and (ii) potentials impact of increased traffic on parking for shoppers in Manotick. **PENDING**
5. JH to draft a proposal for membership drive activities. **PENDING**
6. JH to circulate the email regarding the off-leash dog park. **PENDING**

New Action items:

1. BT to send a letter should be sent to Parks and Pathways thanking them for their work on the pathways and updating them on their finances.
2. AH to investigate a banner/ribbon with the name of the MVCA inscribed, for the wreaths to be lain at Remembrance Day ceremonies.
3. Communications committee to be formed – JH.
4. PV to contact several people who may be interested in helping with respect to communications, and revert to the Board at the next meeting.
5. JH & BT should create a flyer for mailing out to the membership in order to et volunteers for the membership drive.
6. JH to investigate implementing a link to PayPal on electronic membership forms and revert to the Board at the next meeting.
12. BT to send out an email to the membership regard support of the FCA (re. Lansdowne Live), to be circulated before the end of November 2010.
13. POB to revert to the MVCA BOD regarding the interest of the DWA in becoming part of the MVCA.