

MANOTICK VILLAGE & COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES: MEETING HELD DECEMBER 15, 2010

Next meeting to be held on February 16, 2011, 19:00 Manotick Library

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Attachments: Treasurers Report.

PRESENT: Klaus Beltzner (KB, Traffic and transportation); Jane Dormon (JD), Jan Hynes (JH), Brian Tansley (BT), Pierre Viau (PV)

GUEST: Patty O'Brien (POB, Dog Walkers Association)

REGRETS: -/-

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Agenda unanimously approved.
2. Draft minutes from the November 17, 2010, meeting approved without change.
3. Treasurers report approved.

4. Shiverfest

BT suggested that beavertails be served. The Board asked BT whether he would be providing the rails for a rail jam.

General discussion about contacting radio stations for remote broadcasts from Shiverfest, and free listing in the newspapers, e.g., the Citizen. BT informed that he had a volunteer to serve popcorn and candyfloss at Shiverfest.

5. Motion to incorporate

motion forwarded by BT, seconded by JH: unanimously approved. Rough cost estimates are \$207.50 + \$317.45 + \$50 NUANS search for name exclusivity.

6. Mid-block crosswalk on Main Street (Traffic and transportation)

Previously it was reported (KB) that ARAC supported the proposal for the mid-block crosswalk. However, mid-level city staff in the transportation department couldn't find the crosswalk design in their design manual, so they are recommending a traffic light be installed instead. BT suggested that Junicon would object to that (*they would be on the hook for some of the costs?*). Another option to maintain the original proposal could possibly be found under an innovation component to the Highway Traffic manual that allows municipalities to propose and pilot innovative designs for this purpose. The crosswalk design proposed by KB and Bruce Willems is used across the US for pedestrian crossings and at roundabouts.

A serious concern is that the City is planning to widen Bridge Street by up to 4 m on each side, which would potentially reduce space for pedestrians, reinforce Bridge Street as an artery, and increase traffic speed through the village further increasing the already existing risk to pedestrians by fast-moving trucks.

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7. Dog Walkers Association (DWA)

POB has approached the MVCA regarding the absorption of the DWA into the MVCA in order to enhance their negotiating powers concerning the off-leash dog park in Manotick (David Bartlett Park). POB reported that her membership are concerned about (a) control over the membership money they paid to join the DWA, and (b) the \$10 membership fee to join the MVCA. POB estimated that 1/3 of her membership do not want to join the MVCA because of money concerns.

BT reiterated that the DWA would determine the use of the funds they raised to fight for the retention of off-leash rights in this park; however, it was also expressed that as part of the MVCA, the BOD of the MVCA would be answerable for the activities of its subcommittees, and so would need to be kept informed of any planned activities and expenditures.

The MVCA agreed that it was not in our mandate to push the issue with the DWA. If the DWA wishes to become part of the MVCA they are welcome to bring that request forward, as and when, they can get consensus.

8. Membership Drive

Some initial discussion was had as to the upcoming membership drive, which is necessary as all memberships in the MVCA expired on December 31, 2010. It was agreed to have desks to remind people to renew their memberships at Shiverfest.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. BT to investigate the possibility of serving beavertails.
2. BT to determine whether there will be a rail jam.
3. BT, JH, and PV need to sign the application for incorporation [DONE]
4. JD/JH to organise membership desks at Shiverfest.