

## MANOTICK VILLAGE & COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MEETING HELD February 16, 2011 Manotick Library. Next meeting March 16, 2011. Location to be determined. 1/3

PRESENT: Klaus Beltzner (KB, Traffic and Transportation); Jane Dormon (JD); Jan Hynes (JH); Brian Tansley (BT). **Guests:** Kathleen Collins (KC, Animal Horticultural Society); Allan Haan (AH, Shiverfest).

REGRETS: Kris Schultz

ATTACHMENTS: Agenda, Treasurers report, Traffic and Transportation Committee Report

### TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. *Approval of Agenda*  
Agenda unanimously accepted
2. *Approval of minutes* of the Dec. 15, 2010 meeting (minutes sent out by JD)  
Minutes from MVCA BOD meeting of December 15, 2010, approved.
3. *Treasurers report*  
Treasurers report unanimously accepted. The reserve fund is currently at \$18,198.00. PV suggested that we look into investing the funds of the MVCA (GIC?). KB advised that there are companies, e.g., ALLY that give 2% return on daily savings [online bank] – completely insured. PV to investigate the investment options for the MVCA reserve fund.  
Some discussion was made as to why the MVCA needs this reserve. It was agreed that the money is and shall be used to support the activities of the community, including maintenance of “the mural”, the flower-bed at the corner of Centennial Park, etc. AH suggested the the MVCA support the activities of the Manotick Horticultural Society.
4. *Update from subcommittees* (Parks & Pathways (P&P); Traffic & Transportation (T&T), Manotick-Minto Liaison (MML)).

No update provided by Parks & Pathways.

Report on T&T provided by KB (see attachment).

*Summary:* Main Street crosswalk – the City of Ottawa want that crosswalk signalized; the T&T are working towards making the centre of Manotick more pedestrian and cycle friendly;

T&T looking at removing “No Parking” signs on Main Street and surrounding areas, where safe to do so. The “City” is “looking into” the problems with parking in Manotick.

Traffic light at First Line and Bankfield is on the agenda for discussion with the City.

Report on MML

Jennifer Murray (MINTO) is on leave until April. BT has spoken with Sue Johns (MINTO) about organizing an MML meeting in mid-April (hopefully) together with the City to discuss plans, amendments, etc.

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### 5. *2011-2012 Membership Drive Planning*

It was agreed that a first step should be the preparation of an email tree to communicate with the members. The problem we have is associated with mass mailings. The MVCA is currently not set up to send out high volumes of emails. What are our options?

An email is to be drafted as part of the MVCA membership drive (JD) notifying members that their membership expired December 31, 2010; the issues arising; why the MVCA needs volunteers; direct people to the website.

A need for the membership drive is to create a PayPal account. PV was asked as Treasurer to open such an account, but his work schedule leaves him unavailable to monitor and maintain such an account. Both JH and JD already have PayPal accounts, so cannot open another under their names. BT to consider whether he can. We may need to find a volunteer to handle the PayPal Account.

JH to email Nancy about membership renewal.

Daryl Webber and Diana Rummery to be contacted regarding the membership committee (JD).

### 6. *Shiverfest conclusion: disposition of funds*

The chili cook-off was extremely successful, and the MVCA raised money at this event through the sale of Judges Passes. It was suggested by members of the Shiverfest Committee that the money raised by sale of Judges Passes be donated to the community (also that next year, it be mentioned in the advertising for Shiverfest's chili cook-off that all funds raised by sale of Judges Passes will be donated to a local charity). Some discussion was held as to which charity should receive the donation, and it was determined that it should be offered to the Rideau Seniors Centre (RSC). BT to contact the RSC concerning the donation.

### 7. *Allan Haan's proposal for a soap-box derby*

AH presented ideas for a soap-box derby, potentially to be held in conjunction with the "Picnic-in-the-Park". Such an event has been previously held in Orleans, so there is useful background information available about how to hold such an event. The "regulations" have been 90-95% refined, so we could draw on those. AH would be willing to find someone to "Champion" the event, but most of the actual "work" is done by the participants. AH reported that the "Scouts" are interested in helping out. The sentiment of the MVCA BOD is that in principle they are willing to support such an event (advertising, etc.), but that the "Lions share" of the work will probably need to come from volunteers (Scouts?). However, all these things will become clearer once we know what's involved. AH urged the BOD to check out the Orleans website related to this (<http://www.orleanssoapbox.com/>).

### 8. *Other business*

Postponed until the next meeting.

### 9. *Adjournment*

ACTION ITEMS:

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1. Investigate the investment options for the MVCA reserve fund (PV).
2. Draft a letter to go out to the membership for the membership Drive (JD)
3. Open a PayPal account for the MVCA (??).
4. JH to email Nancy about membership renewal.
5. Daryl Webber and Diana Rummery to be contacted regarding the membership committee (JD).
6. BT to contact the Rideau Seniors Centre concerning donating funds raised by sale of the Judges Passes at the chili cook off.