

MANOTICK VILLAGE & COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES: MEETING HELD OCTOBER 20, 2010. Manotick Library.
Next meeting to be held November 17, 19:00, Manotick Library.

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Attachments: Agenda; Treasurers report.

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

REGRETS: ---

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Agenda unanimously approved.
2. No meeting was held in September. Approval of August minutes deferred until November meeting.
3. **Treasurers report:**
See attached report. Report approved by the Board. MVCA account balance currently \$25,222.30. Amount reserved for Parks & Pathways activities \$17,886.70.
4. **Review of Picnic-in-the-Park and lessons learned:**
The numbers attending the Picnic were lower in 2010 (ca. 450) than in 2009; however, it went well and the weather cooperated. 750 hotdogs and hamburgers were eaten. 450 out of 800 cupcakes were eaten. The reduction in numbers of cupcakes consumed probably due to the sale of candyfloss. Some problems were experienced in advertising the event. The advertising failed to make it into the Manotick Messenger (lesson learned: Follow Up!) and the postal distribution of the flyers was left until too late (lesson learned: Flyers MUST be pre-folded).
5. **Review of All Candidates Meeting and lessons learned:**
The meeting was supported by other organizations as well, e.g., Manotick BIA. Approx. 300 people attended. The event was well advertised and non-partisan. The set-up worked well. The method of distributing questions to the the candidates was seen as very effective (they had adequate time to prepare their answers).
6. **Shiverfest:**
Concern was expressed by BT that this event is not well attended and that the MVCA does not have the funds to support it if neither the City of Ottawa nor Manotick's merchants are willing to. JD with the support of JH to investigate whether there is interest in the community, e.g., form a "Shiverfest subcommittee" for the 2010 event. The "Harvest Home" festival was apparently very successful – the people who organised it should be approached for ideas. If he is still in a position to do so, Councillor G. Brooks had tentatively promised \$500 in sponsorship from the City.

7. Report from Parks and Pathway Committee:

No report was submitted. JH reiterated her concern regarding a pathway in David Bartlett Park. The consequences could very probably include loss of the “off leash” status if the pathway was put in. This would make it a highly contentious issue, and unlikely to receive the undivided support of the membership. The Board unanimously agreed that the membership should be polled as to their opinion as to whether they feel that the loss of the “off leash” status is a worthwhile consequence of a pathway being put in. BT to draft the email and JH to circulate it.

8. Report from the Traffic and Transportation Committee (TTC):

Crosswalks

The proposal for the Bridge Street crosswalk went before ARAC. A member of City of Ottawa staff came for a site visit. The proposed crosswalk would be a raised patch in the middle of the road, painted with yellow traffic stripes.

Suggestions were also presented [Manotick BIA] for a crosswalk on Main Street. Discussions are ongoing with the City regarding the form and function of these crosswalks.

Traffic light at First line and Bankfield

It is strongly felt that a traffic light is needed at First line and Bankfield. A “pilot” could be constructed at anytime: TTC waiting to hear back from City staff regarding this issue.

The City of Ottawa's viewpoint is that the City will fund it if the numbers (traffic volume) warrant it. Apparently the City planner sees the logic in this proposal (traffic light) and will investigate the options. KB pointed out that the light needs to be installed sooner rather than later to avoid more traffic pressure on Main Street. The planners would need support from the Community (Manotick) to push this through. KB and BW will draft something in this regard to be presented at the next Manotick–Minto Liaison Committee meeting.

Parking

KB has spoken with the BIA (Michael Mirsky) with respect to the potential impact of increased traffic volumes on the parking situation in Manotick, especially with respect to shoppers. KB to draft something in this regard for presentation at the next Manotick–Minto Liaison Committee meeting.

Trinity Development

It was discussed at the meeting that the MVCA was not aware that the Trinity Developers had petitioned the OMB to have the boundary for the Village of Manotick extended. The consequences of expanding the boundary would be that the site of their proposed development would have to be serviced (2 km sewer pipe from their development to the main sewer pipe). KB asked Tim Mark [*City of Ottawa*] why the community associations were not informed of this in time to prepare a response to this petition and attend the pre-meetings. BT spoke with a representative of the OMB and informed them that the MVCA was not informed about the petition/submission. Apparently this lack of communication was an artifact of the process: OPA 76 (from Trinity) was one of 30 submissions that were initially filed as “appealing urban boundary”. Later, the 30 submissions were subdivided into (i) appealing urban boundary; (ii) alia (drainage, etc.); (iii) applications to appeal village boundary. This meant that no-one would pick up on it because it was filed under (iii) at a point in time too late for anyone to act on it. This means that there may be possibilities to have input about this.

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9. **Other Business:**

Skateboard park petition

A Mr. Chris Kelly (non-member of MVCA) submitted a petition¹ to BT to have restoration work done to the skateboard park in Manotick, following a recommendation from the City of Ottawa Parks and Rec. staff that he make contact with the local community association. Mr. Kelly claims there is a need. Unfortunately, neither the City Parks and Rec. staff nor the local arena maintenance staff concur.

Following his initial contact with BT on the matter, BT contacted City Parks and Rec. and obtained information regarding the status of the park --vis a vis its current state of repair plus what options are available for obtaining funding for its upgrade, should that prove necessary and desirable. City staff informed BT of a couple of funding options, with the accompanying caveat that the money pot is smaller than the expressed needs (so get in line...)

There is a funding program available with two cycles; Sept. 1 and May 1. We've obviously missed the Sept. deadline for this year.

In addition BT contacted a Ontario company that specializes in skateboard park elements and asked them for some idea of what upgrade costs would be. They suggested that dimensional measurements and photographs of the existing park be forwarded to them and, following this, they would provide some upgrade suggestions with associated price points for reference purposes.

BT emailed Mr. Kelly and suggested that if he were to obtain the pics and measurements and send them off to the manufacturer in time to obtain their response -- before meeting with the Board -- that we'd have some idea of what we're up against in terms of costs.

It was the opinion of the Board that we need to establish whether the community actually wants to support the upgrading of this park as our first response to this request, should it come. Not everybody BT has spoken to on the matter is wholesomely in favour of the skateboard park and at least one person suggested that it should not be upgraded but removed altogether! This indicated that it could be a contentious issue that would not receive the undivided support of the membership.

However, Mr. Kelly was not willing to go beyond submitting the petition to the MVCA with respect to supporting his request.

It was unanimously agreed by the Board that for several reasons (e.g., no members have raised this as a concern; Mr. Kelly would be required to organise a subcommittee to look after this issue; funds would have to be raised, etc.,) this was outside of the Boards mandate. No further action will be taken at this time.

Membership drive

JH to draft a proposal for activities.

Mahogany Development

BT has submitted the announcement for the November 2 meeting (19:00 at the arena) regarding the Phase 1 plan of subdivision for Minto-Mahogany City consultation.

1. A significant number of names on the petition were obvious joke names (e.g., one person signed themselves as "Dork"), and were neither from Manotick residents nor MVCA members.

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ACTION ITEMS:

1. JD to deliver 2 cheques provided by PV to Kris Schultz.
2. JD to make preliminary investigations regarding sponsorship for Shiverfest.
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.
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.
5. JH to draft a proposal for membership drive activities.
6. BT to draft an email polling the community about the importance of an off-leash dog park for the community.
7. JH to circulate the email regarding the off-leash dog park.