



MANOTICK VILLAGE & COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Annual Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

2023-05-25

7 pm – 9 pm

Manotick Arena 5572 Dr Leach Dr, Manotick. ON

In Attendance:

Irene Staron, *President* (IS)
Theresa Roberts, *VP Events* (TR)
Bonnie Gray, *Director of Membership* (BG)
Leeanne Van der Burgt, *Director Communications* (LV)
Peggy St. John, *Member at Large* (PS)
Bruce Fanjoy, *Transportation* (BF)
Doug Valerio, *Secretary* (DV)

Guests: Cllr David Brown

Apologies: Randy Andersson, *Treasurer* (RA)

Meeting called to order, 7:00 pm

ITEMS

Chair's Opening Address: Welcome to all the members to the 11th Annual General Meeting. TR did the land acknowledgement. IS introduced the Board Members.

A. Motion: Approve the Minutes of the 2022 AGM.

- a. Discussion
- b. Andrea Doyle, TR, Carried

B. Words from Councillors

- a. Cllr. David Brown – DB made the apologies for Cllr. George Darouze. Thanks to the MVCA for their exceptional work they do for the community, it is always at a high standard.

C. Year End Financial Statement (See Appendix A)

- a. Significant decrease in membership from the previous year. This was due to many renewals that took place in 2021. The upturn will be in 2023.
- b. The GIC matured and is in the account waiting to be invested into another GIC.
- c. Expenses rose in 2021 across the board.
- d. Municipal grant is shown as an expense. Was granted in 2021 as request made on behalf of Volunteer Fire Fighters for digital sign and paid out in 2022.
- e. The matured GIC is included in the Total Assets and Liabilities (put into cash to be reinvested)

- f. Theo Van der Burgt raised about the financials not being posted on the website. The assumption was that this needed the Bylaws. This was not confirmed on the floor. IS asked that the matter be brought up at the end of the meeting so we could continue with a full agenda.
 - g. **Motion: Approve Year End Financial Statement as Presented**
 - h. Giulio Maffini, PS, 15 in favour, Carried 3 opposed, 1 Abstention.
- D. Approval of Financial Reviewer
 - a. **Motion: Approve Janice Domaratzki, CIM as our financial reviewer for 2023**
 - b. Discussion - NIL
 - c. TR, Theo Van der Burgt, Carried
- E. Recap - 2022 (See Appendix B)
 - a. It was a difficult year - coming out of covid, municipal elections, provincial acts, learning curve with new Board members.
 - b. 2022 was a year of advocacy.
- F. Strategic Priorities
 - a. Key Priority: Traffic and Pedestrian Safety
 - b. Engagement and Outreach
- G. Looking Ahead
 - a. Drive for Zero
 - b. Membership Survey Drive
 - c. Events
 - d. Lobby Elected Officials
 - e. Relationship Building with Community Partners
- H. Election of Officers
 - a. Theo Van der Burgt asked if he could raise a question before the elections took place. IS allowed the question. Why are we not electing Board members under ONCA rules? Another member asked for clarification as to what ONCA stood for. Theo explained that ONCA is the Ontario Not for Profit Association.
 - b. IS answered, that after consultation with our lawyer, it was pointed out that although we had done the bylaw work, we did not have a nomination policy or process in place to vet nominations coming from the floor. There is no opportunity to ask questions to see what skills they would bring to the board. There were a number of other support issues that were missing. This was brought to our attention on May 8th, the day before our final Board meeting to approve the AM Agenda. The Board decided to not push the ONCA reviewed bylaws at this meeting until we had done our due diligence with the policies and procedures. The deadline for ONCA review is October 24th 2024, giving us plenty

of time to do this. That is why we are holding elections the same way we have always done them.

- c. Following this question, Theo pressed another question; As the ONCA rules are in effect when our bylaws are silent on an issue, were our outgoing Board members allowed to publish their resignation statements. The following motion was put forward by Theo before the question could be answered.
- d. **Motion: We follow the ONCA rules to invite Board Member Resignations statements to be made available to the members as per ONCA ruling 27.**
- e. Theo, Dirk Van der Wal, 6 for, 12 against, 2 abstentions. Motion defeated.
- f. Discussion. How many members do we have? About 450
 - i. What is Quorum? LV, 50% of the Members present in the meeting.
 - ii. BF, when did the ONCA rules come into effect, and as there are questions should these not be raised with our lawyer? BG, ONCA came into effect 2019 and resignations would be included since that date. BG raised question that as we are under ONCA there is no need to raise a motion to make resignation statements available to members. DV explained that since ONCA is not on the agenda, a motion needs to be made. Under ONCA if a member is resigning then it is their prerogative if they wish to have their letter published
 - iii. Giulio Maffini, There seems to be a of lot of discussion about ONCA and there seems to be a disruptive agenda at work here. If there are significant questions then we should have a special meeting to discuss them. The purpose of this meeting is to follow the approved agenda. This was supported by a few other members and Andrea Doyle asked that the meeting take place in person.
 - iv. Melissa Lyon, Did any Director who resigned ask to have their letter of resignation made available to the members? IS answered, No
 - v. Question from the floor, What timeline do we have to meet ONCA? IS answered October 2024.
 - vi. Dirk Van Der Wal commented that the motion being made was addressing only one small piece of ONCA, such as why letters of resignation need to be published and moved that a motion be made that an overall general statement be that our by-laws and governance be covered under ONCA. DV explained that because we already have by-laws in place, these need to remain where not covered under ONCA.
 - vii. BF, the amount of discussion shows that we still have work to do on the ONCA Revision and that we have the time until October 2024.

- viii. IS stated for the record that the decision to defer ONCA ratification was taken by the Board collectively (5 for,3 against) as there were still ‘gaps’ that needed to be addressed.
 - g. The Office of President is held by Irene Staron and is not up for election this year.
 - h. The Officer positions to be voted on are Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President of Communications, and Vice President of Events. IS invited nominations from the floor. None came forward.
 - i. Vice President, Events: Theresa Roberts
 - j. Vice President, Communications: Leeanne Vanderburgt
 - k. Secretary: Karen McCrae.
 - l. Treasurer: Randy Andersson
 - m. **Motion: To Accept the Slate as presented.**
 - n. BF, Andrea Doyle. No Abstentions, 1 opposed. Motion Carried
- I. Q. & A.
 - a. Dirk Van der Wal, thanked David Brown for the work on truck traffic. Have we been at the City meetings for traffic? IS said we have been actively involved in meetings with the City since 2015.
 - i. David Brown answered that the MVCA has been very active and has had dozens of meetings where the City Staff and the MVCA has been worked with them. This is why we have had success with diverting the Minto truck traffic away from the village centre. This is the biggest traffic win in 12 years. Any change we make here impacts other village communities down the road. The answer is the Earl Armstrong extension that will cost approx \$60M. Until an East-West route is established the City will not take truck traffic off Bridge Street. A smaller win will be having Century Road re-designated as a truck Route. We have a shot at removing the stretch of road between Century Road to Manotick Main from the official Truck route. In June he will be taking a request to the City for a city-wide truck traffic study which hasn’t been done in over 20 year.
 - ii. BF commented that the community’s questions are being raised with the City. We are working closely with our Councillors and move toward pro-active measures to make our streets safer for all.
 - iii. Cllr. David Brown has started a Ward Council of leaders from his community associations and residents to bring their concerns to.
- J. Other Business – The Board thanked DV for his time on the Board and presented him with a certificate of appreciation and a mug.

- K. Thanks to the Directors that have served during the year since the last AGM notably, Steve Leveque, Zachary King.
- L. Adjournment
 - a. **Motion: To adjourn the meeting.** Janet Burnside, TR, Carried

Meeting Adjourned: 9:00 pm

Minutes Approved:

Irene Staron; President
Date:

Appendix A.

Appendix B.