

Any other comments?

- Manotick has an identity (more than just the Mill) and that identity lies in its historic charm. We need a taskforce to help maintain that identity which will attract people to the core.
- "It is sad to see some enterprising businesses not survive due to lack of visitors to Manotick but having a variety of retail of good quality need to be encouraged. Back 20+ years there was a business called ""European Imports"" women's clothing, which had unique and quality items that drew regular customers from far and wide including Quebecers. That kind of reputation creates a destination place for people and brings a reliable audience who will also want interesting and varied eateries etc. which help sustain all businesses. We also no longer have a Men's Clothing shop like the old Lindsey and McCaffrey on Main St. There was always a selection of good quality casual mens clothes there. The restaurant previous to Babbos used to be a destination restaurant until the private room got plonked in the middle of the main part of the restaurant destroying the ambiance and design. If there is a need for eateries which can adjust to hold special events maybe that could be a thought for the future. Anyway right now all the empty spots are very distressing and suggest Manotick is not a place to bring your business."
- - "It would be nice to phase in that all shops be required to have steps that are up to code (distance between steps, no obstructions or poor pavement etc.) and ideally wheelchair/stroller access
 - - public functions should aim to be zero-waste (esp Taste of Manotick) and the BIA should include rent-able zero waste collectors (1 for landfill, one for paper recycling, one for plastic recycling)
 - - move towards a zero-waste community (easy news story and good way to advertise Manotick) - the Recycling Council of Ontario is a good place for us to start both for business and schools (I would be very interested in working on zero-waste initiatives)
 - - business should be encouraged to offer recyclable materials for doggy bags, and incentives for people to bring their own mugs for coffee etc.
 - - a vibrant night life (in a good way) as well as a vibrant day-time location would be wonderful"
- The access to Main from the Royal Bank lot is a hazard... turning onto and off of our Highcroft Dr. Is becoming more and more difficult and less safe.
- I understand the upstairs floor of 'Millars Oven' is rented by ... the business association of Manotick. Shop owners should be allowed to use this space - good promotional step.
- Thank you all for taking the time to work on improving the village.
- Not sure who's in charge of the manotick.org website but it would be great if this was updated (hasn't been updated since 2015). It would encourage Manotick as a destination if people could find all things Manotick on one website (as other villages do). A MVCA Facebook group (as opposed to just a page) would also be a great way to connect our villagers digitally and allow for discussions outside of just the AGM.
- Look forward to hanging out in manotick instead of going to westboro or almonte!

- - "I think a Task Force can be helpful if there is a genuine opportunity for its input to be heard, and ideally acted upon. Not knowing about governance issues makes it difficult to say whether it would be an effective way to bring about positive change and improvements in the village.
 - The challenges facing small communities (trying to maintain a commercial centre and a village feel) are numerous. And they can't be ""fixed"" in the short term. Manotick needs a long term plan, with clear objectives, and detailed strategies to achieve them. Is this what the Task Force would do? And would there be resources available?
 - Thank you for the opportunity to input."
- I think I need to renew my membership.....where do I do that?
- Find a way to help landlords do a refit for more small businesses. Like the old Napa building. It needs refacing and repurposing. And the Falls house proposal is inappropriate for the showcase corner. The owner needs some guidance.
- - "More parking is needed
 - Bury cables
 - More continuous sequence of doors and windows for walking traffic, no gaps in street front"
- We love it here and Want to bring visitors to Manotick businesses through the Miler and any other way we can. Our kids are raised here and would love to have more things for kids in the village as well!
- It would be great to fill the current business vacancies ... there are a lot of empty spots. I always hear that rent prices are too expensive. This is a great village/place to live!
- I've noticed over the years a slow but positive change in the general appearance of the core and the attitude of residents in the area, thanks in large part to the efforts of the MVCA. Keep up the good work!
- I agree that a group of residents and BIA and MVCA get together. However, I believe that each group will have its own agenda and will not agree. Businesses want more traffic and people and residents won't. Yet if business continue to close then residents will be left with a beautiful Core with no services.
- What can be done to fill in the several gaps on the high street and the mews?
- I am opposed to another pedestrian crosswalk. The narrowing of the road at the present crosswalk and allowing parking immediately north of it makes for congested sight lines for drivers travelling north. Add in the two intersections immediately adjacent to the crosswalk and you have a confusing situation. Putting in another crosswalk at Beaverwood will lead to more confusion and emergency stops!
- There are already lots of great events and a few more might help. I think the main attracting factor should be closer to the vibe of Almonte and Perth
- Bridge Street is and will continue to be a truck route. I strongly disagree with the proposal to create an elevated multi use path that will narrow the driving lanes along Bridge Street. This will NOT reduce truck traffic and creates the potential of placing non vehicular traffic in peril.
- When we moved here in 1984 Manotick had a village feel about it. And there were sufficient variety of stores. Manotick has lost its core since Barrhaven shops came in and local shops have

closed. I do try to shop locally, but the variety of wines in Barrhaven LCBO is far superior to Manotick, the quality of the fruit and vegetables in Barrhaven Loblaws is far superior to Manotick's Independent, the variety and price of goods in Home Depot beats Manotick's Home Hardware, and so on. So put shopping aside, and the Mews is ugly anyway and not an attraction, and focus on making an attractive Main Street and Mill area.

- I believe it crucially important to maintain a village atmosphere. Failing that Manotick will become suburban and lose it's uniqueness. The Mill only will not sustain Manotlck commercially.
- thanks for asking for views
- The proposed STOP sign at the south end of our village is a bad idea! The purpose of stop signs on the side streets are to stop cars so that they may proceed with caution on a major street. I use the side street that enters there regularly, and have never waited very long to be able to proceed. If drivers feel unsafe at that corner or impatient, there are many other entrances to our Main Street close by. Other than key shopping times, the side street is often empty, so people will be running that stop sign at night, early morning, etc. Dangerous set up. Also, coming into Manotick from the south, it is at the bottom of a hill, so if there ever is a backup of cars, a rear end collision might happen as coming over the hill one might not brake in time, especially if drivers don't know about a stop sign or in winter conditions. Also, already, residents living south of Manotick are now driving First Line and Century Road to avoid the slow down speeds of Bankfield Road and now the 40 k. in downtown Manotick. Not good to encourage more avoidance of our village core. If other villages can manage 50 k. on their Main Streets (Perth comes to mind), I am sure we could manage as well. I have lived here over 30 years and I don't remember any problem with accidents. A few speeding tickets or a police presence once in awhile would curtail the supposedly reported speeders.
- Just a comment that there are many empty store fronts which is a shame. I imagine due to high rent.
- Keep Manotick unique
- - "Clean up empty store frontages
 - Weeds
 - Alley ways remove garbage
 - Use these empty window spaces to promote organizations activities etc"
- I would like to see more frequent closures of Main Street for various events, such as Taste of Manotick and Dickenson Days: It really makes the Village a Village when the cars are gone!
- Get the truck route changed to Vimy bridge!!!
- "My views on whether or not more traffic calming measures are required are well known to Klaus and are available on e-mails. I absolutely disagree with any notion that Main Street should slide down the slippery slope towards being a pedestrian mall. Main Street should remain Main. I strongly oppose the idea of a 4-way stop at Currier and Main as the next steps would be the same at Beaverwood, then Tighe. I don't even subscribe to the idea that exit from the Mews is difficult; it does require care and sometimes patience but I've never had a problem that patience can't fix. However, if something ever becomes really essential, a mini-roundabout of the sort found all over England (just a small circle, say 2 metres across, painted white and subject to the normal roundabout rules) would be much better than Stop signs. And another X-

walk, at Beaverwood, would be fine, not perhaps a high priority but I'd have no objection. Probably more comments but that's enough for now." Thanks!

- Sorry to have missed the AGM. Pat on the back to the leaders of MVCA and those active members.
- I strongly agree with the first three statements - i.e. that there is a need for a vibrant village core et al
- "As I spent much of two years and many dollars addressing the issues of Minto, it might be a good idea to ask them to provide suggestions to keep Manotick more interesting and vibrant.. Having said all of the above, I am not interested in being on any committees."
- If anything can be done to improve the Independent, it would be most helpful to bring people back into the village. I've given up with shopping there and almost everyone I speak to has also. If you have grocery shopping to do we do it elsewhere so other errands get done there too. Very unfortunate as I'd like to support village businesses.
- "So many vacant buildings on Main Street - old bank, McNeils at Bridge and Main, restaurant on Main closed? And a new building old Falls house for more office space when others empty. A comment on the other side _ BIA doing an Excellent job!!"
- Our family is a new member of this community, we picked this community over the new Riverside South, which, not to compare, but has a number of services we would have to leave Manotick to find, including groceries, and activities for our two young kids. We would like these service to be available in our own community.
- The unfortunate fire on Main St. has maybe presented the opportunity to better connect the Main St. with the Mews ... be it parking lot or entrance way.
- Thanks for doing this.
- I believe the MVCA does a great job of staying on top of important and emerging issues relevant to fostering a vibrant, village-forward community. This will continue to be challenging in the face of incessant city encroachment.
- Truck traffic from Bridge St to Bankfield Rd continues to be our #1 concern.
- More traffic calming measures are required on Bridge street and Main street and Manotick should no longer be used as a major truck route especially now that a better suited alternative is available.
- It takes a village working and playing together for Manotick to be the most desired place to live in the city of Ottawa and the most desired place to visit