

Richmond Village Association
Minutes - for meeting of June 02, 2003
St. Paul's United Church - 7:30 pm

Present: President - Ted Brown
Treasurer - Judy Wagdin
Directors - Michel Dubord, Don Flanders, Doug Longmire, Bernie McMullen, Glen Trebble, Dick Trumble
Members - Norm Adams, Doug Arnold, Dayle Beaulieu, Lionel Beaulieu, Diane Clouthier, Al Eaton, Bill Mitchell, Bruce Webster, Carol Wilson
Guests: John Curry, Gabriel Miller
Vice President - Harvey Snyder
Secretary - Josh Seabrooke

Agenda: Read by all, approved.

Minutes: Joyce Cook's name was added to the list of guests at the May meeting. **Motion 2003.10** moved by Judy Wagdin, that amended minutes be accepted, seconded by Glen Trebble. **Passed.**

Business Arising from Minutes:

1. Munster Sewage.

Harvey Snyder reported that the municipal engineers reversed the decision by R.V. Anderson that onsite treatment is the best option for Munster's sewage. The city is now recommending that a pipeline be run from Munster through the village of Richmond. The Environmental Services Committee of Ottawa unanimously approved the pipeline solution. Residents in attendance expressed concerns and reservations about the pipeline solution. Doug Arnold expressed concern as to whether the existing sewer line could accommodate the extra sewage from Munster. As well, Mr. Arnold also had concerns about the City's reasoning for a pipeline solution and whether they would be forward and up front about the process. At this point Gabriel Miller put forth the City's reasoning behind opting for the pipeline solution. The City of Ottawa was directed by the Ontario Municipal Board to hire a consultant, that consultant (R.V. Anderson) recommended a mechanical onsite treatment plant, built by a firm called CMS, but also said that all three options were viable and environmentally acceptable. Mr. Miller went on to say that additional questions arose about the onsite treatment plant; would the water discharged by the plant meet the Provincial standards? As well, Mr. Miller mentioned that with regard to snowfluent technology additional lands would likely have to be purchased. Mr. Miller said that for the city to wait for these questions to be resolved would take from 12-18 months, during which time the city would be vulnerable to prosecution and continue to pay \$500 000/year to haul sewage. Mr. Miller also stated that the Province has said that the above options require further review, and that the pipeline is environmentally sound.

Concerns were raised by some residents about the pipeline's effects on village

growth, with some residents feeling that by adding Munster's sewage to Richmond's pipeline system we may be reducing Richmond's capacity for growth. Mr. Miller said that he has been assured that the new pipeline will not effect growth, noting that in peak season there will be a waiting period before Munster's sewage enters the system. Other residents showed concern about the effects on the flow of water in the Jock River. Mr. Miller indicated that effects on the flow of water would be nominal and that putting potentially dirty water into the river is a less attractive option. Resident Bruce Webster suggested that it has been proven in the past that onsite treatment makes for potable water which could add to the flow of the Jock River. Mr. Miller responded that it has not been established that discharged water from an onsite treatment plant would meet Provincial requirements for phosphorous levels. Vice-President Harvey Snyder contradicted Mr. Miller, stating that R.V. Anderson and Associates indicated that onsite treatment could, with the cooperation of the Province, find approval in as little time as two months, and only with objections take 12-18 months.

Mr. Webster expressed concern that a pipeline is vulnerable to fractures, noting that the existing pipeline from Richmond to Kanata has, according to his sources, had five fractures of which the City has acknowledged two. Mr. Webster asked Mr. Miller what sort of assurances the City would give residents that a pipeline would not fracture and pollute the aquifer and the many shallow wells in Richmond. Mr. Miller stated that pipelines in the City of Ottawa are constantly monitored and that the City has experience in dealing with fractures, and that the volumes spilled are minimal. Don Flanders asked about the health risk posed by a ruptured pipeline and if there is potential for a certain number of people to be at risk if a fracture occurs.

Concerns regarding the City's handling of this issue were also brought forth, with many in attendance feeling that Richmond residents have been left out of the process. Mr. Miller indicated that the City will be consulting Richmond residents as to what route the pipeline will take. However, Mr. Miller also stated that a pipeline is a forgone conclusion at this point and that residents should accept this fact and work with the City. Mr. Miller reminded the RVA to consider the health of the Jock River and the effects of adding treated water to the river. Harvey Snyder contended that there would be more water in the river without a pipeline, which would help the flow and dilute phosphorous from an onsite treatment plant. There was some discussion of a pilot project in Manotick, an onsite treatment plant that services 300 homes. President Ted Brown stated that there are over 400 such systems in Ontario, however Mr. Miller suggested that the Jock River has specific needs and that such a system as the one in Manotick may not meet those needs.

As discussion of this issue concluded, Michel Dubord expressed disapproval with the way the meeting was conducted, suggesting that it was unfair to Mr. Miller, having not been informed about the number of residents who would be attending. The RVA expressed thanks and appreciation to Mr. Miller for openly discussing the issue of Munster's sewage with the numerous residents in attendance and for fielding their questions.

2. Lighting of the Park.

President Ted Brown suggested that a committee be established to work with Cydney Green and the committee formerly in charge of the project to discuss funding and theme. Gabriel Miller stated there has been no response from the City with regard to funding of the Lighting of the Park and Canada Day, and that such issues as insurance must also be looked into.

3. Play Structure.

President Ted Brown reported that the structure has been completed. The parking lot is expected to be completed in the coming weeks.

Motion 2003.11 moved by Judy Wagdin **that RVA express its thanks and appreciation to Mr and Mrs. Don Flanders for there work on this project.** Seconded by Michel Dubord. All in favor. **Passed.**

Don Flanders asked if the sand surrounding the structure was contaminated in the fire. Gabriel Miller will inquire.

4. Canada Day.

Glen Trebble produced a list of tasks for the organizing of Canada Day. Remaining tasks include finding a technician to light the fireworks. Glen will inquire as to whether a course for such certification is offered, suggesting a member of the RVA could acquire the pyrotechnic skills involved. Glen also suggested that the unveiling of Mural 4 take place the same day. Judy Wagdin reported that people are needed to help run the activity booths and that the High School has been contacted with a request for students to volunteer. Glen Trebble stated that there are approximately 30 businesses that have sponsored Canada Day in the past that should be contacted. Both Ted Brown and Judy Wagdin agreed to help in this regard.

5. Jock River Fountain.

Bernie McMullen reported that he has received information on funding from Gabriel Miller, and that further research is needed about the fountain.

6. Business Park.

Gabriel Miller reported that he is currently trying to arrange a meeting with Lesley Patterson. Ms Patterson will be able to direct the RVA on how to proceed with this project. Ted Brown, Glen Trebble and Josh Seabrooke agreed to meet with Ms. Patterson when it is arranged.

7. Fox Signs.

Bernie McMullen reported that this project will likely have to wait as there is currently no money available to fund it. Glen Trebble reported that he has contacted a business in Renfrew with a plasma cutter and will inquire as to the cost of cutting the foxes.

8. Ward Boundaries.

Gabriel Miller reported that the OMB decision opposes the City plan for new wards as

the process was flawed. However, Mr. Miller suggested that the City will revisit this issue in preparation for the 2006 elections.

9. Neighborhood Watch.

Don Flanders reported that the first public meeting for NW will take place on June 11, 2003 at St. Paul's United Church. Mr. Flanders, Constable Tom Donnelly and members of the NW coordination association will be in attendance. Flyers will be put in the mail and a notice will be put on the sign at the gas station.

10. Mural Grant.

Judy Wagdin reported that the RVA has applied for a grant for 2003. The RVA will receive \$8000.00. Judy will inquire as to when this money will be received.

11. Walking Paths.

Ted Brown reported that he has been in contact with Donna Williams and has sent a letter to her regarding walking paths in the village.

New Business:

1. Flowers.

Judy Wagdin reported that 28 plants have been ordered and that the rest of the money (\$800.00) has been spent. Judy suggested that flags and flowers should be in place by June 15, 2003.

2. City Fees.

Bernie McMullen reported that the City is now levying a charge of \$25.00 for organizations to meet in City buildings. Concern was raised as to whether some non-profit organizations, such as Bernie's scout troop, can afford to pay the fee. Gabriel Miller is to raise the issue with Janet Stavinga.

3. Transportation Update.

Doug Longmire reported that he attended a meeting at the legion about transportation. The daily service to Fallowfield Station is set to end in September 2003. Gabriel Miller reported that an express bus will be added to Richmond in the evenings. Mr. Miller has asked OC Transpo to prepare a survey for route and time options. The survey should be ready in the coming weeks.

4. Canada Day Meeting.

Judy Wagdin suggested the meeting be held on June 16, to finalize preparations for Canada Day. All were in favor.

Adjournment: 9:50 pm.

Next Meeting: June 16, 2003. 7:30 pm at St. Paul's United Church.