

Richmond Village Association
Minutes - for meeting of August 18, 2003
St. Paul's United Church - 7:30 pm

Present: President - Ted Brown

Vice Pres.: Harvey Snyder

Directors: Doug Longmire, Bernie McMullen, Dick Trumble, Don Flanders

Absent: Judy Wagdin, Josh Seabrooke, Michel Dubord, Glen Trebble, A representative from councillor Stavinga's office.

New Business:

1. The first thing that was decided was a decision on quorum. 10 total members of the RVA exist, of which 6 were present. It was decided that the members present had the ability to make decisions.
2. The mural plaque had been broken during the summer and should be replaced/repared.

Motion 2003.17, moved by Dick Trumble, seconded by Doug Longmire **that the plaque should be replaced at a cost of approximately \$107.00. All in favour. Passed.**

Discussion surrounding the motion: The plaque it self should be unbreakable, and we should check into warranties surrounding it. We should also check city insurance to see if it would cover it.

3. Dick Trumble will be resigning, as he is moving. In a future meeting, a replacement will need to be found.
4. Fair: Don Flanders to check into a booth inside at the fair. Approx 10' x 12' which will be shared by the RVA, Friends of the Jock and possibly the Neighbourhood watch program.
5. Monday August 25th will be the next meeting.

Main Business:

1. The RVA has to draw attention to the forcemain coming from Munster. Only a fraction of the town knows about it now.

An article was written by the Stittsville News, saying that it could be a gravity system instead of a forcemain. This was generally dismissed by the members of the RVA because of the lay of the land of Richmond. It would be difficult to do, coming from Munster.

The RVA went over the letter provided to the people that filled out a petition (only those people though - not the entire village). Many of the points in the letter were vague, or made people think of the wrong thing. Other things were left out completely.

It came up that based on current happenings, some of the companies that were dismissed by the government as being valid offerings may sue.

It was suggested that the RVA invite the VPs of these technologies to the meeting Janet references in the letter sent.

How do we get information to the people of Richmond?

Two things that need to be looked at:

- What to write in the letter, how to make the information visible.
- How to distribute the information.

Harvey has volunteered to write the first draft of the letter.

Bernie was unsure of the ramifications of this letter, as the RVA is somewhat dependant on monies coming from the government.

In the end, the letter should try not to be judgemental. It should explain all the information in a way that tries not to point fingers. This may help with the possible ramifications and may be more in line with what the RVA should be trying to do.

For distribution:

- Mass Mailings were suggested.
- Newspapers (Susan S and Lowal (sp?) Green)
- Television?
- Grassroots movement (signs appearing - Say "NO" to Munster Sewage)

Money is needed for any type of information distribution. Approval of the RVA is needed for payment and Friends of the Jock may help add money.

Dick mentioned that we need to fight the bureaucracy, not the pipeline.

One possible thing to add is a letter to debate points in Janet's letter. Try to show all of the information.

A discussion occurred around Cell C, a part of the conservation area that was recently moved to Municipal. This gives the ability to use this area as a lagoon.

Motion 2003.18, moved by Bernie McMullen, seconded by Doug Longmire **that the concept of notifying the people of Richmond about the Munster sewage pipeline would be approved in principal and that it was understood that this endeavor would incur costs that would need to be paid for by the RVA. All in favour. Passed.**

Meeting Ended.

Next Meeting: Monday, August 25th, 2003.