

Richmond Village Association
Minutes - for meeting of August 25, 2003
St. Paul's United Church - 7:30 pm

Present: President - Ted Brown
Treasurer – Judy Wagdin

Vice Pres.: Harvey Snyder

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

Guests: Bruce Webster

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

Agenda: Reviewed

Added a minor variance regarding a new shed in the Perth, Queen Elizabeth and Fortune street area to the New Business of this meeting.
Added a report on transportation to the New Business of this meeting.

Approved

Minutes:

Minutes of June 12th, 2003:

Discussion:

Nevada tickets and the need to advertise for the Bell Warriors. Unsure of how to do this.

Motion 2003.19 moved by Judy Wagdin, seconded by Harvey Snyder **that the minutes be accepted as presented. Passed.**

Minutes of August 18th, 2003:

Discussion:

Jennifer Popowski (sp?) is the insurance contact for the murals.

Lexan is an unbreakable material that we may want to upgrade to when others plaques get broken.

Janet's letter mentions that a meeting will be held in September about the pipeline.

The letters that were sent to the people who signed the petition were available in the library for a period of time.

Ammendment:

The discussion around Cell C being left moved to Municipal government is part of the **Proposed Plan**. The minutes made it seem that the Cell C move had already been done.

Motion 2003.20 moved by Doug Longmire, seconded by Dick Trumble **that the minutes be accepted, with one amendment. Passed.**

Business Arising From Minutes of June 12th, 2003:

1. Munster Sewage

A letter was presented to the RVA for discussion, by Harvey Snyder, as per RVA request of August 18th, 2003. The main discussion was broken down into two areas: Content/arrangement of letter and the distribution of the letter. Additional discussion on other information passing mechanisms.

Content and arrangement of letter: Dick Trumble mentioned that we don't want to make it appear in the letter that this is a 'not in my backyard' type of situation. Along the same lines, we don't want to make it seem that the village of Richmond is being treated unfairly. These types of things are generally looked on poorly. He mentioned instead that we concentrate on the technical points. The first three paragraphs, and the very first point of the letter presented could be removed. The main section of points he felt were good. Harvey Snyder mentioned that he felt these things were necessary to inform the people.

It was suggested that we may want to remove Munster from the letter, because we don't want to alienate our neighbours. Its not Munster that's the problem, it's the way that the government is handling this problem. It was decided though that we may need to keep the name in because we need to use it as a point of reference.

We need to get people's attention on the first line. People need to see something that concerns them in the first 2-3 lines or they won't read any further. Judy Wagdin suggested that the line "all this without..." from the original letter would be an excellent way to start off the letter. Doug Longmire suggested "Did you know that Without consultation" as a good beginning as well.

Doug Longmire, Judy Wagdin and Dick Trumble suggested that the first three paragraphs be moved to the bottom.

It was discussed that we need to make sure that the points are completely valid in the letter. Bad points reduce the view of the letter from the people reading it.

Distribution of letter: Need to be in peoples hands as soon as possible. Sometime before the fair and around labour day (2 weeks). Distribution could happen in a number of ways including door to door, hand them out at the post office and mass mailing. It was discussed that the post office may object to someone standing around handing out flyers. May need to check this out.

General Discussion:

Bruce Webster mentioned that he could produce a sign for this cause at around 1.50 each. Perhaps we could get the New RO to do a photo of a few houses with these types of signs out front to advertise this cause.

The meeting that Janet is holding may or may not be moderated. It is unknown at this time. Is it possible to have our own meeting just before it, to bring people up to date on what's happening? We should endeavor to invite people from both of the onsite solutions to this. Jeff White (?) and Martin Housfield (sp?)

It was suggested that a FAQ sheet be given out at the meeting Janet will be holding. This sheet would contain more details, and ways of debating the government points.

It is an up-hill battle to do this type of thing. No one comes to RVA meetings – why? Probably because not a lot of people know about the RVA.

Harvey Snyder pointed out that the letter is from the entire RVA and not from any one or two members.

Plan B was to question how they plan to recover from a leak and spill when it occurs.

Ways of passing information:

Float in Richmond Parade

Signs – home made – probably not --- they would need to be made by a central person and distributed because more likely than not, home made signs would not get done.

Major building companies -> on board

Capacity of pumping station was not the limiting factor to Richmond's growth. The wells were the determining factor – 5000 max.

The forcemain that is referenced in Janet's letter is not in aquifer territory

Sept 8 Distribution – money comes from the operating fund.

2. Lighting of the Park

No new information on this.

3. Play structure

It is possible that the parking lot was being created because of the trucks that were in there. Need to verify.

4. Canada Day

Nothing new – need letter of thanks still.

5. Business Park

No new information on this.

6. Fox Signs

No new information on this.

7. Neighbourhood Watch

No new information on this

8. Walking Paths

Dave Keeman (sp?) the recreation liason – wants to walk path.

He suggested a letter to conservation management team, Janet and all the people we think should have an interested in this.

Glen Trebble contacted Hertiage Canada. Our project fits well with their projects (we fit a lot of their criteria).

If we use the Rideau thrail through conservation areas, we can do it with less consultation needed.

This has to do with the history of the village.

9. Richmond Fair

Will be sharing with the Friends of the Jock River.

A good display for the fair (and other things) would be around \$800.00 – \$1000.00.
Banners could be cheaper.

Only high traffic times need to be covered by us.

Motion 2003.21 moved by Glen Trebble, seconded by Judy Wagdin **that the RVA purchase space at the Richmond Fair for a cost of approximately \$140.00. Passed.**

Discussion:

Ted Brown to contact fair committee and complete papers.

Banners could be put in front and moved to back if we go solo in a booth in the future.

Stittsville new is creating a Richmond History section

\$445 for a full page ad in the Stittsville news and \$218 for a ½ page ad.
We could advertise who we are and where we are etc.

Deadline – before fair. It will be handed out at the fair.

Motion 2003.22 moved by Bernie McMullen, seconded by Doug Longmire **that a ½ page ad be purchased for approximately \$218.00 plus the appropriate taxes. Passed.**

10. Support to Bell Warriors

They will suggest to us how we need to advertise for the potential \$1000.00.

Could we advertise their schedule in the ½ page ad that we are going to put in?

Business Arising From Minutes of August 18th, 2003:

1. Mural Plaque

Authority was given to buy a new plaque was given. Should we upgrade to Lexan, which should be more or less unbreakable?

Motion 2003.23 moved by Harvey Snyder, seconded by Judy Wagdin **that motion 2003.17 be amended to cover the costs to upgrade the plaque to Lexan and cover additional costs (of approximately \$25.00). Passed.**

Discussion:

Ace clear defense is a company that helps create unbreakable signs after they have been created. This may replace the need for the Lexan. Ted Brown to look into it. They are on Catherine Street.

2. Munster Sewage

This was covered in the business arising from minutes of June 12th, 2003.

New Business

1. PEACEFUND

It was decided that the RVA would not be pursuing this.

2. Minor Variance

A 30' x 50x metal shed is being constructed that will be too close to property lines.

Unsure of why the RVA was included in this. Passed to individual members.

3. Transportation

We will be losing 2 hourly service and new transport added, possibly to Stittsville. Only Friday and Saturday service. (main clients are thought to be High School students)

4 buses in morning (4th needed because of the time changes making it difficult to catch the 3rd bus)

Services are based on 6 month service –not the full year. Hard to get a good view from it.

4. Other Discussion

We need to advertise the existence of the RVA. Requested by Don Flanders that this subject be added to the next agenda.

Richmond report may drop out completely if advertising continues to drop. Unsure if this is completely valid.

Missing banner from Canada day. No one knows where it is. Needs to be found.

Annual General Meeting. 3 members of the RVA may not be returning. Need to get new people into the RVA. One should be from the Richmond Oakes to cover a part of Richmond that isn't included yet. Possibly adding a builder to the committee. (Maple homes?). Possibly someone from Rabb Construction. Don Flanders to talk to Gabriel Miller and see if that office knows of any people that may fit.