



A Proud Past, a Bright Future

**Minutes for the RVA March 1st Meeting,
St Paul's Church, 7:30 p.m.**

Present: President—Bruce Webster
Treasurer—Judy Wagdin
Secretary—Rosemary MacArthur

Directors—Lynne Owen
Ted Brown
Ulrika McKim

Absent: Past President—Harvey Snyder
Vice-President—Bill Walters

Guests: Councillor Brooks
Jim Wagdin—Richmond resident
Isobel Thompson—Richmond Resident
Shawnette Whalen—Manager of Richmond's Bank of Nova Scotia
Doug Arnold—Richmond Resident
Diane Cloutier-Arnold—Richmond Resident
John Curry—Editor of The Stittsville News
Chris Luesby—City of Ottawa, financial Department
Bruce Chrustie—electoral candidate

Item 1: Greeting of Guests and Directors

President Bruce Webster opened the meeting with greetings to the Directors and Guests. He explained both Harvey and Bill were absent due to health reasons. He then gave a brief history of the Deboer Award, listing the past recipients:

2007: Jill Deboer—originator and organizer of our winter Banner Contest; manager of the RVA flyer and the RVA webmaster; involved in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church activities.

2008: Tom Cowick, now deceased-- founder & organizer of the original Richmond Silver Stick Hockey Tournament which recently celebrated 50 years since its inception.

2009: Denise Crawford—many contributions to Richmond and Munster minor hockey

2010: Bruce then announced this years winner, Judy Wagdin., listing the many ways she has impacted on and bettered Richmond over the years...organizer of St Paul's basement for RVA's monthly meetings;



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Treasurer of RVA for many years as well as organizing our Santa Claus Parade, Lighting of the Park & Jingle Bell Walk
Active participant in Richmond's annual Spring Clean-Up.
Active in St Paul's United Church activities.

Isobel Thompson, another active member of St Paul's United Church, and the President presented the Deboer Award to Judy who reminded everyone that she did not do any of this by herself. She thanked those who, over the years, have worked alongside her and then thanked the RVA.

Item 2: Minutes and Treasurer's Report with Update on City Support

- i) Moved by Lynne Owen, seconded by Ulrica McKim to accept the Feb. minutes as written.
- ii) Judy Wagdin thanked Chris Luebsy (finances, city of Ottawa) for his help in assisting her in preparing the Annual Financial Report to the City. She reported we have sufficient funds to cover any bills that need paying. She stressed that Mural costs cannot come from city funds. We must raise such monies by ourselves. She reported there had been a donation to the Mural Fund.

Item 3: Steering Committee Design Plan (CDP) and Mattamy Update

Since both Bill & Harvey were absent, Bruce reported the CDP committee met Feb 24th 2010 at the Library. Mattamy is in its final stages and plans on a public presentation March 31st, 2010 in the Community Centre (upstairs).

Mattamy still has no firm figures of how many homes they plan to build.

Brian Goss (Richmond Legion) raised the question of Legion property possibly being flooded due to raised landscaping by on Mattamy's development. Councillor Brooks promised to look into the matter. Councillor Brooks then asked the president as to the status of the wastewater issue; MOE's previous stance being "no allowance for any discharge into the Jock River, a policy 2 river". Bruce Webster replied, as he understood it, those policies were based on outdated information. MOE will consider presentations on tertiary treatment.

Item 4: Ward 21

Due to Harvey's absence, Councillor Brooks made the Ward 21 Report. The last meeting was held at South Carleton High School; its purpose was to discuss Procedure Policy for Ward 21. The Councillor hopes to include all the villages and organizations in Ward 21, resulting in a rather cumbersome body. Because of this, he proposes to break it into 9 smaller community areas.

Item 5: Richmond Night at Rideau Carleton

Bruce announced that the date for this event would be August 13th, 2010. Tickets will be \$35.00 per person which would include a meal, beverages, and gratuities. From that \$35.00 ticket, Richmond would realize \$13.00 per ticket. Richmond could also sell advertising in the Raceway programmes. We would set the rates we want per



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advertisement (i.e. \$100.00 for a full page \ \$60.00 for a half page) and all the money realized would be returned to Richmond. There is also a possibility the advertisers might have a race named after them. Jill has included this event in the upcoming Richmond Flyer.

There was some discussion as to how this money might best be spent to Richmond's benefit (the Hospice, Food Bank, Mural fund, etc). The Directors will be updated as more news occurs.

Item 6: Spring Clean-Up: April 23rd-25th Friday, Saturday & Sunday

The President reported that St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church is willing to help once more in this event. The RVA will organize the delivery of bags, gloves etc. to the church. No drop-off area has been designated yet, but, as in other years, it will likely be St Andrew's.

St John's Anglican Church wants to participate as does the Bank of Nova Scotia. The bank will give their staff time off to enable clearing right down McBean St to the Bridge. This effort is much appreciated by the RVA because Shawnette Whalen, N.S. Bank manager, will have to bring in replacement staff. The President thanked Ms Whalen for her generosity and public-mindedness.

Concerns were raised about interference with The Friends of the Jock River annual clean-up. It was agreed that if we work collectively with the Friends of the Jock River it should not present problems.

Item 8: RVA Garden Contest

Ulrica McKim reminded the Directors that this year will celebrate the 5th year of the contest. Like last year, this year will include front & back yards, to be judged separately. The judges will be selected from local nurseries.

It was suggested we add another category, Business Properties, to give them recognition. The Directors were in agreement. Registration dates are still to be confirmed.

Since last year there were a few problems with lost entries, not only will Ulrica personally collect entries weekly from entry boxes, but will create an on-line contestant's registration plus an on-line registration form.

She suggested the possibility of organizing a Garden Tour of all the entries. She is also looking into the possibility of creating a virtual garden tour. The Directors were enthusiastic about the suggestions.

Item 9: Mural

There were two excellent finalists for this year's mural project (time frame is 1940-1960); a copy of each design was on display. The Directors were very impressed with the quality of both designs. One mural focused on Richmond's Garland family (RCAF) during WWII. The other mural's setting has its focus on the original Silver Stick tournament.

The Directors decided to commission the RCAF \ Garland family for this year's mural since its focus is 1940-1945, the center of the set time frame. They also would like the Silver Stick design to be the next commissioned mural with its 1960's setting.

The issue of the location of this year's mural was raised. Ted Brown suggested it be placed ahead of the first mural, at the front.



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It was suggested a plaque for each mural be placed in the lobby of the arena. John Curry will do a brochure on all the murals with information on each artist, subject matter, etc.

When asked about a fee, Mr Curry kindly said he would do this free of charge. The RVA is grateful for his generosity.

We were reminded these murals are funded and judged by the RVA. The cost, approximately \$8,000.

Item 10: Interim President

Bruce Webster announced he is taking a Leave of Absence, stepping down as president of the RVA as of this evening (March 1st). Bill Walters, as VicePresident will take over as Standing President.

Bruce Webster has served the RVA both as president and vice-president in an exemplary fashion. The Board will miss his steady knowledgeable leadership but wishes him well as he moves on.

Item 11: Request of Ward 21 Candidate to Speak to the RVA

Guest Bruce Chrustie, a candidate for the October 25th, 2010 municipal election, requested permission to speak to the RVA Board of Directors.

The policy of the RVA is to encourage participation of all Ward 21 candidates; the appropriate venues for this would be at the level of a Ward 21 Candidate's Meeting. Therefore Mr Chrustie's request was denied.

Item 12: Close

Ted Brown closed the meeting.