



A Proud Past, a Bright Future

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Richmond Village Association

Meeting – August 8, 2005

Directors Present: Harvey Snyder, Bruce Webster, Judy Wagdin, Ulric McKim, Andrew McKim, Leslie Abraham, Jane Campbell, Jill Deboer

Guests: Councillor Glenn Brooks, Rosemary MacArthur, Richard Bendall, John Curry

Agenda:

Review of minutes of meeting from June 6, 2005 – accepted as is.

Water Source Update: Bruce would like someone to take over picking up the water samples within the next couple of months. The Ombudsman's office received a reply from the Deputy Minister of MOE in response to questions about the EA process in regards to the pipeline. They were advised that James O'Mara would be handling all further inquiries. Mr. O'Mara has responded by saying it's a done deal and he does not want to discuss in further.

Mr. O'Mara has invited people to attend a meeting which will deal with changing the approval process of MOE. **Motion**, Bruce, that the RVA send representatives to this meeting; 2nd Jane. All in favour.

There will be a meeting of the Water Source Committee on Tuesday, August 9, 2005 at Bruce Webster's house; 7:30 p.m.

Treasurer's Report: Judy provided copies of a current up-to-date financial statement. She noted there was one entry missing, a deposit of \$2,500.00. There are still some outstanding bills to be paid.

Canada Day: Leslie reported that Canada Day was well-attended and enjoyed by all despite the rain storm. The fireworks and band performance in the evening had bigger crowds than hoped for. This was the first outdoor venue for the band and it was thought they did very well. The weather caused a couple of cancellations – Ray's Reptiles, and the Kung Foo demonstration. Scott Hill, Kung Foo demonstration, hurt his knee but appears to be okay now. Leslie has submitted an incident report. The popcorn machine has suffered some damage. Leslie to report cost of repairs.

Judy handed out a complete list of debits and credits from the Canada Day Event.

Special thanks to the following: **Grace Assembly** for providing cake and strawberries; **Tim Vanderhorn** for setting up a shower; **Don Healey**, Black & MacDonald, for providing the GFI plug for the shower.

Extra special thanks to Leslie Abraham and her crew for doing an outstanding job in setting up the Canada Day Celebrations

There was some discussion about not holding a Canada Day celebration in Richmond next year due to the fact that we are competing with other villages as well as the City of Ottawa for crowds. It was

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thought we might do some kind of village celebration in co-ordination with the Firefighters barbeque on June 18th instead. Further discussion to take place at future meetings, after the AGM.

Perth Street Reconstruction: There is a new project manager for this work – Luke Foley, P.Eng.

Ward Boundaries: Councillor Brooks provided an update on the ward boundary issue. It has been passed by council to become a new by-law. There are three petitions challenging the changes being made to OMB. The three will probably be heard at the same time by OMB in early fall. The OMB must make a decision prior to the end of this year for changes to be put into effect prior to the 2006 election. Glenn personally feels the OMB will pass the changes as he believes the province supports the changes to the ward boundaries.

Rural Summit: The rural councillors have been asked to submit a list of ten names of people to take part in the summit. Harvey will be sending a letter to Councillor Stavinga's office to request a position for the RVA – two or three people from this community.

Councillor Brooks said he is concerned about the Summit in that the Issues Paper (which will be available to the public on August 18th) is lacking. He said some issues will be decided before the Summit takes place, some issues have been watered down, and there is no action plan indicated.

Rural Council: Richard Bendall informed us that the Rural Council is not fighting the ward boundary changes as they did last time around.

Although the idea of a Rural Summit was originally that of Bob MacKinley, past president of the Rural Council, the council had to fight in order to get a seat on Mayor Chiarelli's summit. The council will be fighting for rural issues at the Summit. The Rural Council is concerned about the new by-laws that are being worked on by City staff. At a meeting in Richmond earlier this year it was thought that Moira Winch and Kent Kirkpatrick had agreed to hold off on any new by-laws concerning rural issues. This appears to not be the case as city staff will be ready to implement by-laws concerning rural issues (i.e. wetlands) as soon as the summit is completed.

The Rural Council will be holding their Annual General Meeting on October 19th, at Sir Robert Borden High School.

Communications: Jill has asked that we have an ad placed in the "Focus on Richmond" segment of the Stittsville Signal. It will be a half-page advertisement showing the pictures of the RVA directors, a list of events hosted by the RVA, an appeal for volunteers to join the RVA and the date of the RVA Annual General Meeting. (Jill will e-mail a copy of the completed ad to directors prior to printing.) She has also requested two magnetic signs and a banner for the RVA be made up. **Motion,** Bruce, to provide funds for the ad, sign and banner at a cost of \$526.00, Jane 2nd. All agreed.

Projects: Three members will be needed for the mass CPR training on October 29th.

October 7th is the deadline for the Autumn Events Flyer. All community groups to have their events submitted to Jill by that date. It was decided that three flyers will be done each year; spring, summer and fall.

Jill will be attending a meeting on Youth Crime Prevention. The Youth arm of the RVA needs new members as previous ones have moved on to higher education.

Please note: Due to time constraints Jill is resigning from some of the committees she has previously chaired. Volunteers are needed to take over these duties.

Richmond Fair: The RVA will be sharing a booth with the Friends of the Jock River. Next to this booth will be the Rural Council and the Goulbourn Landowners Association. Cost for the booth is

\$140.00. We need something to hand out – water test bottles, newsletter, etc. We also need something interactive. Further discussions at next meeting.

RVA Website: The ownership of the site was a donation to the village. Judy has been in touch with Glen who has promised to send us the codes and passwords required for the site. There is a need to add people to the site – RVA president, Site technical person, etc. If she hasn't heard from Glen in a couple of weeks she'll contact him again.

Aggie's Bench: A bench and plaque have been installed at the Memorial Park in memory of Aggie O'Brien. There will be an official unveiling on Thursday, August 18th at 7:00 p.m. Speakers and music have been scheduled. The event will be advertised in the Stittsville News. Judy has tax receipts for everyone who donated for this project.

Special thanks to Harmony Gardens for donating the labour required.

Lighting of the Park/Christmas Parade: The parade and lighting will take place on December 3rd. The first meeting of the year for this committee is August 22nd, at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church.

Motion to adjourn – Jill, Bruce 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.