

the
Richmond
Village Association



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**Richmond Village Association
Minutes – for Meeting of November 1st, 2004
Annual General Meeting
St. Paul's United Church – 7:30 pm**

Present: President – Harvey Snyder
Treasurer – Judy Wagdin

Vice Pres. – Bruce Webster
Secretary – Don Flanders

Directors – Jill DeBoer, Bill Walters, Andrew McKim, Ulrica McKim, Pat Laninga, Jane Campbell Past president: Ted Brown

Guests: John Curry, Richard Bendall, Rosemary MacArthur, Carol Wilson, Doug Arnold, Barbara Spayman, John Spayman

Absent: Glen Trebble, Debbie Dodge, Leslie Abraham

Agenda:

Approved

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Motion 2004.37 moved by Ted Brown seconded by Pat Laninga **that the minutes be accepted as written. Passed.**

Business arising from Minutes:

1. Munster Sewage:

The RVA is still resisting the pipeline.

City is putting in microwave towers in order to improve communications between the alarms for the pumping stations. This is without knowledge of the community.

A letter from Janet was read at the meeting concerning the update of the **communication system and the break in the Munster forcemain** that was received after 5 PM on the day of the meeting.

This was sent to the audience of her receiver list and to the viewers of her web site. It will be eventually sent to the Stittsville News. This is a limited audience and may not be sent to all residents of the village of Richmond to raise the awareness of the incident. This should be sent to all residents and the RVA will follow up with Janet Stavinga to request this to happen.

2. Sub Committee on Web Site

An introduction was made on the www.richmondvillage.ca web site.

A request was made concerning the need for organizations to post events – we had the ability in the last few weeks to send out a pamphlet that advertised a number of non-profit organizations.

3. Treasurer's Report

A report on the Financial Report was given to the RVA Executive.

New Business:

1. OC Transportation

The impression we got from reading the Stittsville News story was that the Urban Transit Area was expanding to include Goulbourn as a whole.

According to other contacts, it should be only Stittsville that would be affected. This is a tax difference of around 400% to the affected areas.

2. Status of Rural Council

The next meeting is at the Kinburn community center on November 8th at 7:30. Guest speaker is Walter Robinson a columnist with the Sun and it is related to tax issues.

3. Fund Raising Initiatives

.A summary of the results of the fund raising activities was distributed amongst the RVA Executive.

\$300.00 was raised during the last month, thanks to canvassers Ulrica McKim, Andrew McKim, Doug Arnold and Jane Campbell,

Was very successful in terms of information dissemination.

Suggestions/comments include:

- Need to make RVA more visible to the residents.
- Most people were open to being canvassed next year.
- Additional funds may be sent to the RVA post box once canvassed citizens have a chance to read more about the RVA and its activities. Deleted: g
- Bruce Webster suggested that if we include John Bair (MPP Nepean-Carleton) endorsement into our fund raising literature, we may receive additional funding. This could be extended to be based on amount and include other political figures.
- May want to send out a special fund raising flyer and an RVA information sheet in the Richmond Post Office boxes. Deleted: shset
- Install collection jars at various businesses throughout the village and advertise that we are doing a “two week” collection to encourage people to donate immediately rather than waiting. Deleted: going
- Host an RVA sponsored event regularly (monthly?) and collect donations.

A series of corporate businesses in the area may be contributing to the RVA. We will know more next month.

We have offered to allow the possibility of a free advertising on the web site until October 1st 2005 in exchange for a donation of an amount of money to be decided later.

4. Strategic Planning

We need to plan as a full group of any major milestones that we would like to achieve. (2 years, 5 years, 10 years etc.)

This is best achieved by performing strategic planning.

Homework for December meeting.

1. Identify further possible projects and/or initiatives – please speak with our community partners and residents. (1-10 years in the future).
2. Write down what you foresee Richmond’s
 - a. Economic conditions
 - b. Community size
 - c. Demographics
 - d. Business community
 - e. Government
3. What role do you see the RVA in the future?

- a. Association's size/structure
- b. Mandate(s) (any changes)
- c. Involvement in community & government
- d. Resources, capabilities (limitations)

5. RVA Hosting Rural Council

The Rural Council is doing town hall meetings in various locations. Harvey Snyder, Bruce Webster and Richard Bendall are on the Executive of the Rural Council. They deal with issues concerning rural areas and an attempt to gain back the Rural identities and initiatives that have been lost to the city.

We would try to host this at the Legion when it comes to the Village of Richmond.

Motion 2004.38 moved by Bruce Webster seconded by Ted Brown **that the RVA host a session of the Rural Council that will be held on a January evening to be announced in Richmond Village. Passed. This was approved unanimously.**

6. Perth Street Reconstruction

Planning for Perth street reconstruction has been put to tender and a Request for Proposal (RFP) has been issued. The RVA should become very proactive concerning our viewpoints on how the street should be changed.

We should get a copy of the RFP for our discussion. Judy to attempt to acquire this.

A comment from our guests mentioned that we should learn from the mistakes made in the reconstruction of the Stittsville main street.

Another comment was discussed concerning the fact that this is the second time that they have attempted to do reconstruction of Perth Street. It failed last time and no one knows why – can't they use the old drawings from this failed attempt.

Other Discussion

Youth committee tri-fold promotional sheet is being distributed to the businesses in the area. It provides a history and information/issues concerning the village. We welcome feedback on this.

The Youth committee will be helping out with Christmas activities including a backdrop for Santa.

The pumpkin carving contest was a big success. Hopefully it will be an annual event. The grand prize, which was originally to be provided by the RVA, but was instead generously provided by Bill Walters of Walter's Valuemart.

Saturday, June 4th to be a safety fair and to be combined with the Richmond Public School's bike rodeo/safety fair. Possibly opening it up to other non-profit organizations and trying to make it a full community event.

The meeting closed at 9:49 PM

The next meeting will be on **December 6th, 2004 at St. Paul's United Church – 7:30pm.**