

the
Richmond
Village Association



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**Richmond Village Association
Minutes – for Meeting of September 13th, 2004
St. Paul's United Church – 7:30 pm**

Present: President – Ted Brown
Treasurer – Judy Wagdin

Vice Pres. - Harvey Snyder
Secretary – Don Flanders

Directors – Bruce Webster, Jill DeBoer, Glen Trebble, Bill Walters

Guests: John Curry, Richard Bendall, Sr. Constable Tom Donnelly, Janice Tughan, Pat Laninga, Boyd Dumlage, Rosemary MacArthur, Leslie Abraham, Melani Bejder, Bob Lawrence, Justyna Lawrence, Kathryn Lawrence, Maureen Vickers, Ulrica McKim, Andrew McKim, Derek Cooke

Absent:

Agenda:

Approved

Minutes of August 9th, 2004

Motion 2004.27 moved by Bruce Webster seconded by Glen Trebble **that the minutes be accepted as written. Passed.**

Business arising from August 9th Minutes:

1. Munster Sewage:

Conference call with the lawyer (Rod Northey) today. The lawyer feels that major issues exist with the EA process.

To continue to make use of the lawyer's services, we will need to increase our efforts to raise funds. We will need to raise approximately \$4000.00 to continue the effort.

2. Sub Committee on Web Site

A series of recommendations were given in regards to the web site. They include:

1. The www.richmondvillage.ca site hosting be moved from travel-net to 1and1.com;
2. The domain name for www.richmondvillage.ca be moved to domaindirect.com to take advantage of the cost savings when it is time to renew;
3. The domain name for RVA4u be dropped. This site itself will be moved back into the main site, but be a separate, visually different area;
4. A .net / .com / .org is included as part of 1and1.com. We could choose www.richmondvillage.net or www.richmondvillage.org at no additional cost and point back to the main site.
5. All expenditures over the monthly budget amount be pre-approved by the RVA.
6. A budget for Web Site Maintenance and Service be reduced from \$1000.00 per year to \$600.00 per year. This figure is open to discussion – it could be much less.

Motion 2004.28 moved by Bruce Webster seconded by Bill Walters **that all of the recommendations of the subcommittee be accepted. Passed.**

A series of next step requirements were given:

1. We will require the domain passwords to move the site to domaindirect.com
2. We will need the complete web site as it stands at the time of this meeting (either media or through access) to move to 1and1.com
3. The volunteers have worked out some designs of pages and ideas based on other community sites, and the need need for automation (to reduce maintenance).

As a final note, we stated that we expect the timeframe for this project to be at least 6 months. During this time, the current web site will be maintained thorough volunteer hours. It may be trimmed back to critical functions only.

Financial Report

No financial report was presented.

New Business

1. Public Health Issues

Janice Tughan was present and spoke on the Rural health program. She has worked in Goulbourn for 10 years now and her office is in the old Goulbourn Township building. The goal is to build healthier communities (proactive).

Involved in 'Older & Wiser Safety Program' working with Health, Fire and Police.

She is involved in presentations, involvement in large community events. Involved with the Jingle Bell Walk, CPR training, Well Water testing, Supermarket Safari, pathways to health booklet etc.

A community calendar was handed out dealing with programs offered over the next few months.

A monthly article (used to be called the Public Health Corner) which goes into rural community papers is produced

Documentation at the Richmond Arena contains information passed out at this meeting.

These documents will be added to the web site at a future time.

2. Policing Issues

Senior Constable Tom Donnelly was present to give some information on policing issues in the community.

While no major issues have happened in the past year, some of the crimes in the community were described:

- Flag vandalism has happened in the past (and is fairly popular for some reason).
- Traffic on McBean and Perth are always an issue. Snowmobiling as well.
- A number of car thefts (stealing from) in the last few months. One arrest was made.
- A few drug seizures near Munster (800 plants seized and other seizures).

Every two weeks in the local paper an article is created explaining whats happening in the community.

Constable Donnelly works out of the community police center on Perth street (in the supermarket). Any one that is interested in volunteering to work at the community police center would be greatly appreciated.

Reporting should be done on all police related incidents. This directly affects police presence in a community and helps keep the police abreast on whats happening in the community.

Rural West is responsible for Richmond, Rideau, West Carleton etc.

Policing is different in the rural areas then the central core. Dispatched from the Kanata Location on Abbey Hill.

The police offers crime prevention including home security checks (free).

A question was asked concerning the Manotick Action Group, and Constable Donnelly gave some information concerning it:

The Manotick Action Group came out about 2 years due to police issues and lack of communication between police and residents.

Tom represents the police service.

Once a month they meet at the police center.

Lions club, teacher, residents etc. meet.

Look at policing in town and see if the town has any concerns.

Look for solution.

Arena/park is a gathering place for kids and is a concern of the residents. (hub of activity)

A survey of the park was completed by the park and presented to the city to handle security issues concerning the park. (ie: street lights etc.)

Traffic issues in Manotick. Created another report and submitted to city for action.

3. Meeting with Rural Council

Rural council is attempting to influence the city in terms of services. To get the respect and fair recognition of the Rural areas back to previous levels.

RVA could potentially cohost a townhall. Need to be brought up to the new RVA executive.

4. Joint Project – FJR-RVA cleanup of Jock River Sat 25 Sep 2004

The annual cleanup of the Jock river will be setup on Saturday, September 25th. They have asked us to support them and make this a joint effort.

5. Slate of Directors

List of potential directors:

Don Flanders

Bill Walters

Glen Trebble

Harvey Snyder

Bruce Webster

Jill DeBoer

Judy Wagdin

6. Help for the Fair

The RVA will be having a joint booth with the Rural Council. Help is needed to be present to represent the RVA.

The suggestion was brought up that we may want to draw more attention to the activities to garner help.

Other Discussion

Question was asked concerning what a potential director could be involved with:

Canada Day
Lighting of the Park
Christmas Parade

The following items were suggested as potential RVA projects:

- Potential to do House and Garden tour.
- Christmas Decoration tour.
- Community in bloom?
- Information to be transferred to schools for potential of service hours.
- Soapbox derby for Canada Day?
- Winter wonderland day.
- Parking lot movies (which are offered in some locations in Ottawa). Donations accepted at this type of presentation.

The following Youth ideas were discussed:

Communication with Youth.
Community service hours could be posted.
More activities for youth (bigger fireworks, dances, haunted houses etc.)
Bike races
Car Ralleys
Do you know about Richmond
Babysitting, and other work
Canada Day Activities (climbing wall for instance)
Community picnic (supported by RVA and all churches for instance)

An advertising method was suggested:

Three sided sheet (folded in three) – Who the RVA is, Richmond Activities, Advertisers etc. Maintenance could be done by students for community service hours.

The meeting closed at 9:05 PM

The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting on **October 4th, 2004 at St. Paul's United Church – 7:30pm.**