

**Richmond Village Association  
Minutes - for meeting of Feb 03, 2003  
7:30pm, St.Paul's United Church.**

**Present:** President - Ted Brown                      Vice Pres. - Harvey Snyder  
Treasurer - Judy Wagdin                              Secretary - Josh Seabrooke  
Directors - Doug Longmire, Bernie McMullen, Glen Trebble, Dick Trumble  
Guests - Don Flanders, Gabriel Miller

Presentation - Ted Dopson and Joanne Nesbitt present design options for Channonhouse play structure.

**Agenda:** read by all present, approved.

**Minutes:** Motion 2003.01 moved by Judy Wagdin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dick Trumble, **that minutes be accepted as presented. Passed.**

**Business Arising from Minutes:**

**1. Play Structure (Presentation).**

Judy Wagdin, with assistance from Don Flanders, has done a survey in the neighborhood of the Channonhouse play structure. Some comments from residents expressed a need for more lighting and surveillance, and indicated that they wished for the existing structure to be replaced. Don Flanders stated that if changes such as lighting and the material with which the structure is constructed (fireproof) are not improved upon, then vandalism will occur again.

Joanne Nesbitt stated that if residents wish to reconstruct a larger, more expensive play structure that exceeds the \$20 000 limit that insurance will cover, then the RVA should apply for a 50/50 grant available from the city.

Ted Dopson from Henderson Recreation proposed a structure to accommodate children from ages 2-12. A two platform structure would cost \$8000.00 and a slide would cost \$4000.00. He also suggested an arch bridge to provide a shaded area and that the existing sand be replaced.

Judy Wagdin suggested that Ted Dopson have a design proposal ready for the next RVA meeting so that Judy can present designs to the neighbors.

**2. Flags and Flowers.**

Judy Wagdin has received the new "snowflake" flags that will be installed on Feb 05 by Robert Ralph and Bernie McMullen and will remain until April.

### **3. Question Boxes.**

Judy Wagdin has the boxes and questionnaires. They will be installed by the weekend of Feb 08. Judy will also make signs to put on the boxes.

### **4. Canada Day.**

Glen Trebble will be in contact with the Fair Board. Glen suggested that a car show be organized on Canada Day. He will also contact the person responsible for organizing last year's entertainment.

### **5. Jock River Fountain.**

Bernie McMullen reported that he will be going to Gananoque to take photos of their fountain.

### **6. Welcome Wagon.**

Glen Trebble reported that he has yet to post anything on the website advertising the paid position open to anyone who wishes to organize and run the Welcome Wagon. Judy Wagdin to get contact name.

### **7. Directional and Entrance Signs.**

Glen Trebble requested information regarding the City's policy on signage. Gabriel Miller told Glen to contact Stuart Marshall. Follow up next meeting.

### **8. Business Park.**

President Ted Brown reported that he needs to research the Goulbourn Official Plan in order to determine land designations and what land can be developed. Bernie McMullen is to bring the map to the next meeting.

## **9. Munster Sewage Treatment.**

Harvey Snyder discussed the R.V. Anderson report as well as the position of other interested parties concerning sewage treatment in Munster. Harvey referred to the MCA newsletter of January 2003 in which the MCA indicated that many residents in Munster would prefer a pipeline solution, and that some feel the City should open up tender for a pipeline.

Harvey also inquired as to why the scope of the Anderson report did not account for the impact on Richmond residents. The response was that the scope of the study was set to the OMB ruling. It is not known at this time whether the City is still considering a pipeline solution. If a pipeline is a considered option, Harvey suggested that an Environmental Study on its impact on Richmond be conducted, and that the public be included in an evaluation board. Harvey suggested that Munster, Richmond and appellants should all be involved in this process.

Bernie McMullen pointed out that Mayor Chiarelli promised a solution to Munster's sewage problems in the current term. Gabriel Miller said that the City must debate the solutions, a process that will likely take months. Gabriel Miller also suggested that even if a pipeline option is not considered by the City, Richmond should still be concerned as it is down river from Munster . Harvey Snyder indicated that the treated water would pass through significant filtration in the ground by the time it reaches the Jock River.

## **10. Fox Signs.**

Bernie McMullen reported that the person he was to contact is on vacation.

## **11. Ward Boundaries.**

Harvey Snyder presented a letter that addressed the RVA's position on ward boundaries with regard to the SVA 's letter. Harvey suggested that the SVA may seek standing at the OMB and that they do not represent all positions concerning ward boundaries. Gabriel Miller suggested that here are two choices: 1) to support the recommendation by the City that would combine Goulbourn with Rideau ward, or 2) Status Quo, which is the position that Councillor Stavinga supports. Bernie McMullen pointed out that Goulbourn, since amalgamation, has not faired badly, and that the RVA should accept status quo.

President Ted Brown and Harvey Snyder stressed that if the SVA has a position on ward boundaries it should be made clear that they do not represent the entire ward. Nor does the RVA represent the totality of Richmond or Goulbourn, and so to come out vocally on either option may be overstepping our limits. It was agreed that the RVA would support its previous "status quo" position.

## 12. Hydro Ottawa.

President Ted Brown discussed an open letter regarding the future of Hydro Ottawa and whether it will be run for profit or not. If there is taxation then rates will increase. There was agreement that Hydro Ottawa should stay public, and Gabriel Miller stated that is the position of Councillor Stavinga's office. Ted Brown is to prepare an email to Janet Stavinga stating the position of the RVA.

## 13. Pitch-In Canada Week.

A letter regarding 2003 Pitch-In Canada Week, in which people help to clean up, was given to Judy Wagdin who will research the matter further.

### **Financial:**

#### 1. Web Site Funding.

The funding of the Richmond Village website is to come through the Operation Fund with support from Economic Fund. The website's day to day functioning is then covered by the Operation Fund, with additional features supported by Economic Fund. **Motion 2003.02** moved by Glen Trebble, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy Wagdin **that website become an Operation Budget item. Passed.**

#### 2. Budget.

Judy Wagdin reported that the RVA receives \$8000.00 from the City, and that money can go in any fund. Judy proposed the following:

\$2000.00 - Operation Fund

\$4000.00 - Mural Fund

\$1000.00 - Economic Fund

\$1000.00 - Beautification Fund

**Motion 2003.03** moved by Harvey Snyder, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug Longmire, **that budget be accepted as presented. Passed.**

### 3. Nevada Tickets.

Judy Wagdin reported that Russ Lennstrom decides where the money generated from the sale of Nevada tickets goes, and that he has been away. This matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

### 4. Beautification Loan.

**Motion 2003.04** moved by Bernie McMullen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy Wagdin, **that the loan to the Beautification Fund be forgiven. Passed.**

### **New Business:**

#### 1. Action Group.

Bernie McMullen stated that he doesn't believe that the community has the responsibility to oversee the behavior and activities of the youth. Doug Longmire further stated that the youth who vandalize are not likely to come to Action Group meetings. Judy Wagdin suggested that we wait and contact the Manotick Action Group to see how it is working and the response it gets. Gabriel Miller stressed the importance of calling and reporting to the police as it effects how police resources are allocated. Harvey Snyder requested that Gabriel ask Councillor Stavinga why the Ottawa Carleton Regional Police doesn't have a \* number for easy dialing/reporting, like \*OPP.

#### 2. Mural Decision.

President Ted Brown reported that artist Mary Lynn Baker is willing to reduce her mural price to \$8000.00. Artist Becky-Marr Johnson has agreed to take the banner out of her painting. A vote was taken, the results being 5 to 2 in favor of Becky painting the fourth mural. Ted Brown is to request a second sketch from Becky for the board to review.

#### 3. Patrol.

President Ted Brown spoke of the citizen's patrol that worked in conjunction with the OPP that was abolished by the city a few years ago because of insurance concerns. Ted suggested that Sr. Constable Tom Donnelly be contacted and asked if a patrol program exists and if there is a need for it. Judy Wagdin further suggested that we monitor police reports in the Stittsville News as an indicator of any potential crime problems in Richmond.

#### 4. Signs for Snowmobiles.

Glen Trebble reported that he met with Sr. Constable Donnelly, and that Const. Donnelly would get back to him on this matter.

#### 5. Transportation.

Harvey Snyder made a graph which compared OC Transpo's target goals to their statistics. The graph illustrated that the only services that saw an increase were the commuter and express services which existed before. Harvey repeated the need for vigilance on this matter to ensure that Richmond residents don't lose services and still pay tax for them. Doug Longmire suggested that OC Transpo needs better marketing to attract riders as well as increased convenience in terms of bus stops and times. Taxes have increased to support the new services, with each household paying approx. \$64.00. Gabriel Miller stated that urban residents pay approx. \$400.00 per household and don't necessarily have better service.

Adjournment: 10:00pm