

**Richmond Village Association
Minutes - for meeting of Jan 06, 2003
7:30pm, St.Paul's United Church.**

Present: President - Ted Brown Vice Pres. - Harvey Snyder
Treasurer - Judy Wagdin Secretary - Josh Seabrooke
Directors - Michel Dubord, Doug Longmire, Bernie McMullen, Glen Trebble,
Dick Trumble, Judy Wagdin
Guests - Gabriel Miller, Bill and Donna Mitchell
Presentation - Sr. Constable Tom Donnelly

Agenda: New Item (i) Munster Sewage Treatment Study - Harvey Snyder

Minutes: Accepted as read.

Business Arising from Minutes:

1. Flags and Flowers.

Judy Wagdin reported that the new winter flags have been purchased. The total cost for the 25 flags is \$1036.00. Judy also reported that the expenses for Ray Lalonde's services toward maintaining the flower arrangements this past summer are \$400.00 and have been paid. The RVA has also received a donation from the Lion's Club and Russ Lennstrom of \$1196.00.

2. Question Boxes.

Judy reported that she has built the Question Boxes and will install them in YIG and the public library. A questionnaire will be left beside the boxes and will also be available on the website.

3. Play Structure.

Judy Wagdin reported that she hopes the survey will be able to indicate what course of action the RVA should take regarding the damaged play structure sometime near the end of February. Gabriel Miller reported that Janet Stavinga's office has heard from some concerned residents on the matter, suggesting that most would like to see the structure rebuilt. Judy requested the contact names from Gabriel and will be in touch with them.

4. Canada Day.

Glen Trebble will coordinate the committee in charge of organizing festivities for Canada Day and will need 10 people to help. Michel Dubord suggested that Glen contact people who helped to organize last year's celebration. Harvey Snyder suggested RVA look into the City's policy toward Canada Day celebrations, citing Kanata's troubles in past celebrations.

5. Jock River Fountain.

Bernie McMullen contacted those responsible for the fountain in Ganonoque, and reported that the Rotary Club there built the fountain for \$30,000. Bernie will also contact the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority to get their input.

6. Welcome Wagon.

Ted Brown suggested that it be stated on the web site that running the Welcome Wagon is a paid position. Michel Dubord has attempted to contact the Welcome Wagon coordinator but has yet to hear back. Once criteria and specifics about the position are known they can be posted on the web site.

7. Sign age.

Glen Trebble was in contact with a contractor who indicated that a stone entrance sign would cost between \$3000 - \$7000 for a stone sign, and approximately \$2000 for a steel sign that is 6-7' feet high. Concerns were raised as to who owns the land where an entrance sign would be placed and who would look after it. Doug Longmire suggested that the RVA inquire about Stittsville's entrance sign to find out what it cost and if there would be any recourse to grants from the City. Gabriel Miller indicated that the City is still developing a policy toward sign age.

8. Business Park.

Glen Trebble reported that fact finding regarding a Business Park will be done, after which the RVA can work toward developing a white paper. Gabriel Miller indicated that a white paper would tie into the Community Design Plan which will not be developed until the City of Ottawa - Draft Official Plan is approved, probably in the spring. Gabriel Miller also confirmed that the land south of Ottawa St. is zoned Village Industrial under the Township of Goulbourn Official Plan.

9. Munster Sewage Treatment Study.

Harvey Snyder reported that he has read the report released by R.V Anderson Associates, and believes that if the recommendations are adopted by the City as they are presented in the report, then the RVA will cease to have an interest in Munster's sewage question. However, Harvey indicated that the RVA should remain vigilant as he believes there is nothing in the report to indicate that the interests of Richmond residents were taken into account. Furthermore, Harvey believes that the solutions proposed by the report are based on fiscal concerns rather than environmental ones, citing that no hydrological study was done determine the effects of transferring water from the watershed. Harvey stated that he will read the report in more detail and possibly put forth questions to the City and R.V. Anderson Assoc.

Doug Longmire asked whether there were major changes to the sewers on Fortune St. Gabriel Miller responded that whatever changes were made along Fortune St. were not made to accommodate Munster's sewage.

Financial:

Judy Wagdin gave a Financial Report, breaking down each fund and giving a proposed budget for 2003 as well as the current balance in each fund:

Budget 2003 Balance

Operation Fund: \$250.00 \$1056.04

Mural Fund: \$4000.00 (w/ GIC) \$9997.26

Economic Fund: \$4000.00 \$8838.81

Beautification Fund: \$5000.00 \$780.31

Total Budget 2003: \$13,250.00

Glen Trebble suggested that the web site be funded through the Operation Fund. Judy Wagdin suggested that discussion of this proposal wait until the next meeting. The transfer of \$2000.00 to the Beautification Fund was discussed, Judy Wagdin indicated that she would speak with Russ Lennstrom about the money generated from the sale of Nevada tickets and how the RVA could possibly increase its funding from this venture. Bernie McMullen proposed that the \$2000.00 loan to the Beautification Fund be forgiven, Judy indicated that this could be discussed at the next meeting.

Presentation:

Sr. Constable Tom Donnelly spoke to RVA members about a variety of issues and proposed solutions to some problems facing Richmond residents. Damage to the Channonhouse play structure has prompted concern from some residents about vandalism. Sr. Constable Donnelly recalled problems with vandalism at the public school and how police consulted with the principal and neighbors. The solution they came up with was to stay after school, suggesting that by keeping a presence around the school yard after school hours, damage was less likely to happen. Sr. Const. Donnelly spoke of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED), which recommends changes such as lighting and fences to prevent crimes like graffiti and vandalism. Another community based solution toward preventing vandalism, loitering, etc is to form an action group. Sr. Const. Donnelly cited the Manotick Action Group which involves police, city councillors, churches, service clubs, business owners, residents and youths. The Manotick Action Group meets once a month to discuss the problems facing its residents, and has been successful in meeting with and including the youth of Manotick to find out what their needs and concerns are. Ted Brown suggested that further discussion of an action group in Richmond take place at the next meeting.

Harvey Snyder mentioned a citizen's patrol and how youth are less likely to vandalize when they're being observed. Sr. Const. Donnelly said such a patrol could be organized. Bernie McMullen asked if there is any act in place to make parents financially responsible for their children, to which Sr. Const. Donnelly responded that there was but that it is seldom used. Glen Trebble asked if police have the resources to patrol Richmond at night. Sr. Const. Donnelly responded that there are 5 - 6 officers who patrol the rural west section per shift.

Snowmobile safety was also discussed, and Glen Trebble indicated that snowmobile traffic on Perth St. is too busy and dangerous. Sr. Const. Donnelly said that the existing bylaws allow snowmobiles between Chez and McBean St. and on all village streets at a speed of 20 km/hr. Sr. Const. Donnelly will inquire about signs along Perth St. near the plaza.

New Business:1. Protecting Seniors from Fraud.

Ted Brown attended a meeting of the Women's Institute, put on by the Rotary Club, on how to protect seniors from fraud.

2. Community Health Care Forum.

Liberal MP David Pratt has invited constituents to a community discussion forum of the Romanow Report. Ideas expressed at the Health Care Forum will be presented to the Health Minister. Jan 22, 7:30pm at the library of Mother Theresa High School.

3. Fox Signs

Bernie McMullen reported that he has discussed the fox signs with another party who suggested using a silk screen of the fox silhouette onto aluminum or stainless steel. Bernie indicated that he would try and find out more details such as cost for the next meeting.

Adjournment: 9:35 pm