

- ii. H. Snyder to give overview of current status of contacts with City Council; presentation to the Rural and Agriculture Committee; meeting with the Ontario Ministry of the Environment; interactions with Department of Fishery and Oceans; interactions with Ontario Commissioner of the Environment; interactions with Environment Canada; discussions with the Canadian Commissioner of the Environment (who sits in the office of the Auditor General); discussion with local politicians, etc.
- iii. Mr. B. McKinley, a lawyer who is currently labouring pro bono on behalf of the RVA regarding the pipeline, will give his perspective on returning the pipeline issue to the OMB.
- iv. The meeting will be closed with a request for funds to continue the "battle" against City Council. If there are any surplus funds above those needed by the RVA for this endeavour, they will revert to the RVA's general funds to support the many on-going RVA programs.
- v. Fund raising - the Treasurer was given 9 - \$100.00 bills which constituted donations to assist the RVA in its legal endeavours regarding the pipeline. This donation only represented a few houses on Cockburn St. and one from Munster. B. Webster and R. Bendall have initial indications that more funding will be coming from Munster and Stittsville residents.
- vi. Fund Raising Committee - Gary and Isabel Thompson have agreed to be Co-chairpersons. T. Brown has agreed to assist the Chairs in contacting organizations within Richmond to solicit funding. The "senior citizens" and Kiwanians have already been contacted and B. Webster and R. Bendall will make presentations at their monthly meetings prior to March 8th.
- vii. Rental of the Legion Hall - initially quoted as being \$100.00, has been reduced to \$50.00.

Motion 2004.09 moved by B. Webster and seconded by H. Snyder **that the RVA issue a cheque to the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #625, for \$50.00 to rent the Legion Hall on Mar 8th. Passed.**

2. Lighting of the Park & Christmas Parade

See Appendix 1 re financial statements.

- i. i. Next year the RVA may have to pay for a parade permit and for police assistance.
- ii. ii. Judy is looking for assistance in taking down Christmas lights at the Cenotaph on Mar.13th, 2004 at 08:00 in the morning.

3. Signs

Nothing will be done on this project until the summer.

4. Neighbourhood Watch

Tabled until the next meeting.

5. Walking Paths

Put on the back burner in deference to Canada Day celebrations.

6. RVA Logo

- i. It was previously suggested that various youth groups might be interested in a Richmond crested jersey for events they participate in. Checked with Boy Scouts and it was determined that they would not be a big selling item with them.
- ii The best price for fleece garments was from the brochure T. Brown tabled at last month's meeting.
- iii It was suggested that Mr. Brian Finch, Friends of the Jock River, might be contacted as to where they purchased the jerseys they are currently selling.

7. Kings Grant Signs

The signs have been found to be those belonging to Maple Mountain Homes. J. Wagdin will contact them and suggest they be removed.

8. Bill Owing to FOJR

Brian Finch, FOJR, indicates the cost of the document purchased for completing the MOE appeal was \$88.81. We owe 50 percent or \$44.40.

9. Letters of Appreciation

Judy Wagdin issued letters of appreciation to Mary's Doller Store; Richmond Bakery; Richmond Dollerific; Walter's ValuMart & Richmond Café. An e-mail appreciation was sent to Lesley Johnston.

10. Murals

Jill deBoer produced draft documents as follows for a new contest aimed at the schools: Implementation steps; Introduction Letter to Schools; Letter to Possible Sponsors and an Entry Form. These forms need to be approved and available for mailing in the fall.

- i. The following criteria would need to be met to ensure the project success as detailed in package:
 - need sufficient media coverage to warrant sponsorship categories and any sponsorship at all.
 - need sufficient incentive for would be artists to participate (awards and recognition on final work).
 - the winning artist (with friends and family) will create the final 8'x20' panel and their name will appear on the final mural.
- ii. Items that need to be resolved (whether by a sub group or whole committee)

- all four murals at one time via student contest or every two years via similar method?

- how big of an event does the RVA want this to be?

iv. Costs:

- incurred for printing of entry forms, awards, possible advertising and final mural materials.

- additional costs?

v. General Items:

- need to add to entry form a statement "The information collected from this entry form is confidential and is protected under the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Document Act.

- need to add to entry form a statement relating to "Upon submission, the creator waives any right to their design" or "Upon submission, the design becomes the property of the Richmond Village Association."

11. Fund Raising

- i. i. Operating Fund - T. Brown explained that a source of income from Nevada tickets was under consideration at ValueMart.
- ii. ii. Mural fund – The amount of help from the City grant is not known and it is possible that the sponsorship program mentioned above may cover any costs estimated at \$6,000. to \$10,000.
- iii. Economic fund - uses, website and economic development work.

12. RCACG Meeting

- i. Meeting was generally harmonious, but concluded with in-camera session.
- ii. Concern expressed that the people resources for composing the new RCA plan seemed to be inadequate for the task at hand. The report is due in two months, but if not completed within this time frame there could be a new group working on the plan.
- iii. Still awaiting further word from the City on some topics.
- iv. Attempts made to resolve of RVA and FJR.membership issue.
- v. Noted that RVA meetings are open and written up in The Stittsville News, versus an advisory committee which holds in-camera sessions for no apparent reason.
- vi. B. Hutchinson brought up an issue regarding an item that appears to be found on the RVA website. Matter to be looked into and evaluated and acted upon as appropriate.

13. Ottawa Civic Appreciation Awards

RVA did not participate in these awards.

14. Goulbourn Awards

Two submissions were submitted by J. Wagdin:
Roger Griffith Memorial – Harvey Snyder.

Senior Citizen award – Ted Brown.

Financial Report

In the past the \$8,000.00 grant from the City was split to \$4,000.00 to each of the Mural and Economic Development programs. J. Wagdin suggested that a portion of any grant be allocated to the Beautification Program.

J. Wagdin submitted Financial Statements for the Christmas Parade and the Lighting of the Park in a separate account kept at the Bank of Nova Scotia. She also submitted a Financial Statement for the four RVA accounts.

New Business

1. 1. Canada Day

G. Trebble reported that he was reviewing last years “to-do” list for permits, entertainment, collaboration with Lions Club, etc.

2. 2. Open Forum on Recreation, Sports, Wellness and Health Programs In Goulbourn

G. Birtch were unable to attend the meeting on Jan 24th and the Women’s Institute subsequently received a letter which was a compilation of the information collected at that meeting. J Wagdin will attempt to determine how the information will be used since she was a facilitator at the meeting.

3. Canadian Grants & Foundations

Jill deBoer indicated that she was on a waiting list at the Library for this book which may provide information concerning grants available to us.

4. White Paper on Potable Water

H. Snyder mentioned that the Ministry of the Environment has just published a white paper on potable water. R. Bendall quoted from the introduction: "Ontario must place greater emphasis on protecting the sources of our drinking water. Now, source water protection planning is undertaken on a voluntary basis by municipalities and conservation authorities leading to inconsistencies across the province. Without a comprehensive source water protection program, public health remains at risk.

Next Meeting – Apr 5th, 2004 at St. Paul’s Church at 7:30 pm.