

**THE VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Held on Wednesday, May 27, 2015 in the Simpsons Pharmacy Room at the Niagara-on-the-Lake
Community Centre.

Executive Members Present:

Bill Smelser, President
Dave Antaya, Vice President
Moyra McEachern, Treasurer
Carole Felton, Corresponding Officer
Judy McHattie, Recording Officer

1. Meeting

2. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Bill Smelser at 7pm.

3. Welcome

4. Approval of Minutes from General Meeting dated October 29, 2014,

There were no errors or omissions; Moved by Carol Felton and seconded by Cathy Taylor. Motion carried.

5. Business Arising From Minutes:

5.1 Treasurer Moyra McEachern

There were 111 paid up members in 2014-2015. Budget was audited by Suzanne Elias. Budget for 2015-2016 was presented. Approved by Luba Fraser and seconded by Keith Bertram.

5.2 Christmas Donation - for the Refuse Collectors.

Some discussion took place as to whether or not to tip the collectors as a group. It was left that the collection should be in smaller collection points; such as Laneways and that one person would present the money on behalf of everyone and leave the addresses off. Motion by Doug Gibson and seconded by Rick Felton. All approved. Motion passed.

5.3 Communications Report. Carole Felton talked about the newsletters.

Carole has completed her time as Corresponding Officer. We are grateful to have had her expertise in writing the newsletters and responding to the VCA emails.

5.4 Social Committee. Fran Anderson spoke on behalf of the Social Committee.

Fran gave the schedules out for the Sunset Socials (First Friday of the month).

The Village Picnic to be held July 12th at the McFarland Pavilion.

The Garage Sale will be held Sat, Sept 19.

The Christmas Party will be held at Addison Hall on Fri, Dec 11.

Reminders will be sent out in the newsletters.

5.5 Christmas Decorating Committee. Dana Branscombe, Committee Chair,

thanked his committee and all the volunteers for their hard work decorating The Village. The budget for this event is in good shape.

5.6 Betty Disero, Town Alderwoman, spoke on the Communities in Bloom competition. NOTL hopes to make the cut this year. She congratulated the Village on their work in the Parkette and on the Christmas decorations.

5.7 Website. Doug Widdicombe spoke on behalf of the website. Doug has taken this job on and built a great site. He is now adding a Classified Page for the VCA members. All additions/changes to the web will go through the Corresponding Officer. The Corresponding Officer will then send it on to Elaine Baitinger (a Village resident) who has volunteered to maintain the website.

6. **Presentation by John Hawley.**

- John spoke on the development of The Village and the various Brookfield Phases which should be complete by 2017.
- The TND - Rampart St Phase is in progress now with the infrastructure being installed.
- The Village Mailboxes are to be moved to a new pavilion to be installed in the new Garrison Village Drive Park. No date was given.
- Other communications dwelt on possible new commercial ventures, TBA.
- There will potentially be a Village Marker at the entrance of the Village, TBA.
- John acknowledged that there have been some problems with the current phase. He thanked everyone for their patience.
- There was also a discussion re the low rise condos to be built behind Jordan St and facing Niagara Stone Rd. Residents are concerned about the narrow laneway.
- John would like to see the speed limit changed in the Village. There was a suggestion that parking should only be on one side of the street throughout the Village.

7. **New Business**

7.1 Bill Smelser warned the neighbours about putting potentially confidential information in their grey box.

7.2 Dave Antaya spoke on the potential of having a “Granny Park” (playground) in the neighbourhood. There were 27 opposed to the park
There were 17 for the park
There were 7 who abstained from voting.
Motion was carried for the VCA executive not to pursue this idea any further.

7.3 Garden Maintenance. Carole Felton asked for volunteers. A schedule was left at the back of the room for members to sign up.

7.4 Nominations Committee. Carole Felton, as Chair, asked if there were any volunteers who would like to run for the Executive. There were none.

Bill Smelser will continue to act as President.

Dave Antaya will continue to act as Vice President.

Laura Jeffrey will take over as Corresponding Officer.

Doug Widdicombe has agreed to become Membership Chair reporting to the Corresponding Officer

All acclaimed.

Bill Smelser introduced the executive committee members as above and added;

Moyra McEachern; Treasurer

Judy McHattie; Recording Officer

7.5 Meeting Adjourned at 9:15pm