

THE VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 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
Laura Jeffrey, 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 November 3, 2015

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

5. Business Arising From Minutes:

5.1 Treasurer Moyra McEachern

Moyra presented the budget. Moyra explained the subsidization of the 2015 Xmas party and the 1500 in the reserve fund. Budget was audited by Suzanne Elias. Budget for 2015-2016 was presented.

5.2 Communications Report

Laura Jeffrey spoke on the issues surrounding emails and Cogeco. She reminded the members to make sure their email addresses were updated. Carole Felton continues to write our newsletters.

5.4 Social Committee.

In Fran Anderson's absence, Dale Deslslets spoke on behalf of the Social Committee.

Dale gave the schedules out for the Sunset Socials (Friday, July 8th). Further Socials will be moved to one of the other village parks.

The Village Picnic BBQ to be held August 14, at Jackson Triggs Winery.

The Garage Sale will not be held this year. A suggestion was made to have the next garage sale in the spring 2017.

The Christmas Party will be held at Addison Hall on Fri, Dec 9th.

Reminders will be sent out in the newsletters.

There are four new members to this committee: Heidi Brown, Marg Churchill, Mary Scott, and Marlene Sibbard.

5.5 Christmas Decorating Report

Dale Deslslets is now heading up this committee. A big vote of thanks went to Dana Branscombe and his crew. Statistics: decorated 40 trees, 120 sets of lights, 16 lamp posts, and a herd of 20 reindeer. This committee will be meeting in early September to start the planning for the winter 2016-2017. Dale will be looking for volunteers at this time.

5.6 Garden Maintenance

Mona Babin is heading up this committee. There was a maintenance volunteer sheet handed around at the meeting.

5.7 Website

Bill Smelser spoke on behalf of the website as Doug Widdicombe was on vacation. There is now 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.

5.8 VCA Strategy Committee

Bill Smelser introduced the new committee: Mike Siverns (chair), Dana Branscombe, Luba Fraser and Frank Coster. This new committee has been formed to look at how the Architectural Codes will be administered post TND and Brookfield. Approved by Richard Osborn and seconded by Mona Babin. Motion Carried, one opposed.

5.9 Nominating Committee

Robin Scott is replacing Moyra McEachern as Treasurer (approved by Moyra McEachern and seconded by Bill Smelser)

Judy McHattie is staying on as Recording Officer (approved by Bill Smelser and seconded by Laura Jeffrey)

6. Presentation by John Hawley.

- John explained his relationship with Brookfield as a co-developer. John does not work for Brookfield. Brookfield agreed to be bound by the codes that are on title of all the homes in the Village. The Nigel Scott is an architect retained by John to review and approve the codes. Residents must continue with the codes post TND in order to obtain a Code of Compliance when selling (close) their homes. This is the reason for the new VCA Strategy Committee.
- John explained that the Parks in the village are public parks and not private. The Town maintains these parks.
- The walking and bicycle path should be completed in 1 ½ months
- There are now 18 lots opened up off Perez.
- RM5-1, the 5 acre lot, infrastructure will begin spring 2017.
- Site belonging to John bordering NSR has been zoned for up to 18 units. There will probably be 12-14 higher end condo units built towards the end of this year.
- The finalization of the commercial space is underway. It will not be built until next year.
- Two central Village Mailboxes are to be moved to a new pavilion to be installed in the new Garrison Village Drive Park and another at Two Mile Creek around June.
- The supper market and weekly food market will continue to be held. The Village was designed to hold public and family events.
- John said there would be no community marker at the entrance of the Village.
- Town to replace any trees that have died. There is a two year warranty.
- John reiterated that if you are unsure about fences, pergolas, or paint colours, to call him.
- The name "Perez" came from a woman in the bible. The name means breakthrough.

7. New Business

7.1 Sandra O'Connor updated the group on the Urban Tree Bylaw (still in draft policy). The VCA will write a letter to the Town in support of the bylaw.

7.2 Traffic Flow at GVD and the entrance to Shoppers Drug Mall: Town has hired a consultant to do a traffic study May 24th weekend. VCA will send a letter to the Town to recommend corrective action.

7.3 Meeting Adjourned at 9:15pm