

**VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON APRIL 18, 2017
AT THE NOTL COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Executive Members Present:

Dave Antaya, Vice President and Acting President
Ron McKenzie, Treasurer
Sue Henry, Corresponding Officer
Judy McHattie, Recording Officer

1. Meeting: Approval of Agenda

Meeting was called to order at 7pm by Dave Antaya
Agenda was approved by all.

2. Welcome and Introduction

Dave thanked the outgoing Executive members both current and those that had served on the executive in 2016. Dave also thanked all the committees that had volunteered over the past year.

3. Confirmation that meeting follows VCA Bylaws

Confirmed, meeting notification was sent out 14 days (April 1, 2017) in advance.
Quorum - there were more than enough voters (1/3 of members) present to vote.

4. Approval of Minutes from Mid Term Meeting

Approved by Kathy Taylor and seconded by Rob Fahlman

5. Approval of Membership Dues

Approved at \$30.00. Kathy Taylor suggested that membership dues be raised to \$50. This is a matter for the new executive.

6. Reports from Committees:

6.1 Financial Report

Ron McKenzie presented the Financial Statement and Budget. The Year End Review of the financial statement was completed by Suzanne Elias.

6.2 Social Committee Team

Susan Des Islets, Marg Churchill, Mary Taylor, Marlene Sibbald, Fran Anderson, Heidi Brown.

Garage Sale is May 27 from 8-12. To date there are 14 participants.

Dog Show is Sept 10; committee is looking for gifts for the silent auction. Proceeds to Niagara Falls Humane Society.

Sunset Social TBA. Committee is planning a Black/white Dinner at the supper market. Proceeds to Newark Neighbours.
Christmas Dance is planned for Dec 15 at the Court House.

6.3 Communications Officer - Sue Henry

Sue has redesigned the VCA Newsletter and has done a great job.
Sue reported that there is a 70-80% Open Rate on VCA newsletters.

6.4 Membership - Erna Antaya

Erna reported that there were 115 VCA members. Erna asked the members to advise her when members are moving into the village.

6.5 Garden Committee - Mona Babin

There were 25 volunteers who helped maintain the parkette on Garrison Village Drive in 2016. Mona handed out a form asking for volunteers to assist with the planting and maintenance in 2017.

7. Forward Planning Project Committee (FWP) - Mike Siverns - Chair

Members: Mona Babin, Dana Branscombe, Frank Coster, Dale Des Islets, Luba Fraser
Mike gave a review of the FWP and their report in 2016. The Committee plans on staying on in 2017 and working with the new VCA Executive Committee.

8. Update on Town Files

CIBC intersection/ Alan Walker

Refer to meeting handouts: Intersection Update.
Presently, the Town has adopted a “ no collision therefore no changes” mentality.

John Hawley commented that when commercial plans are in place, there will be several entrances (5-6) to the plaza, thus cutting down on traffic at the CIBC entrance.

Traffic & Parking Update in the Village/ Joe Arcado

Refer to Traffic & Parking Update as provided by Joe Arcado
Joe made a number of suggestions:
VCA to sponsor a survey with a single simple question on each of the following topics:
CIBC Intersection
Garrison Village Drive parking to the west side
Elimination of No Overnight Parking restriction

Not all VCA residents are in agreement with the suggestions. More discussion will need to take place among the membership.

John Hawley commented that slowing down the speed limit to 30km/hour may help as well.

9. Village Update - John Hawley

- Brookfield: completion is scheduled for April 30, 2017 for curbs, streetlights etc.
- Grading and sodding to be completed in ravine area in May/June timeframe. Paving should be complete by July.
- The Ravine: ravine is owned by Niagara Conservation, pathway is owned by the Town. John suggested that the VCA and Residents should get involved in keeping the area tidy. There will be multiple entrances to the Centre and Village (5-6).
- Last Phase of Village: (this is the area South of Perez and beside Niven Rd) will be comprised of singles/townhouses and bungalows. Plans are in process of approval. Village Centre - John is looking at a boutique grocer (presently not zoned for grocer, but plans in process), farm to table restaurants and shops that speak of the Niagara Experience.
- Architectural Codes: a reminder again that they must be adhered to. Contact John with questions.
- Two Story Condo Apartments will be built on the east side of the CIBC.

10. New Business

New park benches will be installed in the Garrison Village Drive Parkette by the Town. The Town has reported that they have more monies to spend if VCA comes up with some suggestions for its parks.

11. Nominating Committee - Mona Babin

Positions Available:

President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Officer and Communications Officer.

Candidate Introduction

Candidate Presentations

Elections of New Executive by members with voting cards took place.

12. Elections:

President	Mark Brown
Vice President	Noel Curran
Treasurer	Ron McKenzie
Recording Officer	Position not filled
Communications Officer	Sue Henry

13. Introduction of New Executive:

A warm welcome was afforded to our new executive

14. Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mike Siverns, seconded by Warren Fraser.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:35pm