



# Village Community Association

Annual General Meeting

May 15, 2018

Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON

# Agenda

- Call to Order
- Approval of the Minutes of the Last AGM
- Approval of Financial Statements
- Membership Committee Update
- Social Committee Update
- Gardening Committee Update
- Advocacy Update
- Upcoming/Planned Activities

# Approval of Minutes

- Approval of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Village Community Association held April 17, 2017
- Motion
  - That the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Members held April 18, 2017 be approved.

*Motion passed to approve the minutes as read.*

# Financial Statements

The Village Community Association					
Financial Statement and Budget					
Prepared April 20, 2018	2018-2019	2017-2018		2016-2017	
	Budget	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>INCOME</b>					
Member Fees	4,000	4,020	3,510	3,000	3,720
BBQ	0	0	0	1,800	0
Christmas Party	10,000	7,250	10,180	7,000	5,875
Garage Sale	150	0	170	0	0
Village Holiday Decoration Donations	0	1,000	404	0	842
VCA Website	0	1,000	0	1,000	0
Village Charity Dog Show	0	12,000	22,710	0	3,665
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	48	0
	14,150	25,270	36,974	12,848	14,102
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
Meeting Expenses/Supplies	300	750	286	390	366
Sympathy Cards	0	75	0	25	0
Little Parkette (plants)	220	250	205	375	434
Summer Social	100	0	57	25	0
Sunset Socials	0	100	0	50	0
BBQ	0	0	0	1,800	0
Christmas Party	9,000	7,378	8,470	7,000	5,731
Village Holiday Decorations	1,850	2,175	1,847	2,517	2,715
Garage Sale	100	100	111	0	0
Dog Show Donation and Expenses	0	12,000	22,610	0	3,665
Welcome Packages	250	250	201	250	360
Forward Planning Committee	0	0	0	0	678
Stationary	150	0	337	150	0
Website	0	220	407	0	0
MailBox Rental	0	180	0	180	177
Spring Dance Cancellation	0	0	0	0	100
Insurance	925	920	924	0	458
Financial Software	0	70	73	0	136
Bank Charges	120	100	139	86	94
	13,015	24,568	35,667	12,848	14,914
<b>SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>1,135</b>	<b>702</b>	<b>1,307</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(812)</b>
General Fund, March 31			4,924		3,984
Charity Dog Show Fund, March 31			100		0
Village Decorating Fund, March 31			634		367
Cash in Bank, March 31			5,658		4,351

# Letter of Review

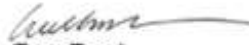
To: Members of The Village Community Association

Re: Review of The Village Community Association financial records and related statements

In accordance with The Village Community Association ("VCA") Bylaw requiring a year end review of the VCA accounts, I have reviewed the financial records of the VCA for the year ended March 31, 2018. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial records based on my review.

In my opinion, the financial records and related statements fairly presents the financial position of the VCA for the year ended March 31, 2018.

I have not performed an audit as contemplated by Ontario's Public Accountants Act.



Tony Tucci  
56 Brock Street  
Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON  
May, 2018

# Motions

- Motion passed to approve the financial statements.
- Motion passed to accept the Letter of Review.

# Communications

- Newsletter
  - 274 newsletter subscribers
  - 80% open rate – thanks!
- Website
  - Thevillagenotl.ca purchased
  - Thevillagenotl.com has a squatter

*Presented by Sue Henry*

# Membership: All Resident Benefits

**Advocate on behalf of Village residents** to the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake and other levels of government

- Issues such as parking, traffic control, lighting, maintenance and use of park land.

## **Social activities:**

We organize social events *for everyone* each year including:

- Christmas Party
- Themed parties
- Yearly garage sale
- Informal summer evening get-togethers
- And more – make a suggestion!



# Membership Committee

- **Enhancing the Village Appearance**
- Christmas Decorations for the streets and parks in the Village are organized by volunteers.
- Garden work by volunteers in our parks

*Presented by Randy Churchill*

# Membership Committee

- **Benefits to members of the VCA with our Loyalty Partners:**
  - **Mori Gardens** – 10% discount
  - **Creek Road Paints** – 10% discount
  - **Bliss Hair Salon** – 10% discount
  - **E-Skoot Niagara** – call Colin for a group ride discount
  - **Rob Smith, Painter** – 10% discount
  - **Old Winery Restaurant** – 10% discount (food only)
  - **Discount to VCA social events**
- **The annual VCA membership fee is \$30 per household and is valid from May 1 to April 30 of each year.**

*[www.thevillagenotl.ca](http://www.thevillagenotl.ca)*

# Executive Vacancies

- Vice President
- Recording Secretary
- Secretary

*Nomination from the floor: That Mona Babin be elected Recording Secretary.*

*Nomination accepted.*

*Motion Passed.*

# Motion

1. *That the term Corresponding Officer be changed to Communications Officer, and*
2. *That the Communications Officer become a voting member of the Executive*

*Motion passed.*

# Social Committee Update

- Christmas Party - A big success
- Garage Sale - a success
  - May 26, 2018 next Village Garage Sale
- Summer Social
- Christmas Party 2018
  - December 14, 2018 – Save the date

*Thank you to all who assisted*

# Gardening Committee Update

- Thank you for your efforts
- Flowers ordered
- Delivery expected within two weeks
- Planting schedule
- Maintenance schedule

Randy Churchill-Committee Lead/Chair

# Advocacy Update

- Parking
  - Public consultations complete
  - Web survey split 50-50
- Report and recommendation in preparation
- Potential early summer
  - Likely will be delayed by Municipal Election
- VCA
  - Local Village solution to accommodate residents does not have to be implemented town wide

# Advocacy Update

- Retrofit globes/lenses
- Globes can be used for sodium halide/LED lights
- Brookfield sold standards and light heads to be installed elsewhere in Town
- Town researching costs
  - Not a high priority, delayed
- VCA
  - Continue to follow up.
  - Not a budgeted item, may require further membership lobbying



# Pathway Lighting

- Pathway where Colonel Butler meets Brock
- Pathway owned by Conservation Authority
- Ravine top pathway municipal
- Ravine pathway Parks Canada
- Pathways not serviced in winter

# Pathway Lighting

- Consensus between Town, VCA and Brookfield that pathway lighting makes sense
- Consensus among above that Town should maintain lighting if installed
- Ownership/easements must be arranged or agreed upon
  - Proceed in simplest, most cost effective manner
- Brookfield is cooperating with Town/VCA
- Resolution date TBD, less than 1 year

# Advocacy Update

- Randwood Estates
  - Local residents leading activities
  - VCA monitoring
  - Executive not supportive of application as presented
- Join the Conversation
  - Please join
  - Not an 'official record' communications tool
  - Allows many thoughts/voices to be heard

***[www.jointheconversationnotl.org](http://www.jointheconversationnotl.org)***

# Advocacy Update

- Niagara Stone Road Speed Limit
  - Regional issue
  - Slowing traffic movement may be an issue with Region
- Litter Bins
  - Who walks their dog and throws bag in ravine?
  - Can create localized litter issues
    - Not part of weekly garbage pickup
  - Should it be pursued?

# Neighborhood Update – John Hawley

John send us notes as he was unable to attend.

- Phase 4 West
- New Model late summer
- Townhomes sold, completed by year end
- Six detached, one sold, one to be listed
  - Pre-approved designs
- Construction opposite CIBC postponed until next year
  - After substantive sales of remainder of Phase 4 West

# Neighborhood Update

- The Village Centre
- Rezoning application submitted
  - Permit a 'boutique' grocer
  - Permit a 'boutique' hotel
  - 'Boutique' infers a different scale of development
- Application subject to review by Town
- Public meetings must be held
  - Two anticipated
- Andre Duany, master architect & team involved in design
- Ultimate approval at Town

*VCA will be involved in commenting*

# Municipal Election

- Niagara-on-the-Lake: we elect at large (no Ward system)
- *One (1)* Lord Mayor
- *Eight (8)* Town Councillors
- *One (1)* Regional Chair
- *One (1)* Regional Councillor
- *Four (4)* English Public School Board Trustees
- *Two (2)* English Separate School Board Trustees
- *One (1)* French Public School Board Trustee
- *One (1)* French Separate School Board Trustee

# Municipal Election

- Candidates starting to declare
- 25 Nominators required
- Third Parties who wish to advertise must register
  - VCA does not plan to do so
- Possible 'Meet the Candidates' Event
  - Format dependent on number of candidates
  - Is there an interest
  - *A consensus was reached by show of hands for the VCA to arrange such an event*



# New Business

- New Business
  - All Candidates Debate at Community Centre May 16
- Motion to Adjourn