



## Annual General Meeting **MINUTES**

*May 15, 2018, Niagara-on-the-Lake Community Centre*

### Approval of Minutes

- **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.

### Approval of Financial Statements

**Presented by Treasurer Ron McKenzie**

- **Motions:**
  - "That 2017 Financial Statement be accepted as reviewed." Motion passed to approve the financial statements.
  - "That letter of review completed by Tony Tucci be accepted." Motion passed to accept the letter of review.

### Communications Report

**Presented by Correspondence Officer Sue Henry**

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

### Membership Report

**Presented by Randy Churchill**

**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!
- **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

**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.**

## Executive Vacancies

- Vice President
- Recording Secretary

Secretary Nomination from the floor: That **Mona Babin be elected Recording Secretary.**  
Nomination accepted. Motion made and 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.

Motions passed

## Social Committee Update

- 2017 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 with these events.

## Gardening Committee Update

### **Presented by Randy Churchill-Committee Lead/Chair**

- Thank you for your efforts
- Flowers ordered and delivery expected within two weeks
- Please contact Randy to volunteer for planting and maintenance

## Advocacy Update

- **Parking**
  - Public consultations complete; web survey split 50-50
  - Report and recommendation being prepared; hoping for results in early summer unless delayed by municipal election
  - VCA position: Local Village solution to accommodate residents does not have to be implemented town wide
- **Retrofit globes/lenses on phase 3 street lights**
  - Globes can be used for sodium halide/LED lights
  - Brookfield sold standards and light heads to be installed elsewhere in Town
  - Town researching costs
  - VCA Action: Continue to follow up.
- **Pathway Lighting**
  - Pathway where Colonel Butler meets Brock owned by Conservation Authority
  - Ravine top pathway - municipal
  - Ravine pathway - Parks Canada

- Pathways not serviced in winter
- 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 in 2019
- **Randwood Estates**
  - Local residents leading activities and VCA monitoring
  - Join the Conversation website ([www.jointheconversationnotl.org](http://www.jointheconversationnotl.org))
- **Niagara Stone Road speed limit reduction at Niven**
  - Regional issue. Slowing traffic movement may be an issue with region
- **Litter bins within The Village**
  - Who walks their dog and throws bag in ravine?
  - Can create localized litter issues
  - Not part of weekly garbage pickup

## Neighborhood Update – John Hawley

*John sent 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 and 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

Motion to Adjourn