

## **Draft Minutes – unapproved**

**April 29, 2015**

**Attendees:** Shaun Hassanali, Heather Kirk, Henry Troup, Debra Ford, Mary Sunderland, Norm Gibson, Bruce Ewen, Frank Stokes, Lynn Duffy, Jessica Breckenridge

Guests: Dave Keenan, City of Ottawa, Councillor Scott Moffatt

Community Members in Attendance: Tammy Gibson, Jillian Clement, Barb Moulton, Natalie Thomas, Meghan Goddard, Colin Price, Joy Price, Todd Stiles, Bob Easy, Brian Pettigrew, Kevin Beyer, Garry Guigue, Jeff Vaughan, Leonard Courchene, Isabel Courchene, Elizabeth Moore

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Introduction of current executive

**1. Review of agenda**

Agenda approved

**2. Approval of past AGM Minutes**

Minutes of 2014 AGM reviewed. Motion from Heather to approve. Lynn seconds. All in favour. Minutes approved.

**3. Summary of MCA Business 2014**

MCA regular activities this year included coordinating operation of the skating rink, Santa's annual visit, the second annual Easter egg hunt and this year we provided fireworks in the community on Canada Day.

We became sponsors to 1<sup>st</sup> Munster Beavers and supported the Munster Co-Operative Nursery School, Munster Elementary School, the Munster Dash, the Munster garden tour, a community scavenger hunt and Christmas carolling.

Through our school liaison we were actively involved with concerns about the school and took over organization of the annual winter carnival.

**4. Presentation by Scott Moffatt**

Scott mentioned he had held a meeting in March at the community centre which 7 residents attended to ask a variety of questions.

Paving projects for 2015-2018 have identified Bleeks Rd from Munster Rd to Dwyer Hill as needing attention. There has been input from the community requesting that paving be extended across Munster Rd to include the east side of Bleeks. Scott indicated he will make this request with the city when it is time as it will cost more money but with the equipment and crews already in place should not be substantial effort.

Fallowfield has also been identified as a future location for work from Munster Rd. to Old Richmond Rd., as have Shea and Huntley Roads.

Mansfield was done last year to Conley and Franktown was micro-surfaced in 2010.

Scott explained priorities are determined based on age, condition and traffic.

Scott also referenced questions about Talos who have 140 acres of land adjacent to the Owlshead quadrant they would like to develop. At this point Scott indicates he is acting based on the wishes of the community as outlined in 2012 for zero growth in the hamlet. His stand will remain until the next review or until he is approached by the community to change. If Talos is interested they will have to apply to have the issue revisited before the next review; this is highly unlikely to come from the city.

Scott also explained a motion being put forward by the city to buy Hydro One customers so they can become part of the overall Hydro Ottawa operation.

#### **5. Upcoming Events**

Tammy Gibson spoke about the community spring clean-up effort. A specific day was not set this year, rather bags and grabbers have been available for anyone interested and the clean-up has been actively promoted on Facebook. The Beavers and Munster Elementary School environment club have been out cleaning. It is evident others have been out on their own cleaning up as well. Thanks to them. The ditches towards Fallowfield and Franktown have been identified as still needing cleaning.

The annual garage sale this year will coincide with the church bake sale and barbeque on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### **6. Neighbourhood Watch**

The Neighbourhood Watch is a program that comes up occasionally and is worthwhile but does require a volunteer to coordinate. Heather explained there can either be a formal watch in connection with Ottawa Police or an informal watch just based on informing the community about issues and concerns. Both are a possibility depending on the interests of volunteers. Before the summer it would be nice to have someone in place. Attendees are asked to consider taking this on.

#### **7. Munster Elementary School Update**

The situation at Munster Elementary School remains ongoing. Jessica provided an update on what transpired during the year and recent events. Though the board had agreed to leave the school open for this year they have only funded three teachers which means there will be one JK/SK class, one 1-3 split and one 3-5 split. As this is not an ideal situation parents have taken concerns to the

board and the issue will be revisited through several meetings happening in late April and May. It is expected a decision will be made by May 26 but it is possible that Munster students will be redirected to other schools for the coming school year.

**8. Financial Report**

Shaun presented the financials for the 2014-2015 year, explaining the community association has a healthy balance and outlining why figures for budgeted and actual are different in some cases.

Henry noted that for the past two years the MCA has had an active plan to fund more activities and community events to keep funds and spending more inline, rather than accumulating larger reserves.

A question from the floor regarding allocation of funds was addressed.

Shaun presented a motion to accept the financials. Jessica second. Financials approved.

**9. Election of executive for 2015-2016 season**

Request for nominations from the floor.

Mary nominated Henry for president. Second by Tammy. Henry willing to stand. Henry Troop acclaimed as president

Tammy nominated Norm for vice-president. Debra second. Norm willing to stand. Norm Gibson acclaimed as vice-president.

Nomination from the floor for Heather to return as secretary. Lynn second. Heather willing to stand. Heather Kirk acclaimed as secretary. Heather will also continue in her role as community centre liaison.

Henry nominated Bruce as treasurer as Shaun is stepping down. Heather second. Bruce willing to stand. Bruce Ewen elected treasurer.

Mary nominated as membership director. She agreed to stand with additional community support behind the effort. Offers from the floor from Todd, Barb, Debra, Frank, Bob and Henry. Mary agreed to stand as membership director.

Jessica Breckenridge has agreed to continue in the role of school liaison.

Positions of recreation director and social director remain open and available.

Members as Large:

The following people put forward offers to stand as members at large:

Roberta Hurman, Shaun Hassanali, Frank Stokes, Debra Ford, Natalie Thomas, Meghan Goddard, Barb Moulton.

Lynn indicates she will be stepping down as member at large.

Motion from Mary to accept all nominations. All accepted.

### **10. New Business**

A comment from the floor notes that more benches in the park would be appreciated and well used. Scott Moffatt will look into obtaining two more benches.

A concern was raised about dogs off leash in Talli Field. It was noted that there is one sign at the roadside entrance to the park that is blocked by trees and no signage at all on the other side. Dave Keenan will look into getting more appropriate signage for the park.

Several residents expressed concerns about speed within the hamlet and especially on Bleeks Rd where residences are located. Several options were discussed briefly but it has been decided that a special and dedicated meeting about the issue would be appropriate. Scott will be invited to attend as will our community police officer. Date to be determined.

Official meeting adjourned 8:20.

Talos was on hand to make an initial presentation regarding a possible future development in Munster.

Next regular Munster Community Association meeting: May 20, 2015