

MINUTES - Munster Community Association Annual General Meeting

2016

Minutes – approved

April 13, 2016

Attendees: Shaun Hassanali, Heather Kirk, Braedon Kirk, Henry Troup, Debra Ford, Mary Sunderland, Norm Gibson, Bruce Ewen, Jessica Breckenridge

Guests: Raynor Boutet, City of Ottawa, Councillor Scott Moffatt

Community Members in Attendance: Tammy Gibson, Rev. Karen Boivin, Karen Heney, Todd Stiles, Susan McDonald, Tom Pettigrew, Allison Smith, Laura Rupert, Matt Hogan

Meeting called to order at 6:40 p.m.

Introduction of current executive and Councillor Moffatt

1. Review of agenda

No change. Agenda approved

2. Approval of past AGM Minutes

Minutes of 2015 AGM reviewed. Motion from Mary to approve. Debra second. All in favour. Minutes approved.

3. Comments from Scott Moffatt

There has been a lot of discussion in the paper and on Facebook about the proposed water and sewer rate change structure. The City loses money annually on water and the proposal is a way to create predictability and even the cost to residents. For instance, if storm drain work is required in the country, rural residents are not charge but the cost of the work comes from the fees paid by residents who pay sewer and water fees – including Munster. If passed, people currently paying water and sewer will not see a big change and if anything will likely see an incremental reduction. People currently on wells in rural areas who don't pay both sewer and water fees will see a change. In the case of those who pay nothing currently, perhaps \$7 or so.

We are still in the midst of the 2015-2019 roadworks plan. This year in our end of town, Moodie Dr., Ottawa St. by the Legion and Martin St. will be done. There will also be some micro-surfacing work done on part of Flewellyn which will buy the road a bit of time. Bleeks and Fallowfield are still on the list to be done but will not happen during 2016. Every year when budgets are set, decisions on which roads will be covered are identified based on what is available. The City would need an extra \$80 million in the road budget annually to catch up everything. When Bleeks does come to the table, Scott will work then to see if more of it than had been previously identified can be done.

Photo radar has also been in the news and discussed on Facebook after a councillor with the City put it forward. The motion to ask the province about installing this was referred to the Transportation Committee, of which Scott is a member. The issue will be discussed in May. There are pros and cons to the issue that include effectiveness, safety and the feasibility in some of the areas being considered.

There is nothing new to report about Talos' proposed development. The company had contacted Scott in January about wanting to speak with Munster residents but no contact has been made since. Scott did begin the process of going door to door but since Talos did not seem in a hurry, the effort was delayed temporarily. Scott will resume again in the hopes of gathering responses from 300 homes to have a better understanding of where majority opinion sits. The OMB however recently made a ruling that has put Ottawa's Official Plan on hold until a Land Evaluation Review and Employment Land Review can be completed. As these will not be done until 2017 and as the Official Plan cannot take effect until these are done, a review of the plan and current village boundaries cannot take place until at least 2021 or 2022, which puts Talos' potential development back at least that far.

4. President's Report

Henry reported on the many activities of the MCA this year including a special highlight: making the front page of the Stittsville News for the 3rd annual Easter Egg hunt and 1st Story Walk. Other activities mentioned include: A new rink coordinator and new volunteers; the annual winter carnival; continued publication of the Munster Mash newsletter; our annual Santa visit, a Christmas parade; new clergy at both churches and the welcoming of Grace Baptist to the local church community; the change that made the MCA the sponsor for 1st Munster Scouts, which this year included Beavers and Cubs; the second annual scavenger hunt; the first year for super mailboxes in the community; a successful annual membership drive and phone book; the community playgroup grew and moved to a space in Munster Elementary School; the sponsorship of indoor walking program at MES; a senior's Better Balance class sponsored by the City and MCA; Canada Day fireworks; summer soccer; the annual Munster Co-operative Nursery School ball tournament; and safety meetings that included collaboration between residents, Ottawa Police and City staff.

The Mailbox Award, donated in 1978 by then Councillor Burnett for the advancement of community well-being was awarded last year to Mary Sunderland for her volunteer efforts in the community. This year it is presented to Heather and Braedon Kirk.

5. Treasurer's Report

Bruce reports the MCA is in good financial condition. Income generated in the past year totalled about \$9600. The MCA then invested roughly \$9700 in community activities. He encourages groups who have ideas for events or programs that would benefit residents of Munster to come forward with ideas and funding requests.

Bruce notes that the ability to spend is dependent on income. As long as fundraising continues we will continue to have money to invest back in the community.

Efforts were also made this year to streamline and upgrade the bookkeeping system to make it easier for future treasurers.

6. Neighbourhood Watch

Norm reported that last spring and fall traffic discussions were held with residents, Ottawa Police and City staff. From that a speed sign has been placed in town on a rotational basis, speeds have been painted on roadways into town, signs for the entrances to town have been created to remind people of speeds and that will be installed, and lawn signs people can pick up will be available. All of these signs are courtesy of Scott.

There were few local issues last summer. Norm worked with our community officer on extra patrols and communicated with residents as required.

He notes he is open to more discussions regarding specific concerns. People should email Norm directly with requests or questions.

7. Munster Elementary School Update

Debra reported on current activities. The school is technically not closed but has no students. The community use of school has been status quo and we have been told will be again for the coming year. Though the gym is generally booked evenings and weekends there has been some success getting some daytime programs in including the walking group, the playgroup and the Better Balance program. A meeting was held with City staff who were agreeable to bringing in more programming but wanted input from residents. Debra created a survey which returned 50 responses. Among the responses there is an interest in daytime fitness, daytime drop in programs, a foot care clinic for seniors, visual arts programming and others. There was also a demand for summer camps, PD day activities, youth courses. The City has already indicated they can likely move ahead with Home Alone and Babysitting courses. The schools generally close for the summer so summer camps may not be an option there but could be run out of the community centre. Jessica will check with Mary Lou Davidson on this possibility.

The MCA will continue working with the City on this.

Debra has also spent the past year pulling together old minutes from the MCA's history.

8. Future Community Investment

Norm is interested in looking into capital projects for Munster. The first he has identified is lighting for the area near the toboggan hill by the cemetery. This would be for the safety of kids tobogganing and also light the mailbox area. There was a comment from the floor that lighting throughout town is a concern. Other suggestions from the community are welcome.

9. Upcoming events

Spring clean up

We have tried scheduling a specific day in the past and had little participation. Last year it was set as a month and people were invited to clean up on their own. The only organized groups were a school club and local Beavers. Somehow the community got cleaned. This year a time frame will be set again. Grabbers and bags are available from the Gibsons. Clean up efforts are open to student volunteers.

Garage sale

This year is set for May 28. Residents should confirm with Norm if they wish to be included in the newspaper ad. This year the church bake sale will be the same day.

There was a comment from the floor to look into another bike safety event. Perhaps it could be tied to something else like Canada Day.

10. Election of executive for 2015-2016 season

Request for nominations from the floor.

Jessica nominated Norm for president. Second by Heather. Norm willing to stand. Norm Gibson elected as president

Heather nominated Jessica for vice president. Mary second. Jessica willing to stand. Jessica Breckenridge elected as vice president.

Norm nominated Heather for secretary. Jessica 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. Jessica second. Bruce willing to stand. Bruce Ewen acclaimed treasurer.

Nomination from the floor for Allison Smith as membership director. Second by Jessica. Allison agreed to stand with support from Mary Sunderland helping with

data entry. Allison agreed to stand. Allison Smith elected as membership director.

Nomination from the floor for Laura Rupert as social director. Second by Shaun. Laura agreed to stand. Laura Rupert elected social director.

Expression of interest was received by email from Gabriella Beyer to stand as recreation director. Jessica second. Gabriella Beyer elected as recreation director.

Members as Large:

The following people put forward offers to stand as members at large: Shaun Hassanali, Frank Stokes (by email), Debra Ford, Barb Moulton (by email), Mary Sunderland, Henry Troup, Karen Heney, Todd Stiles and Tammy Gibson. Motion from Heather to accept all nominations. All accepted. All elected members at large.

Thanks extended for Henry Troup for this three years as president.

11. New Business

A suggestion came from the floor that all MCA meetings be posted to the MCA Facebook page and be updated if changes are made to the schedule.

There had been discussion through the Facebook page earlier in the spring about lighting at the tennis courts. A history is presented here:
In the past the lights were locked and accessible only by request of a specific resident. At some point people took to cutting the lock off so the City left the lights open but installed a timer. At some point during at least the last three years, the timer was then turned off after rink season and turned on again by request to the City in the winter for the rink. This year the end of rink season was followed by a quick thaw and youth discovered the lights were accessible for basketball at night until the City got out to turn the lights off. Youth made the request to have the lights reinstated. In checking with the City it was recommended that the lights remain off because: of the wasted energy with lights turned on and then left on long after players leave; evidence that providing a lighted area at nights creates a hang out for teens. It was also noted that the courts are available and empty much of the time so the necessity of after dark access is questionable. A comment was made to the community that perhaps if someone was agreeable to come forward and be responsible for the lights and any activity taking place that another conversation could be had with the City.

Official meeting adjourned 8:15.

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Income Statement

Period: 2015/05/01 to 2016/04/30

Income	
4110 Annual Membership Fees	\$4,026.00
4210 Ads in Newsletter	\$30.00
4220 Ads in Phonebook	\$100.00
4230 Ads in Newsletter and Phonebook	\$2,275.00
4300 Community Centre Revenue	\$2,548.64
4400 Rink Revenue	\$650.00
Total Income:	<u>\$9,629.64</u>
Gross Profit	<u>\$9,629.64</u>
Expenses	
6000 Event Expenses - Winter Carnival	\$1,538.74
6020 Event Expenses - Canada Day	\$703.92
6040 Event Expenses - Other	\$1,898.01
6110 MCA Sponsored Groups	\$3,371.50
6200 Website	\$31.51
6230 Printing - Phonebook	\$746.87
6240 Printing - Newsletter	\$1,042.88
6250 Postage - (newsletter, etc)	\$257.51
6410 CC & Rink expenses	\$57.56
6420 Office Expenses	\$73.89
Total Expenses:	<u>\$9,722.39</u>
Total Operating Profit	<u>-\$92.75</u>
Net Profit	<u>-\$92.75</u>