

MINUTES - Munster Community Association Annual General Meeting

2017

Minutes – draft

April 12, 2017

Attendees: Shaun Hassanali, Heather Kirk, Braedon, Mary Sunderland, Norm Gibson, Bruce Ewen, Jessica Breckenridge, Laura Rupert-Doane. Todd Stiles, Tammy Gibson

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

Community Members in Attendance: Jude Sammon. Lisa Lahey, David Toscano, Kris Kilborn, Allison Smith, Kelly Francis, Shondra McLean, Susan McDonald, Debbie Moore, Cara McNulty, Jody Ferguson, Bob Easy, Carole Easy

Meeting called to order at 6:35 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 2016 AGM reviewed. Motion from Mary to approve. Jessica second. All in favour. Minutes approved.

3. Presentation of Mailbox Volunteer Award

This year, the Mailbox Award was based on nominations from community members, followed up by a vote by MCA executive. Among the nominees were: Claude Boucher, Jessica Breckenridge, Bob Easy, Bonnie and Harry Fuller, Janet Fisher and Liz Hale.

This year's recipients are Bob and Carole Easy. Bob has supported the communities of Munster and Richmond dating back to the 1970s through his involvement as a coach, fundraiser and mentor in sport. He has supported various community groups including the nursery school and its annual ball tournament.

We thank Bob for his many years of and ongoing support of the community.

4. Comments from Scott Moffatt

Scott reported that the contract for the Bleeks Rd paving– from Dwyer Hill into the village – has been awarded and will take place this summer. He has asked for an extra 200m to be done which would take the paved area to the edge of the hamlet boundaries, but this will be determined based on final price set. Staff have agreed to commit to pave the north shoulder of the road between Butterfield and the library to provide a safe shoulder for pedestrians in the area.

The balance of Bleeks Rd., as well as several other roads in the area are scheduled to be gravel resurfaced as part of this year's effort.

The city spends roughly \$100 million on road work annually and about 30 percent of that is designated for rural roads. The cycle of repair and maintenance required means this is never quite enough.

He also notes this year's freeze-thaw cycles were particularly harsh. As of January, road crews had repaired 30,000 potholes – twice as many as last year.

A comment was raised from the floor with respect to recent sewage backup after the storm. Scott will try to get an update on the situation. The City is still working to determine the cause.

It was noted that Ottawa2017 activities include Agri150 components – 20 rural events in and around the area.

Also noted that Munster has received a grant from the City and will apply it to Canada Day activities.

5. President's Report

Norm reports that the MCA has had a busy year. Activities have included spring and fall clean ups; the garage sale; the Easter egg hunt which continues to grow in scope and popularity; Canada Day; and the now annual scavenger hunt. This year a Harvest Fest was also held, along with Santa's regular visit to the community centre and the annual winter carnival.

The MCA has supported 1st Munster Scouts, an indoor walking program for seniors, the spring soccer program, among other programs.

MCA members coordinated the annual membership drive and phone book, the rink and maintained upkeep of the website. Past minutes were archived for future reference and community communication was pursued through Facebook and the community newsletter.

Traffic safety was also addressed this past year and Neighbourhood Watch email lists have been updated.

6. Treasurer's Report

Bruce reports that the MCA is strong financially. There is money to invest and we are always seeking new opportunities for events and community programs that we can support. Proposals may be submitted via email or by attending an MCA meeting.

7. Election of executive for 2016-2017 season

Norm nominated Jessica for president. Second from the floor. Jessica willing to stand. Jessica Breckenridge elected as president.

Jessica nominated Shaun for vice president. Second from the floor. Shaun willing to stand. Shaun Hassanali elected as vice president.

Norm nominated Barb for secretary. Second from the floor. Barb had indicated by email that she is willing to stand. Barbara Moulton elected as secretary.

Norm nominated Heather to remain as community centre liaison. Second from the floor. Heather agreed to stand. Heather Kirk will also continue in her role as community centre liaison.

Norm nominated Bruce as treasurer. Second from the floor. Bruce willing to stand. Bruce Ewen acclaimed as treasurer.

Jessica nominated Kelly White as membership director. Second from the floor. Kelly agreed through previous discussion to stand. Kelly White elected as membership director.

Norm nominate Laura Rupert as social director. Second from the floor. Laura agreed to stand. Laura Rupert acclaimed as social director.

Nomination from Jessica for Gabriella Beyer to stand as recreation director. Second from the floor. Gabi had indicated by email that she agrees to stand. Gabriella Beyer acclaimed as recreation director.

Call for nominations for communications director. Jude Sammon put forward. Second from the floor. Jude Sammon elected as communication director.

Call for nominations for webmaster. Lisa Lahey put forward. Second from the floor. Lisa Lahey elected as webmaster.

Members at large:

The following people put forward offers to stand as members at large: Frank Stokes (by email), Karen Heney (by email), Todd Stiles and Jodi Ferguson.

Motion from to accept all nominations. All accepted. All elected members at large.

Thanks extended for Norm Gibson for his efforts as president.

8. New Business

A question was raised about the status of Munster Elementary. It is noted that we still have community use access – the nursery school, playgroup, walking group and scouting programs all use the space. No further updates at this time.

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A concern was raised about ATVs in the community speeding and driving on lawns. Suggestion that a call to police may be worthwhile if there is a pattern or specific concern.

A comment from the floor was raised with respect to future growth plans, future Talos development and the closing of Macs. It was noted that nothing can happen from Scott's office without a large portion of the community's support. Talos broached questions about boundaries. Todd Stiles takes away an action item to be proactive in researching options. Further discussion with the community may be an option.

Comment from the floor thanking Scott for his support in establishing Sarah McCarthy Park in Richmond. Sarah was a local resident involved in a fatal accident as a pedestrian in 2005.

Scott notes he is still working on lifting the fire ban for Munster and hopes to have this resolved before the summer season.

Official meeting adjourned 8:21.

Next regular Munster Community Association meeting: TBA