

VCA Fall General Meeting

MINUTES

Proposed – to be approved at next General Meeting October 2022

Wednesday, October 20, 2021; 7:00 pm; via Zoom



1. Mona Babin: Call to order
2. Confirmation of governance guidelines. Quorum met. (confirmed by Larry Duncan)
3. Approval of agenda for this general meeting (Larry Duncan) and approval of Minutes from meeting of November 18, 2020
4. Sue Henry: How to comment, vote on Zoom
5. Executive reports were posted on the VCA website. Mona called for any questions from members on these.

Vice President Report (Ardeth Staz)

Ardeth mentioned a few updates to her Vice President's report:

- 1) Plaques have been mounted on the Little Libraries commemorating the builders Richard Connelly and Jim Filyer. They well used by the community.
- 2) The ravine project is going according to plan according to the experts from the Niagara Region Conservation Authority. Trees will be planted in the spring (Apr. 15 – June 1) and there will be volunteer opportunities. The stream will be cleaned up to improve flow.

President's Welcome (Mona Babin)

We will continue to hold virtual meetings and host live social events. Thanked all who have contributed to community events. Mentioned progress such as new stop sign. A community day is planned for the spring. More details to come.

Finance (Joseph Allevato):

VCA is in good financial shape and membership has doubled over the last 7 years. Joe thanked Jim Wallace for reviewing the books. A question about insurance was asked by a member. Mona answered that all events are insured for members as well as non-members.

Mona asked for a motion proposing that Jim Wallace review the VCA books prior to the AGM in April 2022. The motion was brought forward and passed.

Communications (Sue Henry):

No questions

Committee reports:

Social: no questions

Membership: no questions
Gardening Report: no questions
Holiday Decorating: no questions
The Village Round Table: no questions

John Hawley: The Village development update

Reminded everyone of architectural codes and connecting with him before any exterior work is done for approval. This protects the value of properties.

Shaw has leased one apartment building, which will be ready in December. The other two will open in early 2022. Medical center on track for construction. Town has helped accelerate the usual procedures to get building started sooner.

The work on the hotel and rentals on Perez should be underway by the end of the year.

Construction should be finished by summer 2023, with occupancy by fall of 2023. Optimistic that a grocer will be found (taking time to find the right fit).

Colour of recently finished house on Moseby (blue) not matching historic colours but close.

Apartment buildings garbage area has sealed containers in enclosure (no roof) Will ensure that this does not become a problem. Contact our property manager (still to be decided) if problem develops. Current waiting list for apartments is long.

Question: Please speak about the assembly hall.

Answer: This is an important feature of village development. The proposed playground will be integrated in this area and may be done before construction is done. It will be located at the west end of the development on town parkland.

Ongoing business and follow ups:

- Nomination committee for positions available for the upcoming election at the April AGM will be chaired by Ardeth Statz. Please contact her if you wish to be involved in this.
- Mona presented a VCA Recognition Award to the following residents:
- Judy Huntington-McKay – recipient for Membership Committee
- Jim Filyer and Richard Connelly – recipient for Enhancing the Village landscape (Little Library builders)

New business: None.

Meeting adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m. Thanks to all who attended.

A presentation followed the meeting by special guest: Marnie Cluckie, Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake Chief Administrative Officer.