

Village Community Association Annual General Meeting April 17, 2024



Niagara-on-the-Lake Museum
Proposed Minutes -To be approved at next Annual General
Meeting - April 2025

1 – Welcome and Introduction

Ardeth Staz, President, welcomed attendees and guests noting with appreciation our meeting venue, the Niagara on the Lake Museum. She thanked Mona Babin and Susan Wery for arranging it. Ardeth reviewed the agenda noting that Executive and Committee reports had been posted on the website. Ardeth confirmed that the meeting follows VCA by-laws. Ardeth also explained the voting process and verified that quorum was met with approximately 50 voting members present. No proxy votes were brought. Ardeth asked if any conflicts of interest existed. There were none.

2 – Approval of Agenda

Ardeth reviewed the agenda briefly via PowerPoint.

MOTION: It is recommended that the proposed Agenda be approved.

Moved by Mona Babin. Seconded by Judy Huntington-Mackay. All in favour. None opposed. Carried.

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3 – Approval of Minutes from AGM of April 19, 2023

MOTION: It is recommended that the proposed Minutes from the 2023 AGM be approved.

Moved by Ann Hill. Seconded by Lindy Van der Wagen. All in favour. None opposed. Carried.

4 – Executive Reports

President's Report – Ardeth Staz

Village Resident Survey

Ardeth highlighted the survey mentioning the Executive's follow up of same such as hydro boxes, tree planting, memorial benches and parking signs. The parking signs (limited 15 min. parking) are to be placed on both sides of the mail boxes on Perez. They are not in place yet but should be posted soon. See an ongoing report of the Survey and its follow up on the website.

Ardeth asked if there were any questions about her report. There were none.

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Treasurer's Report – Joe Allevato

Joe Allevato reported that the accounts have been reviewed by Jim Wallace and are in order. Joe highlighted our two sources of income which are membership revenue of \$5200 and Social Committee revenue of just under \$1500. He reported that last year we had a deficit of under \$3.00. Joe predicted that there will be a minor deficit next year, however we have enough funds to have obtained a \$5000 GIC.

Joe asked if there were any questions or comments about his report.

Motion: It is recommended by Joe Allevato that the 2024-2025 budget be accepted as proposed.

Seconded by Luba Fraser. All in favour. None opposed. Carried

Ardeth confirmed that it was decided in October that the membership fees would **remain** at \$30 this year.

Communications Director's Report – Sue Henry

Ardeth spoke on Sue's behalf who is currently in Australia. Some highlights Ardeth noted were that there were 56 new editions to the newsletter and we had 20 more subscribers. There is an 82% rate at which newsletters are being opened and website traffic has also increased. There are 100 additional visits to the website each month and 170 additional page views. Ardeth thanked Dee Fahlman for her assistance in maintaining the website.

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Ardeth asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

5 – Committee Reports

Village Round Table – Mike Siverns

Ardeth reported that the Chair is not present and any questions or concerns for Mike could be given to her for forwarding. She also noted that Carol Perrin has been added to the VRT meetings.

Holiday Decorating – Dale DesIslets

Ardeth reported that the chair was not present for the meeting. She thanked the volunteers who put up and take down the Christmas lights. She also thanked everyone on Dale's behalf who decorate their homes for the Christmas holidays.

Gardening – "Secret" Gardener

Ardeth reported that they planted four dozen tulip bulbs near Norton.

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Social – Nancy Bailey

Nancy thanked her committee for working on projects that have made it so successful. Upcoming events are in the planning, such as the May 30 Sunset Social, the June 8 Garage Sale, the Golf Tournament on Sept. 4, the Halloween Carriage Ride, the November 24th Tree Lighting and the Christmas cocktail party.

Membership – Judy Huntington-Mackay

Judy thanked the committee's 14 ambassadors for their help and support. The year 2023 ended with the maintenance of 177 members representing 59% of all households. We are currently at 141 members.

6 – Update from The Village developer, John Hawley

There is a posted report from John Hawley on the website. He was not in attendance. Ardeth presented his report.

Update on the construction:

There is a plan to start construction of the hotel this summer for an opening of the Business Centre in Spring 2026. He is hoping to make an announcement of a grocer very soon.

Ardeth spoke about the role she plays as President in meeting with Adam and John at least once to twice per year. She also contacts them via email monthly to ask for an update for publication in the newsletter.

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7 – Elections of Vice President, Treasurer and Recording Officer

Presented by Carol Perrin, Vice President

Carol briefly talked about the Nomination Committee headed by Mona Babin and thanked her and Pat Klotz.

Nomination for Vice President: Carol Perrin, incumbent

Nomination for Recording Officer: Susan Wery

Nomination for Joe Treasurer: Joe Allevato (special voting procedure required for Joe)

Carol asked 3 times if there were any other nominations for any of the 3 positions. There were none.

Carol then stated that by acclamation the Vice-President, and Recording Officer are elected.

Joe has been Treasurer for 2 consecutive terms and a vote is required to extend his tenure to a third term.

MOTION: Moved by Carol Perrin that an extension of Joe Allevato in the role of Treasurer be approved.

Seconded by Bill Speltzer. All were in favour. None opposed. Carried.

The new Executive Board 2024-2025 was introduced.

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8 – New Business

Ardeth asked if anyone had new business items to raise.

Dee asked if John Hawley might consider landscaping and taking down the chain link fences along the perimeter of the business centre. Ardeth said that she would ask him.

There were no further questions or comments.

9 – Meeting Adjournment

MOTION: That the business portion of the AGM be adjourned.

Moved by: Mona Babin. Seconded by Dave Antaya. Carried.

Once the Meeting was adjourned, we were addressed by Sarah Kaufman of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Museum with an interesting and informative talk on the museum and its history. Tours were also provided.

Later, VCA members and guests were treated to a wonderful reception of delicious appetisers, sweets and wine, courtesy of the Museum.