



Vars Community Association

Meeting Minutes
July 13th 2009

Opening:

The special meeting of the Vars CA was called to order at 7:10 PM on July 13th 2009 at the St-Guillaume School by Jean Séguin.

Present:

Linda Ablack, Linda Payant, Hélène Manning-Lemieux, Jean Séguin, Darlene Brown, Ivan Tanner, Garry Larocque.

Excused: Christine Flood

Absent: Nicolina Kingstone, Barb Lavictoire, Mark Wall, Morley Verdier

A. Approval of Agenda

No agenda was distributed for this special Cenotaph meeting.

B. Conflict of interest

- No issues of potential conflict of interest were raised.

C. Open Issues

- Morley sent a revised estimate.
- Next deadline with the Veterans Affairs of Canada (VAC) is August 12 2009, possibility of more dates in 09/10 with no confirmation.
- Vars Community Association (VCA) indicated in the past would help forward the application but no financial commitment because of certain issues not resolved.
- Jean reached the VAC in Halifax for more information on the Cenotaph/Monument Restoration Program
 - No confirmation if more deadlines after August 12th, but indication of quarterly meeting on the website.
 - Indication that the financial assistance is for the monument per se and not on the surrounding grounds.
- Issues to resolve:
 - Assessment of the cedar hedge, to remove all or trim
 - Budget, no commitment by the VCA with the Legacy Funds. Indication that the total cost will be 50% by the VAC (maximum \$25,000) and the remaining 50% by the VCA or the community.

- Question about the 'volunteer labor', is there already names on paper?
- Have to look at drainage issues if cedars are going to be removed or if landscape being modified (going toward Rockdale Rd behind the neighbor's yard).
- It was proposed that a fundraiser was organized to help for the landscape cost, and find surrounding garden companies and private companies to donate money and trees/flowers/earth...
- The project originally planned for restoration and landscape, the stone/sidewalk was added later during the planning process.
- Main focus at this point is the monument.
- City of Ottawa responsible for the drainage slope? Accountability issues.
- Pioneer group and other older groups/luncheon within the village are aware about the project and excited.
- Need to confirm if Morley has a contact with the VAC and an open file number.
- Can't move forward until more explanation to stamp the application.

E. Agenda for Next Meeting, September 10th 2009

- *Update on cenotaph*
- *Update on website*
- *Financial statement*
- *Preparation for upcoming AGM*

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM by Jean. The next meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on September 10th in the St-Guillaume School Library.

Minutes submitted by: H el ene Manning-Lemieux

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