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Minutes of the Vars Community Association (VCA) Meeting [Bearbrook Community Centre]

<b>Meeting Date</b>	October 13, 2022 – 7:30
<b>Attendees</b>	Gary Larocque Chris Nooyen Danielle Vendette Jacques Legault Serge Potvin Matt Bowman Wayne Redsell Corey Cholette

Item	Summary of discussions / decisions	Actions
1	<b>Meeting minutes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Greetings to members and guests</li><li>• Special Guest: George Darouze: City Councillor for the Osgoode Ward and his executive assistant: Jane Diraimo</li><li>• Welcome to our newest member: Matt Bowman</li></ul>	
2	<b>Councillor Darouze</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Councillor Darouze introduced himself</li><li>• After the Oct 24th election, Vars will be part of the Osgood Ward, along with Carlsbad Springs and Bearbrook.</li><li>• Councillor Darouze currently represents the Osgoode Ward and he is seeking re-election.</li><li>• His office is located at 8243 Victoria Street in Metcalfe and every Tuesday from 1pm to 5pm.</li><li>• He is in the office for “walk in visits” from members of the community.</li><li>• His assistant: Jane Diraimo is the “liaison” between the various community associations in the Osgoode Ward and George Darouze.</li></ul>	

3	<b>Financial Statement</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Vars Community Association Financial Statement was reviewed.</li> </ul>	
4	<b>Annual BBQ</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The VCA Annual BBQ was another success.</li> </ul>	
5	<b>Remembrance Day</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preparations for the Vars Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Cenotaph are well under way.</li> <li>The ceremony will be held at the Cenotaph on November 6th at 2pm, followed by exhibits and refreshments in the St Guillaume gym afterwards.</li> </ul>	
6	<b>Skating Rink</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plans were made and discussed for the rink maintenance for the 2022-2023 season.</li> <li>The VCA is still in the quoting stage for the “outdoor rink plus plan” : a fully accessible multi-use pad that will be used year-round.</li> <li>The VCA would like to make our rink a permanent structure: ex: a cement floor: this would allow the rink to freeze easier and faster in the winter and will allow the Vars residents to use the rink year round.</li> <li>The rink in the summer could be used as a tennis court, a pickleball court.</li> </ul>	
7	<b>Septic Tank Leak</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Vars resident joined the VCA meeting to discuss a leaking septic tank at 5779 Rockdale Road, Vars.</li> <li>The septic tank is leaking and seeping into the neighbor’s yard.</li> <li>The city has been called and it was advised repairs would be done to the septic tank “in the fall”.</li> </ul>	
8	<b>Street Lights</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Vars resident asked about the possibility of installing street lights in the newer project in Vars.</li> <li>Councillor Darouze explained that there are no street lights installed in rural housing projects.</li> <li>Street lights are only installed on the “main street” of a village and at intersections.</li> <li>The responsibility of lighting the streets in the project falls on the builder.</li> </ul>	
9	<b>Next Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The next VCA meeting will be on November 16.</li> </ul>	



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Annual Community BBQ and Movie Night at Parc Alcide.

<b>Meeting Date</b>	September 23, 2022 – 7:00
<b>Attendees</b>	Gary Larocque Chris Nooyen Matthew Bowman Alicia Roque Danielle Vedette Sylvain Dignard Genevieve Henrie Jacques Legault Serge Potvin Wayne Redsell Ivan Tanner Patrick Jobin



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<b>Meeting Date</b>	June 15, 2022 – 7:00
<b>Attendees</b>	Gary Larocque Ivan Tanner Wayne Redsell Danielle Vendette Jean Seguin Jacques Legault Patrick Jobin

Item	Summary of discussions / decisions	Actions
1	<b>Meeting minutes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Greetings to members and guests</li></ul>	
2	<b>Financial Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>We reviewed the VCA's account balance</li></ul>	
3	<b>Expanding Town Boundaries</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The VCA received an inquiry into reviewing the town boundaries.</li><li>The concerned citizen would like Forced Road to be included in the town boundaries.</li></ul>	The VCA will support the request. The Town Boundaries may be expanded with the development of land on Rockdale Road. Any and all town boundary changes must be reviewed and accepted by the City of Ottawa.
4	<b>Future Project</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Outdoor Rink Plus Plan</li><li>The VCA would like to make our rink a permanent structure: ex: a cement floor: this would allow the rink to freeze easier and faster in the winter and will allow the Vars residents to use the rink year round;</li></ul>	A proposal will be sent to the City of Ottawa

	the rink in the summer could be used as a tennis court, a pickleball court, basketball court etc...	
5	<b>Clubhouse Renovations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Clubhouse is currently undergoing renovations: the kitchen and bathroom are being renovated and will be wheelchair accessible</li> <li>• Bearbrook park will be getting a new play structure</li> </ul>	
6	<b>Canada Day</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canada Day flags will be installed on Rockdale Road on June 28th by volunteers</li> </ul>	
7	<b>Building Permits</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An inquiry was received by a concerned citizen, waiting for a building permit. He is requesting the VCA help him through the roadblocks and delays. It was suggested that the neighbour contact our City Councilor: Katherine Kitts – Cumberland Ward City Councilor to make a formal inquiry into the delays.</li> </ul>	
8	<b>Paroisse Saint Guillaume</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The parish will have a new priest: Father Diego Rebeles will be joining our community starting August 1, serving Vars and Limoges.</li> </ul>	
9	<b>Next Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The VCA Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be on September 23rd.</li> <li>• The VCA will be hosting a BBQ and movie night at the park. Hot Dogs and Hamburgers will be served.</li> </ul>	



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<b>Meeting Date</b>	July 19, 2022 – 7:00
<b>Attendees</b>	Gary Larocque Ivan Tanner Danielle Vendette Jacques Legault Serge Potvin  Absent: (Alicia Laroque, Wayne Redsell, Chris Nooyen, Patrick Jobin)

Item	Summary of discussions / decisions	Actions
1	<b>Meeting minutes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Greetings to members and guests.</li> </ul>	
2	<b>Thank You Letter</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A letter was prepared and sent to the Vars Volunteer Fire Department to thank them for their help in installing and taking down the Canada Day Flags</li> </ul>	
3	<b>Outdoor Rink Plus Plan:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The VCA is working on a proposal to be sent to the City of Ottawa to build a wheelchair accessible 4 Season “multi-pad” that would be used as a skating rink in the winter, and a rollerblade rink, tennis, pickle ball court the rest of the year.</li> <li>The Bearbrook park new play structure construction is currently on hold.</li> </ul>	The VCA is working on getting quotes for the cement floor. The VCA is making a proposal to add a water fountain in the park.
4	<b>Annual General Meeting (AGM), Community BBQ and Movie night:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The event will take place on Friday, September 23 2022. Hot Dogs and Hamburgers will be served.</li> </ul>	Movie to be determined.
5	<b>Canada Day Fireworks</b>	The VCA will make a

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The VCA will be making a submission to the City of Ottawa to get “Family Fireworks” for Canada Day 2023.</li> <li>• Activities for the Community. We are looking for local talent for entertainment for the day</li> </ul>	submission to the city of Ottawa for funding for Canada Day
6	<b>Next Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The next VCA meeting will be held on Sept 23 2022 at the Alcide Trudeau Park, after the Community BBQ. All are welcome!</li> </ul>	