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Minutes of the Vars Community Association (VCA) Meeting

Meeting Date	March 26, 2024 – 7:00
Attendees	Gary Larocque Wayne Redsell Danielle Vendette

Item	Summary of discussions / decisions	Actions
1	Meeting Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">Greetings to members and guests	
2	Civic Events Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none">Civic Event Funding: We can apply for a grant, UP TO 3000.00 for a civic event for the community. The application was due on March 28 2024. We are too late to apply for the grant for this year. We will apply next year to receive a grant for Canada Day Events in Vars for 2025.	
3	Multi Usage Pad <ul style="list-style-type: none">The multi-usage pad work is in progress. The VCA has received quotes for asphalt from 2 different companies so far, and we are still waiting for one estimate that will be received this week or next. Our VCA president Gary Larocque met with George Darouze (our City Councillor for Ward 20) to discuss further our multi-usage pad. We are hopeful that this will become a reality.	
4	Electronic Sign <ul style="list-style-type: none">In that meeting with Councillor Darouze, our electronic sign at the fire hall was also brought up, since it is currently out of service and this situation will be reviewed further. Corey sent many reasons for the importance of the sign for the village that was	

	forwarded to Councillor Darouza	
5	Overflowing Ditches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The deep overflowing ditches on Russland Road and Divine Road will also be reviewed by City Councillor Darouze. 	
6	Horses of the Sun <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The VCA received a suggestion from a resident for the city to purchase “Horses of the Sun” since the property would be an ideal place to give our community nature trails and walking paths, since the property is 105 acres, however the price for the property is not within the city or the VCA’s budget. 	
7	Port-a-Potty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The VCA is again looking into renting a “port-a-potty” for the summer months. The price quoted was 250.00 a month. We will review with the city if one can be provided to us by the city, since Vars hosts a number of baseball games and tournaments for the surrounding areas. 	
8	Ottawa Capital Cleanup <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OTTAWA CAPITAL CLEAN UP: This is a citywide cleanup that occurs in the spring and fall of every year, bringing Ottawa residents together as a community to help clean litter from our public spaces. Cleaning the Capital is an exciting opportunity for residents to show their civic pride and help maintain our beautiful city. Register today for spring Cleaning the Capital ! When you register, you will receive a FREE “Cleaning kit”. The VCA and the Vars Optimist Club will partner together to make this a Community Event. Date to come. Please Join and help make our Village beautiful ! 	
9	Dump the Dump <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Capital Region Resource Recovery Centre, a joint venture between Taggart-Miller, applied on March 21st, 2024, to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation, and Parks (MECP) for approval to collect residential waste. Located on Boundary Road, this yet-to-be-operational site plans to accept curbside residential waste without increasing its total waste capacity. The City, having no role in the approval process, is focusing on traffic mitigation for when the facility becomes operational. Concerns should be directed to the MECP or local MPs. 	

10	Vars Trivia Night <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please register for a fun evening and fundraiser for the Vars Optimist Club ! 	
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Next VCA meeting will be on May 21st 2024 at 7pm at the Alice Trudeau Park Fieldhouse.
All are welcome !

Meeting concluded at 8:00pm



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Meeting Date	January 16, 2023 – 7:00
Attendees	Gary Larocque Wayne Redsell Patrick Jobin Matthew Bowman Danielle Vendette Jaques Legault Chris Nooyen Lindsay Cholette

Item	Summary of discussions / decisions	Actions
1	Meeting Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greetings to members and guests 	
2	Remembrance Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our Vars Remembrance Day Ceremony was a success. There were over 100 people in attendance. We had received a 100.00 donation from the VAWBN (Vars & Area Women's Business Network) for the event. Our costs for the event were: 100.00 for snacks and drinks, 101.51 for the programs and 100.00 for the trumpeter. 	
3	Multi Usage Pad <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The multi-usage pad work is in progress. The VCA has received quotes for asphalt from 2 different companies so far, and we will get more estimates. We also discussed the possibility of having a concrete surface as opposed to asphalt and we will get quotes from local companies.. 	
4	Ice Rink <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Vars Rink at Alcide Trudeau Park should be 	

	<p>open this weekend! The building and maintenance of the rink is under new management: a team consisting of the VCA and the Optimist Club will be working to build and maintain our ice rink.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JF Thibodeau and Gary have been working on the rink for more than a week and expect it to open on January 20th at the latest. 	
6	<p>OWAC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was an Osgoode Ward Advisory Committee Meeting in December. The city is looking at re-paving Russland Road, part of Devine Road (from Boundary to the Highway) and Frank Kenny (from Russell to Colonial). 	
7	<p>Alcide Trudeau Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The park pathways at Alice Trudeau park will be re-paved in the spring. 	
	<p>Rural Task Force</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our VP Chris Nooyen is on the rural summit association (Rural Task Force). Residents will be able to send concerns or suggestions in the near future. This is a one year program, and the first time since 2006 that the City Of Ottawa has set up this task force to review rural life in Ottawa. 	
	<p>VCA Facebook</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The VCA will be re-naming their Facebook page to make it easier for our residents to find and participate in. 	
8	<p>Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next VCA meeting will be on March 26 2024 at 7pm at the Alcide Trudeau Park Fieldhouse. • All are welcome! • Meeting concluded at 8:00pm. 	