

## Record of Decisions

### Alta Vista Community Association Executive Committee Meeting

17 Sept 2013

Executive Committee and Directors Present:

Tony Bernard (Chair), Bill Davis, Anita Dunlop, Brenda Ellacott, Kimberley Fish, John Lark, Clinton Cowan, Rock Radovan, Janice Duval

Regrets: Teresa LeGrand, Garry Lindberg, Brian Irvine

Guests: Mark Saaltink, Suzanne Desjarlais, Kasia Wakarecy, Mike Smith, Ingrid de Vries, Peter Hume

1. Agenda approved as presented (John/Bill/ Approved)
2. Appointment of secretary  
Tony noted the resignation of Eleanor as secretary and identified the need for a new secretary. Rock Radovan volunteered to act as secretary for the meeting.
3. Record of Decisions for May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting approved (John/Bill/Approved)
4. Business Arising (BAR)  
Brenda provided a brief summary of the Alta Vista Picnic. No attendance was taken but seemed lower than in previous years which may have been attributable to the questionable weather. Brenda raised the question of what kinds of activities would be attractive to the slightly older child crowd as the demographics of the picnic are changing. The financial results of the picnic would have to wait for the Treasurer's report.
5. Treasurers report  
No update – Treasurer absent.
6. Membership  
No update – Membership director absent. Tony mentioned he had dropped off a cheque from a new membership recently to Brian.
7. City Hall  
Peter Hume provided an update on the Pedestrian Plan and consultation that occurred earlier in the year. Peter explained the rationale behind the pedestrian plan and the reason why numerous proposed sidewalks appeared in the on-line consultation tool. The draft Ottawa Pedestrian Plan is expected to be released soon and the plan is supposed to tie together missing links and also provide criteria to justify adding sidewalks, which was lacking in the previous process.  
Brenda Ellacott provided a report on the status of the Alta Vista Drive Traffic

Management Plan improvement project. Brenda noted that some changes had been made to the work without the knowledge of the Alta Vista Drive Residents Association. In particular, these involved changes to the textured crossings which Peter Hume noted came about because of feedback from City maintenance staff. Peter and Brenda agreed that both parties were working together to resolve the outstanding issues.

Some general discussion was held on the status of the Alta Vista Transportation Corridor – Hospital Link, and zoning due to a recent news headlines and an inquiry received by the AVCA.

Kasia Wakarecy presented the committee with a description of soccer related noise issues she has been dealing with at Orlando Park, particularly in the evenings.

Discussions with the City and the soccer association regarding potential options were inconclusive (moving games to the field furthest away from houses; promoting parking at the school). The neighbourhood group partnered with Ecology Ottawa to tackle a 3 year tree planting project which would help to reduce noise from Heron Road and the soccer fields. Kasia asked for the AVCA to help with publicizing the first event on October 19<sup>th</sup> as they would be looking for volunteers and equipment.

**MOTION: That AVCA donate \$200 to the Alta Vista community group for tree planting at Orland park for related equipment. (Kimberley/Janice). Approved.**

**ACTION: Tony and Brian to ensure payment is made.**

**ACTION: Rock to post the event details on the AVCA website.**

8. Sharel Rink

Tony Bernard noted that there was no group identified to run the Sharel rink for the upcoming winter season and that the City would be notified to open the contract to any interested individual.

9. Director's Insurance

John Lark reported that the policy is ready to be prepared and requires the signature of the President to proceed.

**ACTION: John and Tony to proceed with the policy signature.**

10. Constitution

Clinton Cowan reported that due to a number of potential amendments to the Non-profit corporations act any modifications to the Constitution which may be required could be delayed due to a longer transition period and uncertainty regarding specific details.

11. Traffic

Rock Radovan reported that traffic is a popular topic as evidenced by the number of email requests for help that come through the website. He suggested that the AVCA should look into having a guide or some kind of document available to help people with

what kind of info they should collect when they want to do something about traffic problems. Peter Hume mentioned that he thought the City already had something similar and would look into it.

**ACTION: Rock to post the document if available.**

12. Applewood Park

Rock Radovan reported that the play structure replacement project was complete and the play areas were in good shape. He also mentioned some upcoming neighbourhood events and early planning for the winter skating rink.

13. Web site

Rock Radovan and Kimberley Fish reported that traffic to the site and through Facebook is steady.

14. Target for financial support 2013-14

Rock Radovan presented an idea for the AVCA to broaden their exposure and support community activities by providing some financial support to the groups managing the outdoor rinks. Ingrid deVries and Mike Smith spoke of their support for the idea and suggested that the monies should be tied to a specific event during the winter. Rock suggested that it be incorporated into the budget for the AVCA and Tony Bernard mentioned that it would make sense to discuss with the Treasurer who was absent.

**ACTION: Tony to speak with Brian regarding financial status.**

15. AGM

Tony Bernard confirmed the date for the AGM as October 16, 2013 at 7pm at Rideau Park United Church. John Lark was tasked with providing the notice to VISTAS in the next 48 hours. The directors present were asked if they were interested in continuing in that capacity for the next year. All present agreed. Tony Bernard said he would be willing to continue in the role of President with the caveat that a new full-time secretary be found (either internally or externally). Tony also mentioned that a call list is to be shared out between directors to contact members and encourage attendance.

**ACTION: John to provide VISTAS with the AGM notice.**

16. New Business

A short discussion was held regarding the potential to commemorate the work done by three community members to protect Grasshopper hill park.

17. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:30pm.

Next meeting November 2013.