**BURRITT’S RAPIDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

**(Virtual) MEETING MINUTES – August 13 2020**

**Members in Attendance:**  John Dwyer, Vanda Stanley, Cameron Rhodes, Inge vanGemeren, Angie Lyrette (Hall Rental Agent)

**Community Members in Attendance:** None

**HALL Rental and Maintenance**

**Post-COVID Prospects**

There is still on-going interest in Hall rentals so it anticipated that rental income will resume at or near normal levels once the Hall can be opened. (Small Halls, for example, has set a tentative date for their event for October 10.) That said, the Rental agent advises that the Board should prepare the groundwork given the pent-up demand for celebrations that will manifest after the lock-down ends as things return to normal. It was agreed that an ad should be placed in the Pheonix and that an article should be prepared for the NG Times. Members John Dwyer and Rental Agent Angie Lyrette will take the lead on this.

**Required Maintenance/Upgrades**

The Chairperson was to get a quote for interior painting. She was also to determine whether linen purchased some time ago can be used to make napkins and table cloths. Additional linen was to be purchased as needed.

**Trillium Grant**

The Trillium Grant most recently applied for does not cover capital expenses, but another grant soon coming up will. A proposal will be put together for this hopefully to cover costs of interior and exterior painting.

**Refreshing the Playground**

A neighbour of Board Member Cameron Rhodes has offered to fix up the playground area if the Board covers the costs. He is to explore this further.

**Fund-raising**

A variety of ideas were discussed. The Chairperson is to explore the costs of adding new engraved ‘vanity’ bricks to the Canal Garden area. Member John Dwyer indicated that a focussed on-line auction might be do-able and is to review the list of auction items collected for the aborted 2020 Theme Dinner to come up with a list.

**Community Issues:**

**Hamlet Design Plan**

The Board discussed the revised consultation process put forward by NG officials. A note was to go to residents advising them of this. An appropriate community engagement strategy will be developed when the Board receives the material on the draft plan, now scheduled to arrive in late May. The Board agreed that it would have to examine that material and make a decision quickly.

**Participaction Challenge**

There was a detailed discussion on how best to engage the community in this activity, including setting up a ‘registry’ site at the Tip-to-Tip trail. Ther has not been a community “Champion” identified. The Board agreed to await further details about the challenge before taking any further action

**Meet Me On Main**

Funding has been approved ($11,400 in total) for this initiative and so, once the COVID restrictions loosen sufficiently, a share of that will come to the Board for appropriate activities.

**Ottawa Master Plan**

Member Bart Bilmer de-briefed the Board on the meeting he attended on the Ottawa Master Plan. He indicated that while many issues were interesting the approach was highly urban-centric and so there was little discussion on issues relevant to our community.

**Next Meeting**

**June 10 2021 7:30pm**