**Burritt’s Rapids Community Association**

**Minutes of the June 2014 Board Meeting**

**Board Members Present:**

John Dwyer, Jeff Gauthier, Inge vanGemeren, Jill MacDonald, Brad Smith, Tiiu Wallner, Maureen Wilson

**Financial:**

A full financial report was not available, as receipts for the Theme Dinner were not finalised. A financial statement will be prepared and distributed to Board Members in the near future.

**Minutes of the March 2014 Meeting:**

It was moved that the minutes as presented be accepted. This was seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution of Issues Raised at March 2014 Meeting:**

***Website***

It was agreed that a sub-Committee comprising Board Members Inge, John and Jeff would organise a meeting with Community resident and volunteer expert, Drew Avis, in the summer to determine exactly how we wish to proceed with a new website.

***Historical/Heritage Plaques***

There was a further discussion on the issue. The Chairperson agreed to get the sample plaque provided by Brad Smith back to him and to research costs for developing a plaque. Questions of plaque design will have to be resolved, although there was consensus that the design should ‘fit’ the character of the buildings, that it should be durable and that is should set out the name of the original owner and date the building was erected.

**Hall Maintenance:**

The Chairperson informed the Board that a new, energy star rated de-humidifier has been purchased and was in the basement and would be connected soon by Chris Roberts.

Board Member John Dwyer informed the Board that he had been unable to get a hold of John Leizert re painting the Hall Front. Brad indicated that he would be seeing Mr. Leizert shortly and would ask him to give a quote for the work.

Board Member Jeff Gauthier informed the Board that the malfunction in the secondary furnace in the basement had re-occurred but that he had replaced the broken bracket. He also indicated that he had asked Chris Roberts to put a register over the cold air return for that furnace.

The Chairperson indicated that she would organise the pumping of the septic system.

**Other Business:**

***Concerns over the state of the Swing Bridge***

Board Members Tiiu Wallner and Brad Smith brought to the attention of the Board a recent newspaper article that mentioned that the Burritt’s Rapids Swing Bridge was in disrepair. The Board heard suggestions that the increased traffic was at least a proximate cause of the problem. There was also talk of the need to involve politicians at all levels – municipal, Provincial and Federal – in over to redress the issue. It was agreed that the Board, through the Chair, would attempt to get further factual information on the situation and potential remedies so that the Board could make an informed decision of what it might do. If residents have concerns and/or suggestions on this they are invited to share them with the Board.

***Plant sale***

The Board noted the success of the Plant Sale and thanked the Greening Committee, volunteers at the Sale and the community at large for making the Sale the success it was.

***Parking***

Concerns were raised with regard to: parking in the area immediately in front of the post boxes (which made it difficult for cars to stop to access the boxes); parking in or across Mill Lane (perhaps because the parking in front of the postal boxes was occupied); and, parking on the west side of Grenville immediately north of the Swing Bridge (which posed a safety concern).

It was agreed that Board Member Jill MacDonald would contact N-G to see about getting parking restrictions to deal with the parking near the Swing Bridge. The Chair was to send a note to Hall renters asking them not to park in the space directly in front of the postal boxes or in Mill Lane.

***Clearing Mill Lane***

Duke Park was to go to Mill Lane to see about clearing out the overgrowth. At the same time, he will be asked to see if the area near the play structures in the rear of the Hall could be cleared out.

***Election Poll Booths***

The Board noted that the residents to the north of the river had to travel quite a distance in order to vote provincially, whereas federal elections had a Polling Station at the Church. Enquiries were to be made as to whether a Polling Station for provincial elections might in the future be located in the Church, or elsewhere closer to the community.

***Signage for the Tip-to-Tip Trail***

Board member Brad Smith was to take charge of ensuring that bilingual signs for the trail were made. He was also to see if smaller directional sings could be made to direct walkers along the river south of the Library.

The meeting concluded at 8:45 pm.

**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 11 2014**

**7 PM at the Community Hall**

**RESIDENTS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND**