**BRCA - MINUTES**

14 April 2016

Attendees:

**Board Members**

John Dwyer, Jill MacDonald, Brad Smith (interim), Inge vanGemeren, Juri Wallner, Maureen Wilson

**Residents & Others in Attendance:**

None

**Financial Statement**

No financial statements were presented.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the February Meeting were approved unanimously. (No meeting was held in March as there were insufficient members present to form a quorum.)

**Parks Canada**

***Earthen-Dam Stabilisation/* Monarch Waystation (Village Greening initiative)**

No update to report. (Update: Subsequent to the Board meeting Parks Canada arranged to meet with the members of Village Greening in the Hamlet to discuss the Monarch Waystation proposal.)

**Hamlet Design**

Consultation with residents on their vision for the Hamlet is set for Tuesday May 10 between 7 and 9. Residents are encouraged to consider what they want their community to look like, including issues such as: height restrictions on new builds; set-back standards; restrictions/standards on signage. It would no doubt be most useful to the planners to hear specific and prescriptive points of view, rather than generalities. This is an important initiative and might have far-reaching impacts on the Hamlet so residents are urges to attend and to make their views known.

**Theme Dinner**

The Financial Officer indicated that the Theme Dinner raised approximately $4000 to support the Community Hall. Board members formally expressed their thanks to Kathy Knott and her team of dedicated volunteers for making the Dinner the success that it was.

**Hall Maintenance**

***Hall Redesign***

Board member Maureen Wilson reported on the finalised costs for new curtains – in the order of $1000. These should be ready sometime in May.

The Chairperson asked for permission to proceed with renovations, once final quotations were obtained, to the Hall ceiling while awaiting further consultations on flooring. Board members unanimously agreed to this. Members also indicated that the quote for ceiling work should consider installing fans for better air movement and lines to support the possible installation of two additional speakers at the back of the Hall.

***Other Hall Issues***

The Financial Officer reported that electrical costs were nearly double what they were last year, even though usage was marginally down. The Chairperson was to get in touch with Hydro to discuss this matter.

The Board will need to engage another individual to mow the lawns around the Hall. Various options were discussed and will be pursued.

Board members discussed options other than building a fence on the south side of the property. Village Greening was to be asked if there were options for creating a ‘living’ fence that would serve the purpose and be maintenance free.

**Other Business**

***Historic Home Signage***

Interim Board Member Brad Smith reported that virtually everyone on Grenville Street had agreed to signage for their homes. Many are already installed; others will be installed shortly. The Board thanks residents for their strong support for the initiative.

 ***Traffic Calming***

There has been a lengthy silence from officials responsible for the issue; the Chairperson is to follow-up to determine what is being planned and for when.

***Open Doors***

Myrla Cavanaugh has agreed to set up a ‘market festival’ at the Hall for the Open Houses Event (September 24 2016). Further information will follow.

 ***Website***

The Board wishes to recognise and thank resident Drew Avis once again: the website has a new host, thanks to his efforts, and at a considerable cost savings (annual fees drop from $500 to $100).

***BREA***

Board members noted that BREA’s annual meeting was scheduled for Wednesday April 20.

 ***Village Greening Plant Sale***

Board members also noted that Village Greening would be holding a plant sale Saturday May 7 2016.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

**7:00 pm Thursday May 12 2016**

**Residents Are Invited to Attend**