**Draft BRCA - MINUTES**

13 October 2016

Attendees:

**Board Members**

John Dwyer, Jeff Gauthier, Jill McDonald, Inge vanGemeren, Brad Smith (interim), Juri Wallner, Maureen Wilson

**Residents in Attendance:**

Ann Martin (discussion on the ‘Friends of Burritt’s Rapids Community Hall Fund’)

**Financial Statement**

No financial statements were presented.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the September meeting were approved unanimously.

**Friends of the BR Community Hall Fund**

Ann Martin made a brief presentation and provided an explanatory handout on the Fund. The Board expressed its support for the initiative, although there was discussion on ways to best ensure that financial support for the Hall was made as simple, direct and understandable as possible. The Initiative will be presented at the AGM in November.

**Parks Canada**

**Bridge Repairs**

At the meeting it requested with the community on September 22, Parks Canada announced its intention to repair the swing bridge. No date was set for the repairs, but it is expected to take 5 months to complete.

**Earthen Dam Repairs**

At the same meeting referenced above, Parks Canada also advised that the earthen dam forming the island was assessed at the second lowest level of risk for failure. There is still the expectation that they will be clear-cutting in some areas on both sides of the trail along the dam. They have promised to get back to the community when decisions are made and are open to the possibility of replanting some shrubbery, They are also interested in our thoughts on the ‘look’ of the trail following the dam restoration.

**Hall Rentals & Maintenance**

***Small Halls Event***

The Board expressed its gratitude to resident Andrea Cordonnier for the efforts she undertook to ensure that the Small Halls event was such a success. Residents are already looking forward to next year!

***Open Houses North Grenville***

The Board wished to thank Geraldine Taylor (of Geraldine’s Gallery, Kemptville) for stepping in at the last minute to ensure that the Community Hall was open during the Open Houses tour. There was a good turn-out to the event (54 visitors). Ms Taylor has indicated that she may be interested in organising seasonal displays at the Hall.

**NG Committee of the Whole**

The Board noted that NG’s Committee of the Whole met at the Hall in October but that only one (1) resident was in attendance. The Board is to let the NG Council know that, in the future, the Board should be enlisted to help inform residents about similar events so as to help ensure a better turn-out.

**Other Business**

***Visioning Exercise***

Phil Gerrard (Senior Planner at NG) and the consultant hired to undertake the visioning exercise met with the community on October 11 to present their findings. The long and short of it is that Mr. Gerrard will be reviewing Ottawa’s Secondary Plan and policies relating to Burritt’s Rapids and aligning those of NG and the outcomes of the visioning exercise with them to develop a draft secondary plan, which will be shared with the community in the near future.

**Scott Moffatt Constituency Meeting**

Scott Moffatt held a constituency meeting at the Hall on September 19. Among other issues, the question of speeding and safety at the intersection of Grenville Street and Donnelly was discussed. Although Councillor Moffatt was unable to suggest that any particular action would be forthcoming, the representative of the Ottawa police on hand indicated that they are obligated to respond to any complaint filed with it. (This can be done on-line apparently at <https://www.ottawapolice.ca/en/contact-us/Online-Reporting.asp>. For incidents occurring on the North Grenville side, the equivalent contact point for the OPP appears to be <https://opp.ca/index.php?id=132> ). The Board invites residents who witness speeding or dangerous driving in the community to use these processes. Those who do should give as much information as possible of the event they are reporting: date, time, car make and license number etc.

***Traffic Calming***

**UPDATE: A resident has written the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville office to express opposition to speed humps. In light of this, the UCLG officials in charge have put the initiative on hold. This matter will be addressed, once again, at the AGM to which the responsible officials at the County have been invited**.

**AGM**

The Board agreed that the AGM would be held on Wednesday November 30 starting at 7 pm. It was agreed that the format used for most recent AGMs would continue (wine and cheese reception followed by the official meeting) but that, in an effort to ensure that as many residents as possible can attend, care-giving for children would be provided.

The Chair indicated that she would be stepping down, although would like to remain on the Board to ensure continuity. The Rental Agent confirmed his earlier decision and will also be stepping down as the Agent, but would consider remaining on the Board. The Board member who has been acting in an interim capacity (as he agreed to do as a stop-gap measure at the last AGM) for the whole of the year would like to step down. Member Juri Wallner indicated that he will be stepping down. Other Board members may or may not remain depending on the outcome of the AGM.

As always, community members are encouraged to attend; if possible they are also requested to step forward to help ensure that the Hall continues to be a viable and lively centre-piece of the community. This is at risk without more engagement.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

**TBD**