**BURRITT’S RAPIDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

**MEETING MINUTES – AGM November 2018**

**Attendance:**

**Board Members:**

Bart Bilmer, John Dwyer, Jill MacDonald, Joan Simpson, Inge Vangemeren

**Community Members:**

Olivia Mills, Bob Walker, Juri & Tiiu Walner, Dorothy Hobbs, Ann Martin, David Simpson, Drew Avis, Vanda Stanley, Andrew Mess, Kathy Knott, Sam Souryavong, Greg Eamon, George & Lynn Hawkins, Buzz Conn, Dick Hegan, Renee Smith, Paul Harrison, Joanne Aube, Fairlie Ellis, Aileen Weston, Maureen Wilson

**Others**

Scott Moffatt, John Barclay, Raynor Boutet, Deron Johnston

**Annual Report:**

Chairperson Inge vanGemeren presented the Annual Report for 2018 highlighting the accomplishments of the Board during the year and presenting the Board’s plans for the coming year. A copy of the report is attached.

There was some discussion concerning the Hamlet Design Guidelines and where these stood. The Chairperson replied that the ball was in the community and Board’s court at this time.

Resident Dick Hegan raised the issue or trash being thrown on the ground at the point near the dam as well as at the spot that individual’s fish near the dam. He indicated that he would approach Parks Canada to see if there was a solution that would allow for easy disposal of trash without encouraging this.

It was moved that the community, through the Board, officially recognise in these minutes the various roles played by Kathy Knott over the years, and the tremendous positive impact that she has had on the community. This was roundly endorsed by all present. Kathy, who will be leaving the community at some point, deserves the heartfelt thanks she received at the meeting and will be sorely missed.

Drew Avis moved that the Annual report be accepted as presented. This was seconded by Renee Smith and carried unanimously.

**Financial Report**:

Board Member and Treasurer Jill MacDonald presented the 2018 Financial Report (copy attached). Resident George Hill moved that the report be accepted. This was seconded by David Simpson and the vote carried unanimously.

Jill identified the auditor that has been used in the past and resident Joan Simpson moved that this auditor be retained again. This was seconded by resident Fairlie Ellis and the motion carried unanimously.

**Board Elections**

As required by by-laws, the Board resigned. The following ex-members indicated that they were prepared to stand again: Inge vanGemeren; Jill MacDonald, Bart Bilmer, Joan Simpson and John Dwyer. No other residents stepped forward. The five ex-members were elected unanimously to constitute the new Board. The Board will be seeking additional members in the New Year.

**Resident-Centred Street-scape and Traffic Flow**:

The Chairperson presented the background and options that have been identified to deal with the look of Grenville Street and the problem of traffic. Posters of these options, as well as a short indication of their pros and cons (as discovered through research) had been located on a wall in the Hall. Residents had been asked to review these prior to the meeting and were then asked to indicate, by placing a sticker on the appropriate poster, which of the various options they wished the Board to pursue. It was empahsized that no permanent decision would be taken at this time one-way or another with regard to the options.

There was considerable discussion regarding the options being considered: one recurring theme was that absent police presence nothing would deter certain drivers. In addition to this, other options were put forward for consideration: photo radar; 2 and/or 3-way stops rather than the 4-way stop proposed; designation as a community safety zone.

Several individuals were concerned with snow-clearing issues related to a number of the options and felt that this should be a factor when decisions were made.

It was noted that the North Grenville had a window on their web-page which allowed for residents to report issues. This could be used with regard to snow build-up.

Following the presentation and discussion. residents expressed their views using the stickers provided. In summary the following options seem to warrant greater attention on the part of the Board: speed reduction; curb extensions and stop signs.

**Next Steps**: The Board will organise a follow-up meeting with residents in January 2019 to move towards a consensus on which options, including new ones raised during the meeting, it should concentrate on.

**Other Business:**

**Scott Moffatt Outreach:**

Mr. Moffatt indicated that he will be holding regular working meetings with staff around his constituency. A meeting in Burritt’s Rapids, to be held at the Hall, is planned for Saturday January 19 2019 starting at 10am.

**North Grenville Council Town Halls:**

Counsellor-elect John Barclay indicated that the new municipal government will also be holding public sessions in the communities surrounding Kemptville and it is anticipated that the first of these will be in Burritt’s Rapids in February next year.

**Next Meeting**

**January 10 2019**