

Manotick Culture, Parks, & Recreation Association

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, January 23, 2019, 7:30 p.m. Miller's Oven

Present: Anne Robinson, Mike O'Neil, Viv Mitchell, Brock Thom, Sue Hale, Gord MacGregor, Derek Storie, Rod Corbett

Anne welcomed everyone, and opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Receipt of the Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting: Sue, seconded by Mike, moved that the minutes of the 2018 AGM be accepted. Carried. The minutes will be posted on the website.

Annual Financial Report: Viv made available, copies of the "Statement of Revenues and Expenditures of the MCPRA" and the "Balance Sheet" for the Year Ended September 30, 2018. Balance at September 30, 2018, was \$94 781.17. As well, the review of the reports by Jim Stewart was presented, who noted that they have been appropriately accounted for and recorded.

A motion, moved by Mike, and seconded by Brock, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted, carried.

Reappointment of Jim Stewart to review the Financial Statements: Viv, under procedures made necessary by Incorporation, reminded us that Jim Stewart would need to be reappointed, as the individual responsible for reviewing the MCPRA Financial Statements. Brock, seconded by Rod, put forward a motion to reappoint Jim Stewart. Carried.

Recognition and Thank You to Board Members Viv Mitchell and Noel Norenien on stepping down from the Board:

Viv, it was noted by Anne, has been Treasurer of MCPRA since 2014, to the present-also giving numerous hours, to ensure that we had proper processes and accountability mechanisms in place. Viv, Anne mentioned, is thorough, efficient, and always quick to take the money in, but equally considerate that payments were made promptly, often personally delivered.

Viv was an integral part of the Interpretive Panel Team, and has led the work at the Duck Park at the corner of Bridge and West River.

She has also been a key caretaker of the Centennial Park gateway park-quietly tending this garden, often on her own, and sometimes with additional volunteers-but never letting it be neglected.

Finally, the launch of Chic Time 2017 and the re-run in 2018, would not have been feasible without Viv's leadership, thoroughness, and generosity of time. She coordinated the logistics, finances, and most importantly, the food, amongst many other tasks.

Noel, served as President of MCPRA, from 2010 to 2018, and Past President over the past year.

He worked with Mike O'Neil on the Arena Expansion Project, and with the Legion and Ted Ross on the Remembrance Park.

He liaised with Councillor Moffatt and Margot Belanger on the transition of Dickinson Square.

Over the years, with Ian McDonald, Noel worked on the Centennial Park outdoor rink through the winters.

He participated in the Interpretive Panels project for Long Island Park, and the enhancement of the Duck Park.

More recently, he liaised with the Kiwanis Club to locate two park benches, one at the Duck Park, and one in Bracken's Field.

He has worked on pathways, Centennial Park gateway park, and City tree planting initiatives.

Overall, Noel has spent countless hours, leading MCPRA in defining its mandate, and making a difference.

2018 MCPRA Project Updates: Anne touched briefly on some of the accomplishments for the year.

The Arena Expansion Project was completed-kudos to Mike O'Neil- a \$2.5 million dollar project, with an Open House in September, and what a big difference for the community. We now have not only the fanciest dressing rooms in the City, but the beginnings of a real "Community Centre" she noted. The commemorative naming of the Arena (Mike O'Neil Arena) will take place next week.

Duck Park- kudos again- to Viv Mitchell this time, for leading the enhancement and continued naturalization of this area. New signage on what to feed the ducks, widened wood chip pathway, trees and native species planted are a few of the improvements.

Outdoor Rinks- The rinks have been managed by Noel and Mike, and also serve as a revenue source. MacLean Park received new boards and was operational before Christmas. These boards will now be taken down and stored during the summer. Centennial Park is now fully operational, having dealt with some water issues. A new snowblower was acquired by MCPRA for the Centennial rink. Thank you to Manotick Home Hardware for their commitment to the community in reducing the cost. Also thank you to all the volunteers involved in both rinks.

Chic Time 2018- This year was the first time the event was held in the Arena, and was sold out with 500 women participating. \$35 000 was raised for the Mahogany Harbour Project. Hats off to the committees and sub-committees for achieving this milestone, and to Laura Glasper and Emma Sharkey for taking the reins for Chic Time 2019.

Mahogany Harbour- All permits were finally received, albeit late in the season. Everyone is working hard to bring this important project to fruition in 2019- including RVCA, the City, Parks Canada, Ottawa Tourism, and our community partners- Kiwanis Club of Manotick, BIA, MVCA, and many others.

Centennial Park Enhancement Project- MCPRA created the Working Team, contracted Doug Fountain Landscape Architect, and kick-started the Concept Plan process. Many thanks to Brock for leading this endeavor, and Mike O'Neil for his support.

Feedback was solicited and provided on Mud Creek, Washka Park, and Beryl Gaffney Park.

Incorporation- MCPRA became incorporated on April 11, 2018, with a new By-law (Constitution) in place, which is aligned with the provincial guidelines. Many thanks to Andrew Wilson, Wilson Law Partners for his guidance and support.

MCPRA also participated in a Taste of Manotick, MCVA's Downtown Revitalization project, restoration of several recycled benches, updating of the website, sending 1/4ly newsletters, the Walking Club, and more.

Finally, and significantly, Anne noted the MCPRA Board has had the benefit of new members and energy, in welcoming Brock Thom and Gord MacGregor in 2018. As well, Laura Glasper, Jon Mack, and Derek Storie will come on board tonight. In summation, Anne spoke of the necessity of substantial human resources to not only imagine projects, but to get them done. It takes committed volunteers working selflessly, who care for their community, and she thanked everyone for their time, talents, and love of the 'Tick.

Election of the 2019 MCPRA Board: The following people have been nominated and have agreed to be members of the MCPRA Board:

Rod Corbett

Laura Glasper

Sue Hale

Jon Mack

Gord MacGregor

Mike O'Neil

Anne Robinson

Derek Storie

Brock Thom

A motion to accept the above slate was moved by Viv Mitchell, and seconded by Anne Robinson. Carried. Mike thanked Anne for steering us through the year, to applause.

Adjournment: Moved by Derek, seconded by Sue. Carried.