

Manotick Culture, Parks, & Recreation Association

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at Manotick Community Centre

Present: (MCPRA) Anne Robinson, Mike O'Neil, Jon Mack, Gord MacGregor, Sue Hale, Laura Glasper, Derek Storie, Rod Corbett, Emma Sharkey (Chic Time)

(Member of Provincial Parliament) Goldie Ghamari and her assistant.

(Manotick Tennis Club) Elliot Jackson, Diana Dowthwaite, Paula Toheil

(Manotick and Village Community Association) Lianne VanderBurcht, Theresa Roberts

(Manotick Co-op Nursery School) Stephanie Amanda

(Outdoor Rink Volunteers) Mr. & Mrs. Tom Hollinger, Steve West

Laura Fromow

Welcome: Anne Robinson welcomed everyone, and briefly explained the history, accomplishments, and plans of the MCPRA. All present introduced themselves.

Receipt of the 2019 AGM Minutes: The 2019 AGM Minutes were accepted on a motion by Sue Hale, seconded by Mike O'Neil

Annual Financial Report: Treasurer Jon Mack presented his report, noting a balance of \$42 371.42

A vote to accept the Financial Report, moved by Mike O'Neil, seconded by Sue Hale, carried.

Appointment of the Individual Conducting the MCPRA Financial Review: Jim Stewart was recommended to conduct the MCPRA Financial Review, on a motion by Jon Mack, seconded by Derek Storie. Carried.

Project Updates / Reports

Chic Time: Laura Glasper reviewed the history of “Chic Time” mentioning that funds raised from this year’s initiative would be directed toward the Centennial Park Enhancement Project. The evening will feature the theme “Carnival / Soiree” and is being organized by a great working committee. Anne thanked Emma Sharkey, Laura, and the working committee for their hard work.

Outdoor Rinks & Shiverfest: Mike O’Neil has taken on overseeing the rinks this year, with help from Tom Hollinger, Steve West, Pat Hilborn, Jay Purcell, Ian Holthof, Gord MacGregor, Alex Thurston, Carl Mertz, Brent Porteous, and Tom Plant.

Mike mentioned that the weather was creating some difficulties early on, but the ice is ready at present, and should make for a good Tim Bits hockey venue at Shiverfest this year.

Centennial Park Enhancement Project: With a view to starting Phase 1 this spring, Anne noted funding, including a \$125,000 Community Partnership grant from the City of Ottawa, a Tomlinson \$100,000 “in kind” donation, and an application for an Infrastructure Canada Grant. The Enhancement Project includes the outdoor rink, basketball court, and the skate park facility. Specific plans are a work-in-progress. The City of Ottawa, will manage the project. Decisions regarding the size of the rink, the boards, lighting, landscaping features have yet to be made. It was noted that a lot of the concept design work was already done in 2019.

Mahogany Harbour Landing: Completed in 2019, Anne Robinson thanked all partner organizations, donors, contractors, and individuals who brought this project to completion. The Landing was officially opened in August, 2019, during the Manotick BIA’s “Taste of Manotick” event, with the Mayor and Councillor Moffatt officiating. MCPRA is especially pleased to see how enthusiastically the community has taken to the site.

West River / Duck Park: Located on the northwest corner of West River Dr. and Bridge Street, Anne indicated that native plants had been planted along the edge, but there is still some maintenance to be done in the spring and MCPRA has met

with City of Ottawa staff to schedule this work. Also, a banner sign had been requested for the park.

Bench Installations: Additional benches have been placed in Long Island Park, and West River Park. Thanks to Mike O'Neil for seeing this completed.

Downtown Revitalization Committee: Sue Hale is the MCPRA member on this committee. She reported that some of the issues the group is studying are: parking, sidewalks, benches, lighting, and attempting to have a common feel to the downtown. What the public is looking for in the village and how to enhance businesses is a focus.

Bicycle Racks: Gord MacGregor is heading this initiative to increase the number of bike racks in the village, and promote biking. The bike racks will be purchased through Manotick Home Hardware. A number of businesses are interested in participating. Revised cycling route maps will also be developed.

Manotick United Church Advisory Council: Though initial funding hasn't materialized, the group is still hopeful that a Manotick and Area Centre for Arts and Wellness (MACAW) community centre / hub can be established. Gord MacGregor is representing MCPRA on this Advisory Council.

Jane's Walk: Anne Robinson explained this annual activity in memory of urban planner Jane Jacob's, held across the City of Ottawa each spring. MCPRA had led a large group through the village core, with stops at the Mill Quarter, Miller's Oven, Black Dog Bistro, Manotick United Church and Mahogany Landing.

Dickinson Days: MCPRA had a table at this year's celebration, and MCPRA members spoke with many of the patrons.

Walking Club: MCPRA oversees this activity at the arena community centre, on Mondays and Fridays. Considerable effort has been put into advertising the activity, in the hopes of increasing participation.

MCPRA Election of the 2020 Board:

Rod Corbett

Erin O'Connor

Laura Glasper

Mike O'Neil

Sue Hale

Anne Robinson

Jon Mack

Derek Storie

Gord MacGregor

Brock Thom

A motion by Anne Robinson, seconded by Jon Mack that the printed slate of names be approved for the MCPRA Board. Carried.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn by Mike O'Neil, seconded by Sue Hale carried.

The Annual General Meeting was followed by a roundtable discussion of projects/initiatives related to Centennial Park including MCPRA's Enhancement Project, expansion plans by the Manotick Tennis Club, activities hosted by the Manotick Cooperative Nursery School, and MVCA.