

Manotick Culture, Parks, & Recreation Association

Annual General Meeting

Thursday, January 11, 2018, 7:30 Miller's Oven

Present: Noel Norenus, Viv Mitchell, Mike O'Neil, Rod Corbett, Steve Cutler, Grace Thrasher, Terry Mason, Leeanne VanderBurgt **Regrets:** Anne Robinson, Sue Hale, Brock Thom, Lori Gadzalas

President's Opening Remarks: Noel noted in passing, that the MCPRA Constitution was approved on January 6, 2011. He mentioned non-attendance regrets for Anne, Sue, Lori, and Brock.

Treasurer's Report: Please find attached, a copy of the Statement of Revenues & Expenditures for the year ended September 30, 2017, along with a letter acknowledging these entries to be accounted for and correct by auditor, James Stewart.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report:

Moved by Rod, seconded by Mike, motion passed

Project Updates / Reports:

- a) Arena Expansion (Mike): The latest completion estimates on the project forecast the downstairs to be open by February 2, 2018. The timelines have been compromised by the late start in the spring. The goal of \$250 000 to be raised by the community has been met. The project, with upgrades, is pegged at \$2.6 million.
- b) Duck Lot (Viv): Please see attached, the hard copy titled "Duck Lot Enhancement" prepared by Viv.
- c) Kiwanis Bench Collaboration (Noel): Next year, it is possible that Kiwanis and MCPRA will work together to improve the half dozen benches on Mill Street.
- d) Mahogany Harbour Project (Viv for Anne): Soil sampling was done in the late fall, tangible evidence that this project is underway. As with all

shoreline and water projects, there is in place, an environmental moratorium between March 1st and July 1st. Next steps will be to lay the concrete base for the stairs, and put in the piles for the docks. A bench, kiosk, 3 red Adirondack chairs, and landscaping, including several trees, will be put in place at the “top of bank.”

- e) Outdoor Rinks (Mike & Noel): McLean Park rink has been coordinated by Mike. He is pleased by the response of volunteers, and the rink is open. Mike noted that the rink is celebrating 25 years, after being initiated by Tom Jolly. The Centennial Park rink, coordinated by Noel, has been hampered by construction at the arena, namely a bunker, cutting off the water supply to the rink. This issue has been resolved today. The hope is that the fire department can assist with water, and that the rink will be ready for Shiverfest.
- f) Downtown Revitalization (Grace): President of the MVCA, Grace brought us up to speed on the progress of a task force to revitalize Manotick’s downtown. The group is putting the focus on three goals: An economic development strategy, livability (paths, sidewalks, benches), and rebranding Manotick as more than an upper end bedroom community, with upper end craft shops...ie to broaden its appeal.
- g) Bartlett Park (Noel & Rod): Any changes to the designation or physical appearance of the park, and parking lot, are likely on hold until the redundant water supply pipe to the village goes through the park (in 2018-2019?). MCPRA continues to urge the councillor to bring in the city’s park planners and engineers, to establish a long range plan for the 34 acres that border a UNESCO World Heritage canal.
- h) Walking Club (Viv for Anne): The Walking Club is looking forward to the opening of the upstairs of the arena.
- i) Incorporation (Noel): At this time the MCPRA are awaiting the final draft of the application for incorporation from our lawyer. Hope is for a spring presentation.

Election of Officers: By acclamation....

Past President-Noel Norenus

President-Anne Robinson

Vice President-Mike O'Neil

Treasurer-Viv Mitchell

Secretary-Rod Corbett

At large-Sue Hale

-Brock Thom

A motion to adopt the new board of officers by Mike O'Neil, and seconded by Steve Cutler, was approved.

New Business:

- a) Skateboard Park at Centennial Park: Terry Mason addressed a concern that the skateboard facility is very tired looking, and in need of repairs and upgrades. She stressed that there is very little to do in Manotick for older teens, and that our "park" does not compare favourably with other neighbourhoods. Mike mentioned there is a fund set aside for Centennial, but it has been tapped for the arena expansion recently. He seemed to agree to looking into how the City, MCPRA, MVCA, and YOMA might set about to improve the site.
- b) Depot Park: All agreed that to develop the depot lands as park and pathways was a good thing, but not likely to happen in the immediate future.

Motion to Adjourn at 9 PM: Moved by Noel, seconded by Steve, a motion to adjourn was approved.