



Vars Community Association / Association communautaire de Vars

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Minutes of the Vars Community Association (VCA) Meeting

Meeting date	February 7, 2018
Attendees	Wayne Redsell Gary Larocque Jenny Ashdown Danielle Vendette

Items	Summary of discussions/decisions	Actions
1.	Meeting minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">The board looked at the minutes from the last meeting. Motion passed to adopt the minutes.Action items were reviewed and discussed:Community Centre in Alcide Trudeau Park.Signs at Alcide Trudeau Park<ul style="list-style-type: none">Alcide Trudeau sign: We asked for a grant, we got 32K from the City. Jean is currently working with the City to finalize the details (e.g. permit, removal of original sign, specs, etc). Deadline is December 22nd. Jean went over the terms and conditions of the project with the directors. Motion passed to approve the project (authorized by all directors, signed by Gary, Wayne and Genevieve).Ivan asked if the City will pave Devine road. Some directors believe that they will.	<p>Jean will update the VCA as needed and will advise how the VCA can assist.</p> <p>Jean will continue to work with the City of Ottawa to finalize the details for the new Alcide Trudeau sign. Unfortunately, Jean ran into a few issues (electricity, variance committee, etc.) Decision pending.</p> <p>Gary will follow-up with</p>

	Discussion on the possibility of adding a paved shoulder on one side so that the residents could access the trails in the Cumberland Forest. Gary will follow-up with the City.	the City re: paving Devine road.
2.	Financial Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The board looked at the report. - Motion passed to adopt the report. 	
3.	Rink <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jacques Legault is doing the supervision. - Meryl is doing the maintenance. - Rink is going well, however, numbers are down from previous years. 	
4.	Sign <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jason from Stephen Blais' office is supposed to send Gary other options than digital signs as getting power to the sign is very costly. 	
5.	CRRRC - Taggart-Miller <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gary attended a meeting. - He will add minutes from last meeting to the VCA website. 	Gary will add CRRRC meeting minutes to the VCA website.
6.	Open floor for discussion Next meeting: March 14th, 2018 7:30	



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Meeting date	March 14, 2018
Attendees	Wayne Redsell Genevieve Henrie Gary Larocque Jenny Ashdown

Items	Summary of discussions/decisions	Actions
1.	Meeting minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The board looked at the minutes from the last meeting. Motion passed to adopt the minutes.• Action items were reviewed and discussed:• Community Centre in Alcide Trudeau Park.• Sign at Alcide Trudeau Park<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ We asked for a grant, we got 32K from the City. Jean is currently working with the City to finalize the details (e.g. permit, removal of original sign, specs, etc). Deadline was December 22nd. Jean went over the terms and conditions of the project with the directors. Motion passed to approve the project (authorized by all directors, signed by Gary, Wayne and Genevieve). Before the holidays, Jean ran into a few issues (electricity, variance committee, etc.). Jason from Stephen Blais' office is	<p>Jean will update the VCA as needed and will advise how the VCA can assist.</p> <p>Jean will follow-up with Jason/Stephen Blais' office when he returns</p>

	<p>supposed to send Gary other options than digital sign as getting power to the sign is very costly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ivan asked if the City will pave Devine road. Some directors believe that they will. Discussion on the possibility of adding a paved shoulder on one side so that the residents could access the trails in the Cumberland Forest. Gary will follow-up with the City. 	Gary will follow-up with the City re: paving Devine road.
2.	<p>Financial Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The board looked at the report. Motion passed to adopt the report. 	
3.	<p>Rink</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jenny mentioned that she did not get any money for the rink yet. Gary mentioned that the program manager is new and we should receive the money shortly. The VCA discussed the fact that the rink conditions weren't great this year partly due to weather but according to some residents, other rinks in the area (such as Carlsbad Springs) were in good conditions. The VCA was approached by 2 residents that would like to take care of the rink maintenance next year. 	
4.	<p>Bradley Cup</p> <p>For the past 3 years, Navan has hosted a community hockey tournament. The winning team normally donates the amount raised to a cause of their choosing. This year, the 6 teams will have 250\$ to donate and the winning team will get 15% of the amount raised.</p> <p>Jean François Caron has put a team together to represent Vars and will donate his team's share to the VCA. The VCA brainstormed on what the money could be used for:</p> <p>If the team gets 250\$: BBQ and movie at the park during the last week of school.</p> <p>If team wins (15%):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sponsor minor sports in Vars (Soccer and 	Genevieve will send the VCA's options to Jean-François.

	<p>Baseball).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sponsor something for Canada Day (e.g. show, bouncy castles, fireworks) - Purchase covers for baseball benches (dougout) - Money could go in account for eventual Tennis court <p>Genevieve will send the options to Jean-François.</p>	
5.	<p>Radio Station</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gary and Dennis met on December 20th to discuss the future of the radio station. Gary mentioned that for now, the radio station is not feasible for Vars. 	
6.	<p>Taggart-Miller</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gary attended the meeting on December 20th. - Gary will share the minutes with the VCA. 	Gary will share the minutes to the VCA
7.	<p>Open floor for discussion</p> <p>Next meeting: April 18th 2018</p>	



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Meeting date	April 18, 2018
Attendees	Wayne Redsell Genevieve Henrie Jenny Ashdown Chris Nooyen Jean Seguin Councillor Blais Jason Coulas

Items	Summary of discussions/decisions	Actions
1.	Meeting minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The board looked at the minutes from the last meeting. Motion passed to adopt the minutes.- Action items were reviewed and discussed:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ivan asked if the City will pave Devine road. Some directors believe that they will. Discussion on the possibility of adding a paved shoulder on one side so that the residents could access the trails in the Cumberland Forest. Gary will follow-up with the City.• Taggart-Miller. Gary attended the meeting on December 20th. Gary will share the minutes with the VCA. More on Taggart Miller under item 5 below.	<p>Gary will follow-up with the City re: paving Devine road.</p> <p>Gary will share the minutes to the VCA</p>
2.	Financial Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The board looked at the report.- Motion passed to adopt the report.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jenny mentioned that we are yet to receive the money for the key agent as well as the money for the rink.	Jason, councilor Blais' special assistant, will verify with the City.

3.	Rink <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Final report sent it. Wayne needs someone to scan the daily logs. - We will take on the responsibility of rink maintenance next year again. - Christian Jeffroy will be responsible for the rink maintenance next year. - Wayne will advise Meryl. 	Wayne will advise Meryl that Christian will be responsible for ice maintenance next year.
4.	Bradley Cup <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jean François Caron's team did not win the tournament but they will donate 250\$ to the VCA. This amount will be used towards a BBQ and movie night at the end of June, to coincide with the end of the school year. - Exact date will be Friday, June 22nd. - We will address this item at the next meeting in May to develop small work plan. 	Gary to add this item on the Agenda for the meeting in May.
5.	Councillor Blais Councillor Blais attended the meeting to brief the VCA on certain projects. Below is a list of the most important points that were discussed: <p>1. Sign at Alcide Trudeau Park Back in the fall of 2017, the VCA asked for a grant and we received 32K from the City. Jean worked with the City to finalize some of the details (e.g. permit, removal of original sign, specs, etc). However, before the holidays, Jean ran into issues with electricity and the project was placed on hold for the winter. Jean met with councilor Blais this week to discuss the future of the project. Councillor Blais mentioned that the sign that we originally proposed will be more expensive than the 32K originally reserved for the project. He is now looking at alternative options.</p> <p>2. Community Centre in Alcide Trudeau Park This project has been Vars' priority for a few years now. The construction of a new community centre in Alcide Trudeau would be approximately 2M, of which, the city has reserved 1M.</p> <p>All levels of government were approached to come up</p>	Councillor Blais will send alternative options for the sign to the VCA.

	<p>with the remaining 1M without any success.</p> <p>Due to various elections approaching, this project will be placed on hold until 2019 (because of the elections, we are not expecting to receive any funding for a while). Councillor Blais mentioned that as the Recreational Plan is developed for the next few years, Councillor Blais will ensure that the community centre in Alcide Trudeau is added to the list of community centers that will require work.</p> <p>3. Taggart Miller Councillor Blais mentioned that the Taggart Millier facility will give money to surrounding communities, similarly to the Friends of mer bleue (money per ton). The amount is expected to be 6M, which would represent 225,000\$ per year, to be shared between the surrounding communities.</p> <p>4. Other items raised Councillor Blais shared the project list with the VCA. The big project is the overpass at the highway exit for Rockdale. The eastbound exit will have lights.</p> <p>The City will be resurfacing Frank Kenny. This year, the focus will be on the culverts and next year, pavement.</p> <p>Councillor Blais and Jean attended a meeting with the School board re: security issue with the school buses before and after school. The City proposed different options to the school. The school board is currently analyzing the options.</p> <p>Councillor Blais mentioned that there is a community theater group that could be available in our region (e.g. for events). It's called the Vintage Stock Theatre: http://www.vintagestock.on.ca/</p> <p>Coucillor Blais and Jason left the meeting around 9:00.</p>	
6.	<p>Bearbrook renovations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jean mentioned that there might be an opportunity to take over the booking at Bearbrook. - None of the members volunteered to take this on. The members will think of potential residents that 	<p>Gary to add this item on the Agenda for the meeting in May.</p>

	<p>might be interested in this task.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We will address this item at the next meeting in May. 	
7.	<p>Tennis court</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vars is the only village in their surrounding that does not have a tennis court. - The members discussed what would be needed in order to develop this project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o business case o quotes o funding from potential investors/sponsors - We will address this item at the next meeting in May. 	<p>Genevieve will contact the City of Clarence Rockland to obtain the cost of the 2 new tennis courts in Hammond.</p> <p>Gary to add this item on the Agenda for the meeting in May.</p>
8.	<p>Open floor for discussion</p> <p>Next meeting: May 16th, 2018</p>	



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Meeting date	May 16, 2018
Attendees	Danielle Vendette Wayne Redsell Genevieve Henrie Gary Larocque Jenny Ashdown Chris Nooyen Carline Jones

Items	Summary of discussions/decisions	Actions
1.	Meeting minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The board looked at the minutes from the last meeting. Motion passed to adopt the minutes. Action items were reviewed and discussed: Ivan asked if the City will pave Devine road. Some directors believe that they will. Discussion on the possibility of adding a paved shoulder on one side so that the residents could access the trails in the Cumberland Forest. Gary will follow-up with the City. Christian Jeffroy will be responsible for the rink maintenance next year. 	Gary will follow-up with the City re: paving Devine road. Wayne will advise Meryl.
2.	Financial Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The board looked at the report. Motion passed to adopt the report. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jenny mentioned that we received the money for the rink and the key agent. 	
3.	Sign <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Councillor Blais has confirmed that Vars will be 	Gary will ask the City if the current sign at the

	<p>getting a new digital sign but it will be at the Fire Station rather than Alcide Trudeau Park (because of hydro issues).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The members of the VCA discussed the need to place the sign closer to the road. - The members also discussed the possibility of bringing the current sign from the Fire Hall to Bearbrook. - The City will be responsible to update the messages on the sign. 	Fire Hall can be moved to Bearbrook.
4.	<p>Movie at the park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The VCA will organize a movie night at the park in collaboration with the Bradley Cup (Jean François Caron's team donated \$250 to the VCA). - Exact date will be Friday, June 22nd. - Genevieve drafted a work plan. The members went through the work plan and assigned tasks. - We will review the tasks at the next meeting. 	Gary will add the Movie at the park as an item to discuss at the next meeting.
5.	<p>Tennis court</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All members are in agreement that Vars would greatly benefit from having a tennis court. - Genevieve contacted the City of Clarence Rockland to obtain the cost of the 2 new tennis courts in Hammond. Without hydro, the cost was \$150,000. Since Vars only wants 1 tennis court, this cost could be divided in two (\$75,000). - Genevieve will develop a work plan for this project. - We can review the work plan at the next meeting. 	<p>Genevieve will develop a work plan for this project.</p> <p>Gary will add the Movie at the park as an item to discuss at the next meeting.</p>
6.	<p>Pinerest residence closed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gary mentioned that the Pinerest residential care home has closed on Buckland. 	
7.	<p>Carlsbad radio station</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gary mentioned that the radio station will now have music (not just information). This does not affect Vars from a financial stand point. - Of note, station for Carlsbad is 107.7. Station for Vars is 107.9. 	
8.	<p>Community Garden</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monique Beliveau and Linda Shen will be using the garden beds this year. - The planters need more soil. Gary will take care of that. 	Gary will fill garden beds with new soil.

9.	Canada Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gary mentioned that all the Canada festivities will be in Alcide Trudeau Park with the exception of the fireworks which will be in a field. - The optimist club asked if the VCA could give money for Canada Day. - Motion passed to give \$500. 	
10.	Bearbrook <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gary will be the key agent and will look after the bookings (rather than being administered by the City). 	Gary will be the key agent and will look after the bookings.
11.	Open floor for discussion Next meeting: June 13, 2018	



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Meeting date	June 13 th , 2018
Attendees	Danielle Vendette Wayne Redsell Genevieve Henrie Gary Larocque Jenny Ashdown Chris Nooyen Carline Jones Ivan Tanner

Items	Summary of discussions/decisions	Actions
1.	Meeting minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The board looked at the minutes from the last meeting. Motion passed to adopt the minutes.• Action items were reviewed and discussed:• Ivan asked if the City will pave Devine road. Some directors believe that they will. Discussion on the possibility of adding a paved shoulder on one side so that the residents could access the trails in the Cumberland Forest. Gary will follow-up with the City.• Christian Jeffroy will be responsible for the rink maintenance next year.• Tennis court	Gary will follow-up with the City re: paving Devine road. Wayne will advise Meryl. As time permits, Genevieve will develop a work plan for this.
2.	Financial Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The board looked at the report.	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motion passed to adopt the report. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jenny mentioned that Meryl and Jacques got paid for rink maintenance and supervision. 	
3.	<p>Sign</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In May, Gary mentioned that Concillor Blais confirmed that Vars will be getting a new sign at the Fire Hall. - The association did not receive any new information in regards to the sign. It is now in the hands of the City of Ottawa (Parks and Recreation). - A member pointed out the need to talk to the Fire Chief to ensure there are no issues with adding a new sign at the Fire Hall. 	<p>Wayne will talk to Tim (the fire chief) to ensure a new sign would be welcome.</p> <p>When approved, Gary will ask the City if the current sign at the Fire Hall can be moved to Bearbrook. He will also ask that the sign be placed closer to the road.</p>
4.	<p>Movie at the park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The VCA will organize a movie night at the park in collaboration with the Bradley Cup (Jean François Caron's team donated \$250 to the VCA). - Exact date will be Friday, June 22nd. - Genevieve drafted a work plan. The members went through the work plan and assigned tasks. 	<p>All members will look at the work plan and complete their assigned tasks.</p>
5.	<p>Community Garden</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gary filled the garden beds with new soil and fixed a few things. 	
6.	<p>Canada Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gary mentioned that all the Canada Day festivities will be in Alcide Trudeau Park during the day from 10h to 4h (bouncy castles, games, beer garden) - As of 7:00, the festivities will move to the corner of Frank Kenny and Russell. There will be music and fireworks later on. - Ivan will put Canada Day flags on the main street with the assistance of high school kids. 	
7.	<p>Bearbrook</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gary will be the key agent. At the last meeting, we mentioned that Gary will look after the bookings. This has not been confirmed. Pending approval from the City of Ottawa. 	

8.	<p>Nooyen family farm expansion complaint</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Laurie McCannell complained against the Nooyen farm expansion. - The Association talked about the concerns raised by Laurie, point by point for analysis. - Chris Nooyen, who attended the meeting, answered questions and concerns raised. - Chris, who was open with sharing information about the expansion, showed all blue prints to the Association. - To the best of their knowledge, the Association believes that the concerns were answered adequately and does not have an issue with the expansion. - Essentially, the modernization of the facilities will mostly be beneficial for the animals, people, esthetics and surrounding environment. 	<p>Gary will draft a letter to summarize our discussion and the VCA's position re: the Nooyen farm expansion.</p>
9.	<p>Open floor for discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A member asked why we don't have a porter potty in the Alcide Trudeau Park. - The members thought this was a valid concern. - A member asked about the market mobile. - The members explained that due to lack of demand and volunteers, this program had to be discontinued for the village. <p>Next meeting: August 8th, 7:30</p>	<p>Gary will ask a Navan resident how they got a porter potty in their park.</p>



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Meeting date	September 28, 2018
Attendees	<p>Ivan Tanner Genevieve Henrie Jenny Ashdown Chris Nooyen Wayne Redsell Danielle Vendette Caroline Jones Councillor Stephen Blais Jason Coulas Jean Séguin</p> <p>Of note: The meeting was held at the Alcide Trudeau Park, amalgamated with a BBQ and movie at the Park. Residents that were at the park also attended the meeting.</p>

Items	Summary of discussions/decisions	Actions
1.	Comments from the President, Gary Larocque (read by Ivan Tanner) - Please speaking notes in Appendix A.	
2.	Review of projects and financial statement - Ivan presented the financial statement and explained how funds are reserved for specific projects. - Overall, we are in good financial standing. - Please see financial report in Appendix B.	
3.	Comments from special guests - Councillor Blais addressed the community. He talked about projects and opportunities that affect our community.	
4.	Question period - The members did not have any questions for Councillor Blais.	
5.	Election of directors President: Gary Larocque	

	Vice President: Chris Nooyen Secretary: Genevieve Henrie Treasurer: Jenny Ashdown Directors: Ivan Tanner Danielle Vendette Wayne Redsell Caroline Jones	
6.	Corporations Canada As secretary, Genevieve will file the following with Corporations Canada: - Annual return confirmation - New board of directors	Genevieve will file annual return and board of directors with Corporations Canada.
7.	Closing remarks - VCA meetings will be every 3rd Wednesdays of every month. - Next meeting: Oct 17th, 2018	

Appendix A: President's Comments

Good evening, bonsoir, and welcome to the 2018 VCA's Annual General Meeting.

Firstly, I wish to thank my colleagues, members of the VCA for their committed hard work for our community as well as all residents and supporters who have come forward to give us a hand in ensuring the best interests of our community.

I wish to take a few moments to run down the activities that your association has been involved with over the past year.

We have held monthly meetings, where as a team, we have reviewed issues, projects, concerns and priorities of interest for the village.

Each member has had numerous one-on-one meetings with residents, our elected representatives, potential entrepreneurs and City officials to determine what else can be done to improve our village.

Over the year, we have been involved with:

- The Remembrance Day ceremony
- Cenotaph maintenance
- Rink management
- Canada Day celebrations supporting the Optimist Club
- Alcide Trudeau Park construction proposal which is still being contemplated, pending funding
- Key agent for Alcide Trudeau Park and Bearbrook centre
- Summer youth program which has been postponed again this year due to lack of registrations
- Community garden maintenance which is somewhat being used
- The annual Christmas tree lighting

Obviously, we did not do all of this alone nor did we do just that. While we have many friends throughout the community, our main partners have been Councillor Blais, his staff, especially Jason Coulas, and City officials, the school and most of all, the Optimist Club members.

On the financial side, the VCA is in good financial health. We had decided to split our savings under different categories for better management and planning exercises. The VCA receives very limited funding other than from the City for specific activities like the rink and key agent. Over the years, while we have sponsored community activities and acquired some items for the community, we still manage to have some \$29,000 in the bank.

We are in good business standing with Corporations Canada as well as with Revenue Canada, having filed our corporate tax returns on time.

We are keeping an eye on the proposed development of the Taggart-Miller waste recovery plant as we now have VCA representation on the community steering committee.

The establishment of Amazon in our backyard will certainly be beneficial for our economic growth and market value for our properties.

With the recent weather devastations in our region, the VCA, with the cooperation of the school, parishes, local firefighters and City officials, is launching the process for an emergency preparedness program for our community and will allocate some funds to this initiative, just in case the misfortunes come our way ...!

We have hosted these community BBQs and movie night in the park events to bring the community closer together. This compliments the terrific work already done by the school and the Optimist Club in support of our community social wellbeing.

The VCA has been working with the Carlsbad Springs Community Association in developing a community radio station to serve our community. This would be a perfect communication tool for the village especially during emergencies.

We are still working with city officials to replace our signage information board at the park or fire station for an electronic module, facilitating our messaging to the community.

We have supported the school and city officials in finding a secured access to our school premises for the now 5 school buses that park in front of the school as well as for the drop off of the children by parents.

The VCA had contemplated seeking funding for a tennis court at Casandra Park. However, this would be a “nice to have” as no funding seems available at this time for this project.

The biggest challenge remains finding volunteers. We do notice that not only for the VCA but also the Optimist Club and parish organizations are having more and more trouble finding community members to help out. The solution is not that obvious and we all need urgent help in finding ways to increase community participation, otherwise programs will fall short. A perfect example is the Market Mobile initiative and to some extent the summer youth program.

We are putting a special call out to students who require community work hours to complete their curriculum. We also need community input on what will make our village better, both economically and socially, for the benefit of all, young and old.

While Vars is a so-called bedroom community, it is expanding with many new and young families. We are most fortunate to have the St-Guillaume school at our disposal and the terrific group of committed teachers to help out. Every single one of us makes the community what it is and we only can shape its future through our participation and ideas. This is what the VCA is all about. Merci.

Appendix B: Financial report

Vars Community Association VCA 2018				
	Description	Debit	Credit	Profits/Reserves
Operating Budget	Petty Cash	\$ -	\$173.14	\$173.14
	Operating Balance	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,500.80	\$ 3,000.80
Ongoing Projects	Outdoor Rink	\$ 5,700.00	\$ 5,899.00	\$ 199.00
	Cenotaph Initiative / Remembrance Day	\$ 257.16	\$ 3,970.65	\$ 3,713.49
	Youth Initiatives	\$ -	\$ 7,980.29	\$ 7,980.29
	Community Initiatives	\$ 2,391.62	\$ 15,908.07	\$ 13,516.45
	Bearbrook/facilities-management	\$ 900.00	\$ 935.00	\$ 35.00
	Donations	\$ -	\$ 1,125.00	\$ 1,125.00
Account balance	\$ 29,570.03			
Current balance	\$ 29,743.17	\$ 9,748.78	\$39,318.81	\$29,570.03



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Jenny Ashdown
VCA Treasurer



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Meeting date	October 17, 2018
Attendees	Genevieve Henrie Jenny Ashdown Danielle Vendette Wayne Redsell Caroline Jones Ivan Tanner Jean Séguin

Items	Summary of discussions/decisions	Actions
1.	Meeting minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The board looked at the minutes from the last meeting. Motion passed to adopt the minutes. Action items were reviewed and discussed: Ivan asked if the City will pave Devine road. Some directors believe that they will. Discussion on the possibility of adding a paved shoulder on one side so that the residents could access the trails in the Cumberland Forest. Gary will follow-up with the City. Tennis court Bearbrook Gary will be the key agent. At the last meeting, we mentioned that Gary will look after the bookings. This has not been confirmed. Pending approval from the City of Ottawa. 	Gary will follow-up with the City re: paving Devine road. As time permits, Genevieve will develop a work plan for this.
2.	Financial Report	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The board looked at the report. - Motion passed to adopt the report. - Jenny submitted the VCA's taxes for 2017. 	
3.	Corporations Canada <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As secretary, Genevieve will file the following with Corporations Canada: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Annual return confirmation o New board of directors - *Due to be filed between 2018-10-26 – 2018-12-25 	Genevieve will file annual return and board of directors with Corporations Canada.
4.	Movie at the park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The VCA organized 2 movie nights in 2018, one in June and one in September. Great turn out to both. - June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Purchased 60 hotdogs and 60 hamburgers (All were cooked). o Cost of food: \$260 - September <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Purchased 100 hotdogs and 100 hamburgers o Cooked all hamburgers. Cooked 76 hotdogs o Cost of food: \$321 	
5.	Sign <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concellor Blais mentioned that the sign should be coming in November. 	
6.	Community Garden <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The garden beds were well used during the summer. 	
7.	Rink <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The application for the grant needs to be submitted before November 1. - Wayne will take care of the application - Christian Jeffroy will be responsible for the rink maintenance next year. - We need to find someone to take care of the supervision. 	<p>Gary will send the grant application to Wayne. Wayne will submit the application to the City.</p> <p>The VCA needs to find someone to take care of the supervision.</p>
8.	Generators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The City approved \$2200 to purchase generators. - Jean purchased four: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Two 3500W portable machines for 608.17\$ for both o Two 2200W portable machines for 1466.74\$ for both - The generators will be kept and maintained by 	

	<p>Gary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is a 3 year warranty on all machines. - Total amount of \$2074.91\$. For the balance, Jean will buy gas containers. - Under the agreement, VCA owns them, manages them and is responsible for any cost incurred associated with their usage. - Need a resolution from the board of director to allow Gary and Chris to sign off on the agreement for a maximum of \$2200 for the acquisition of generators. Resolution passed, signed by 5 members. 	
9.	<p>Dunrobin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jenny purchased a card that we all signed. - Jean will write a letter on behalf of the VCA. - We will submit the cheque of \$500 shortly. 	
10.	<p>Alcide Trudeau Field House</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jean had to purchase a new key box. \$51.17 from Home Depot 	
11.	<p>Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The VCA has supported several initiatives recently: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Optimist Club – Bearbrook Playgroup o Paroisse St-Guillaume Bazar o Bearbrook Anglican church Bazar 	
12.	<p>Priorities for this year</p> <p>On-going events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remembrance Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o November 4th, at 2:00. o Ivan and Jean are coordinating the event. o They went through the different tasks. o The VCA will cover the cost for the refreshments. - Lighting of the Christmas Tree <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o December 2nd at 6:30 start, 7:00 flip the switch o Genevieve will be the MC. o The VCA has selected Carol Richardson to flip the switch. She does a lot for the community. o Ivan will contact Carol. o The VCA will cover the cost for refreshments and light if required. - Movie night (June and September) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Ivan suggested that we purchase a portable 	<p>Ivan will contact Carol to flip the switch.</p>

	<p>screen that can be used for other events. Motion proposed by Ivan, second by Danielle.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jean will look at options. <p>New events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Family day: The VCA discussed organizing an event for family day where we could get a grant from the City. Roughly, this is what the event could consist of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$500 Advertising ○ \$700 Sleigh ride – Horses around the village ○ \$1000 Food (poutine, hotdogs and beavertails) Ask Optimist club to cook. Mashmallows, weenies for fire, water, hot chocolate. ○ \$500 Band or music ○ Fire ○ Cost? Snow hill for sliding: Base of hay / City to bring snow ○ \$100 games and prizes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Game 1: Snowshoeing race ▪ Game 2: Tug of war ▪ Game 3: ○ 500 Fireworks ○ Jean will look at the deadline for applying. <p>On-going projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rink - Garden beds <p>New projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Centre in Alcide Trudeau Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The VCA will readdress this issue with the City after the elections. - Tennis court <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We need to look at sponsors 	<p>Jean will look at portable screen options.</p> <p>Jean will look at the deadline for applying. If we are not too late, Genevieve can draft a budget for the submission.</p>
13.	<p>Open floor for discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A member asked why we don't have a porter potty in the Alcide Trudeau Park. - The members thought this was a valid concern. <p>Next meeting: November 21</p>	<p>Gary will ask a Navan resident how they got a porter potty in their park.</p>

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Minutes of the Vars Community Association (VCA) Meeting

Meeting date	November 21, 2018
Attendees	Genevieve Henrie Gary Larocque Wayne Redsell Chris Nooyen Ivan Tanner Danielle Vendette (absent) Caroline Jones (absent) Jean Séguin (absent) Jenny Ashdown (absent)

Items	Summary of discussions/decisions	Actions
1.	Meeting minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The board looked at the minutes from the last meeting. Motion passed to adopt the minutes. Action items were reviewed and discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ivan asked if the City will pave Devine road. Some directors believe that they will. Discussion on the possibility of adding a paved shoulder on one side so that the residents could access the trails in the Cumberland Forest. Gary will follow-up with the City. New projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Centre in Alcide Trudeau Park Tennis court (We need to look at sponsors) Bearbrook <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gary will be the key agent. At the last meeting, we mentioned that Gary will look after the 	Gary will follow-up with the City re: paving Devine road. The VCA will readdress these projects with the City after the elections. Pending approval from

	<p>bookings. This has not been confirmed. Pending approval from the City of Ottawa.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family day event The VCA might organize an event for Family Day. We can't get a grant from the City but we could do something simple with the money that we have in the budget. • Porta potty in the park A member asked why we don't have a porta potty in the Alcide Trudeau Park. The members thought this was a valid concern. • Portable screen For events, the VCA thought it might be good to have a portable screen that we can easily bring to different events. 	<p>the City of Ottawa.</p> <p>VCA will talk about Family day event in Dec/Jan.</p> <p>The VCA will look into this in the spring of 2019.</p> <p>Jean will look at portable screen options.</p>
2.	<p>Financial Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The board looked at the report. - Motion passed to adopt the report. 	
3.	<p>Corporations Canada</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As secretary, Genevieve has filed the following with Corporations Canada: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Annual return confirmation ○ New board of directors 	
4.	<p>Sign</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concellor Blais mentioned that the sign should be coming in December. 	
5.	<p>Rink</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wayne sent the application for the grant. - Christian Jeffroy will be responsible for the rink maintenance. - Jacques Legault will be doing the supervision. 	
6.	<p>Fire department request in Navan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The fire department for sector 7 is organizing a chili cook off on December 10th. - Request from Tim to have a member of the VCA present to be part of the jury for the cook off. - Gary cannot attend. Chris will see if he can go, if 	

	not, Wayne will attend.	
7.	Generators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jean sent the receipt for the four generators to the VCA to keep in our files and keep a copy with the equipment. - There is a 3 year-warranty on all machines. 	Genevieve will keep receipt in our files. Gary will keep a copy with the equipment.
8.	Dunrobin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We received a correspondence to thank us for our donation. 	
9.	Remembrance Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ivan mentioned that the event went well; Great turn out, about a 100 people showed up. 	
10.	Lighting of the Christmas Tree <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The event will be held on December 2nd at 6:30. We will flip the switch at 7:00. VCA will arrive at 6:00 to set-up. - Genevieve will be the MC. - Morley and Bruce Strauss will flip the switch this year. Ivan reached out to both of them. - The VCA will cover the cost for refreshments and lights (if any need to be replaced). - Ivan will send a quick bio on Morley and Bruce to Genevieve. 	Ivan will send a bio on Morley and Bruce
11.	French-Ontarian mobilizations in the region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Vanier Community Association and its Francophone Committee reached out to the VCA to see if we would like to collaborate with them and get involved in the overall provincial social movement against the announced cuts by the provincial government. - The VCA is supporting this effort. Gary will try to attend a meeting on Nov 23 to get more information. If he can't attend, he will call the chair of the association to get more information. 	Gary will try to attend the meeting on Nov 23 to know more and will contact
12.	Open floor for discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The members did not have anything to add. - Next meeting: December 12 at the Nooyen's. - The members that did not attend the meeting on November 21 will supply refreshments... ☺ 	



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Meeting date	January 09, 2019
Attendees	Gary Larocque Chris Nooyen Jean Séguin Jenny Ashdown Danielle Vendette Wayne Redsell (absent) Genevieve Henrie (absent) Ivan Tanner (absent) Caroline Jones (absent)

Items	Summary of discussions/decisions	Actions
1.	Meeting minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The board looked at the minutes from the last meeting. Motion passed to adopt the minutes. Action items were reviewed and discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ivan asked if the City will pave Devine road. Some directors believe that they will. Discussion on the possibility of adding a paved shoulder on one side so that the residents could access the trails in the Cumberland Forest. Gary will follow-up with the City. New projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Centre in Alcide Trudeau Park Tennis court (We need to look at sponsors) Bearbrook <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gary will be the key agent. At the last meeting, we mentioned that Gary will look after the 	Gary will follow-up with the City re: paving Devine road. The VCA will readdress these projects with the City after the elections. Pending approval from

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2.	<p>Financial Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The board looked at the report. - Motion passed to adopt the report. 	
3.	<p>Rink</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chris has done a great job with the rink and has also created a puddle rink. 	
4.	<p>Sign</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The sign should be done in February. 	
5.	<p>Tim Horton's in Vars</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Big changes are coming to the Esso. Negotiations are on going but a Tim Horton's will most likely be included in the renovations. 	
6.	<p>Murale des enfants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Murale Nationale des Enfants du Canada will be at the Saint-Guillaume school on March 21 to create a murale with the kids that will remain at the school. The organization asked the VCA to sponsor the event. - Gary will speak with the school principal (Julie Davidson) to get more details on the event. - At the next meeting, we will make a decision. 	
7.	<p>Open floor for discussion</p> <p>Next meeting will be at the fire hall on Feb 20th.</p>	



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Meeting date	February 20, 2019
Attendees	<p>Genevieve Henrie Gary Larocque Chris Nooyen</p> <p>Wayne Redsell (absent) Ivan Tanner (absent) Danielle Vendette (absent) Caroline Jones (absent) Jean Séguin (absent) Jenny Ashdown (absent)</p>

Items	Summary of discussions/decisions	Actions
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2.	<p>Financial Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The board looked at the report. - Motion passed to adopt the report. 	
3.	<p>Sign</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The sign is up!!! - Great work everyone. 	
4.	<p>Rink</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Due to mild weather, the ice conditions have suffered. - Some residents went on the ice even though the rink was closed which caused further damage. - Chris posted a message on Facebook to ask the residents to remain off the ice when it is closed. - Not sure the ice will re-open because of the damages and more mild weather to come. 	
5.	<p>Another group home in Vars</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The VCA was advised this week that another group home is planning to be constructed in Vars, on 1670 Devine road. - A letter for minor variance was sent out. - Gary will contact Stephen Blais to discuss and will reiterate that a cap for residential care homes has been placed on Vars as per Neighbourhood plan developed in 2009 with the City of Ottawa. - Gary will attend the hearing on March 9th. 	
6.	<p>Open floor for discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Next meeting will be held on March 20th at 7:30 at the firehall. 	



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Minutes of the Vars Community Association (VCA) Meeting

Meeting date	March 20, 2019
Attendees	Genevieve Henrie Gary Larocque Chris Nooyen Wayne Redsell Danielle Vendette Jenny Ashdown Ivan Tanner (absent) Caroline Jones (no longer a director of the VCA)

Items	Summary of discussions/decisions	Actions
1.	Meeting minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The board looked at the minutes from the last meeting. Motion passed to adopt the minutes.• Action items were reviewed and discussed:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ivan asked if the City will pave Devine road. Some directors believe that they will. Discussion on the possibility of adding a paved shoulder on one side so that the residents could access the trails in the Cumberland Forest. Gary followed-up. The trails are too far to pave the sides. Would not be accessible from Rockdale regardless. Paving Devine Road is in the City mandate in the next 5 years.• New projects<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Community Centre in Alcide Trudeau Park- Tennis court (We need to look at sponsors)• Bearbrook	The VCA will readdress these projects with the City after the elections.

	<p>Gary is the key agent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Porta potty in the park A member asked why we don't have a porta potty in the Alcide Trudeau Park. The members thought this was a valid concern. 	The VCA will look into this in the spring of 2019.
2.	<p>Financial Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The board looked at the report. - Motion passed to adopt the report. 	
3.	<p>Rink</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rink is closed. Last operational day was March 9th. - Gary will submit the paper work for the final installment. - We've had issues with people going on the rink when it was closed. For next year, we'll add a sign to ensure it is clear when the rink is closed. This caused a lot of damage to the ice. 	Gary will submit the paper work for the final installment.
4.	<p>Another group home in Vars</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At the end of February, the VCA was advised that another group home is planning to be constructed in Vars, on 1670 Devine road. - A letter for minor variance was sent out. - Gary contacted Stephen Blais to discuss and reiterated that a cap for residential care homes has been placed on Vars as per Neighbourhood plan developed in 2009 with the City of Ottawa. Stephen Blais was unaware of this. - The VCA sent a letter to the city to officially express our concerns. - Gary attended the meeting on March 9th. - On March 15th, the VCA received a letter to confirm that the minor variances were accepted. The construction of the home will move forward. - To be clear, the VCA is not against a home for the blind and deaf, the association is against the construction of yet another group home in a small village that has no services or support. The overall group home population equates to 10% of the population of Vars. 	

5.	FRANCODEROLE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Danielle mentioned that Thursday, March 21 Francoderole will be at the Saint-Guillaume School to develop a mural with the kids. Danielle will be at the school to represent the VCA (since we made a donation). - Stephen Blais will also be present. 	
6.	Open floor for discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Next meeting will be held on April 17th at 7:30 at the firehall. 	



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Minutes of the Vars Community Association (VCA) Meeting

Meeting date	April 17, 2019
Attendees	Genevieve Henrie Gary Larocque Chris Nooyen Wayne Redsell Ivan Tanner Danielle Vendette Jenny Ashdown (absent)

Items	Summary of discussions/decisions	Actions
1.	Meeting minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">The board looked at the minutes from the last meeting. Motion passed to adopt the minutes.Action items were reviewed and discussed:<ul style="list-style-type: none">New projects<ul style="list-style-type: none">Community Centre in Alcide Trudeau ParkTennis court (We need to look at sponsors)Bearbrook<ul style="list-style-type: none">Gary is the key agent.Porta potty in the park<p>A member asked why we don't have a porta potty in the Alcide Trudeau Park. The members thought this was a valid concern.</p>	<p>The VCA will re-address these projects with the City after the elections.</p> <p>The VCA will look into this in the spring of 2019.</p>
2.	Financial Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">Jenny was not at the meeting.We will review the financial report at the next meeting.	

3.	Deafblind residential care home <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marlene Quinton from Deafblind was present at the meeting. - She is the Coordinator of development. - She spoke about the various houses that they have in Peterborough and Ottawa. - They will have 5-6 residents in the house in Vars. - They will be accompanied at all times. - Moving date: Before the end of 2019. - The VCA mentioned that the concerns that the residents have are not linked to this home specifically but rather with the overall number of homes that we have in the village. - We also mentioned that we would have appreciated to be aware of the home before the minor variance. Marlene mentioned that they did everything according to policies and procedures. Perhaps the City should have advised the VCA. 	
4.	BBQ and Movie night <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We will look at organizing a BBQ and movie night on June 14th. - Genevieve will send the to do list from last year to the directors. 	Genevieve will send the to do list from last year to the directors.
5.	Canada Day Ivan will be putting up the flags in time for Canada Day.	
6.	Open floor for discussion Next meeting will be at the fire hall on May 15 th .	



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Minutes of the Vars Community Association (VCA) Meeting

Meeting date	May 29 th , 2019
Attendees	Genevieve Henrie Gary Larocque Chris Nooyen (absent) Wayne Redsell Ivan Tanner (absent) Danielle Vendette Jenny Ashdown Jean Séguin Deafblind Home representative

Items	Summary of discussions/decisions	Actions
1.	Meeting minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">The board looked at the minutes from the last meeting. Motion passed to adopt the minutes.Action items were reviewed and discussed:<ul style="list-style-type: none">New projects<ul style="list-style-type: none">Community Centre in Alcide Trudeau ParkTennis court (We need to look at sponsors)	The VCA will re-address these projects with the City after the elections.
2.	Financial Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">Directors reviewed the financial report.Everything is in order.	
3.	Radio Station <ul style="list-style-type: none">Approved for Vars and Carlsbad.Looking for members to sit on the committee from Vars.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Gary will contact Denis to see if he can come to our next VCA meeting.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gary will contact Denis to see if he can come to our next VCA meeting. - Might also suggest that Denis presents at the School's BBQ school and the VCA's BBQ. Might be able to recruit volunteers at those events. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gary will suggest that Denis presents his project at the school's BBQ and the VCA's BBQ.
4.	Taggart-Miller Appeal on-going. No progress.	
5.	Porta-potty at Alcide Trudeau <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The porta-potty is installed. - Pioneer ball league is paying 75%. - The VCA is paying 25% which comes out to about \$100 for the summer. 	
6.	Canada Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ivan will be putting up the flags in time for Canada Day. - Gary mentioned that the only thing that will be happening on Canada Day is the fireworks on the corner of Boundary and Russel. - The VCA will discuss Canada Day at the AGM in September and will try to take it over for next year (try to recruit a committee). - For 2020, maybe look at a budget of \$5,000 to host events in Alcide Trudeau park. - City submission for funds is in November. 	The VCA will discuss Canada Day at the AGM in September and will try to take it over for next year.
7.	Farm credit Canada <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For populations of under \$150,000. - Grants available of \$5,000 to \$25,000. 	
8.	BBQ and Movie night <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cancelled for June. We will focus our efforts for the AGM in September. - 	
9.	Outdoor class at the school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The VCA will donate \$500 for the project. - All were in favour. 	
10.	Church <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The church will be publishing its bulletin for the next 2 years. - The VCA will pay \$100 to have their business card in the bulletin. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The VCA also decided to donate another \$100 to the church. - All were in favour. 	
11.	Flowers at the Cenotaph <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Linda will be buying flowers for the Cenotaph. - All in favour to pay for the flowers. Normally between \$150 to \$200. 	
12.	Open floor for discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Next meeting will be at the fire hall on June 19th. 	



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Meeting date	July 23, 2019
Attendees	Genevieve Henrie Gary Larocque Chris Nooyen Wayne Redsell Ivan Tanner Danielle Vendette Jenny Ashdown (absent) Jean Séguin

Items	Summary of discussions/decisions	Actions
1.	Meeting minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">The board looked at the minutes from the last meeting. Motion passed to adopt the minutes.Action items were reviewed and discussed:<ul style="list-style-type: none">New projects<ul style="list-style-type: none">Community Centre in Alcide Trudeau ParkTennis court (We need to look at sponsors)Outdoor class at the school<ul style="list-style-type: none">The VCA will donate \$500 for the project.Church<ul style="list-style-type: none">The church will be publishing its bulletin for the next 2 years.The VCA will pay \$100 to have their business card in the bulletin.The VCA also decided to donate another \$100 to the church (for our appreciation for using the room when the fire station is unavailable)	<p>The VCA will re-address these projects with the City after the elections.</p> <p>The VCA will donate \$500 for the project (Jenny to confirm).</p> <p>The VCA will pay \$200 to the church.</p>

2.	Financial Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The treasurer was not at the meeting. - The directors will review the report at the next meeting. 	
3.	Radio Station <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approved for Vars and Carlsbad. - Looking for members to sit on the committee for Vars. - Gary will contact Denis to see if he can come to the next VCA meeting (AGM in September). - Denis has asked that the VCA pays for the antenna that was installed in Vars. It is \$250\$+HST. The directors were in favour of paying the \$250. - Denis also asked that the VCA pays for an annual fee of \$1,000. The directors were not in favour of paying the \$1,000. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gary will suggest that Denis presents his project at the AGM. - Gary will also suggest that he speaks to the school's principal.
4.	AGM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BBQ and movie on September 20th. - Gary will prepare speaking notes. - Jenny will prepare budget sheet. - Genevieve will prepare task list for event. - Gary will ask Councillor Blais to attend. 	<p>Gary will prepare speaking notes.</p> <p>Jenny will prepare budget sheet.</p> <p>Genevieve will prepare task list for event.</p> <p>Gary will ask Blais to attend.</p>
5.	Canada Day 2020 city grant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We have until October 2019 to submit the form to the city. Form need to be ready in September. - Day: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o slip and slide and bouncy castles o Vendors o Cantine - no beer o Have a vendor that sells ice cream and etc. o We can partner up with the school for the bouncy castle and ice cream truck. o 10:00 to 4:00 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bouncy castle 2p 1h shifts ▪ Slip and slide 1p 1h shifts ▪ Cantine 2p 1h shifts o Fire truck - Gary will attend the next Optimist Club meeting to see if they would want to partner up with us for 	<p>Gary will prepare the submission for the grant.</p> <p>Gary will attend the next Optimist Club meeting to see if they would want to partner up with us for the day.</p> <p>Genevieve and Danielle will speak to the school about the bouncy castles and ice cream truck.</p>

	the day.	
6.	Website <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The website crashed again. - Jean contacted Stephen for advice. - Stephen suggested 2 platforms/sites for Jean to try. - Jean has tried one. Works well and is \$18 US per month. - 	Jean will come back to the VCA with an official recommendation.
7.	Open floor for discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Next meeting will be at the park for the AGM on September 20th. 	

VARs COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION –ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

President's Report – September 20, 2019

Good evening, bonsoir, and welcome to the 2019 VCA's Annual General Meeting. Bienvenue à notre réunion générale annuelle. We hope that you have enjoyed the BBQ and that you will stay for our movie night under the stars, well at least, under the pavilion.

Firstly, I wish to thank my colleagues, members of the VCA for their committed hard work and time for our community as well as all residents and supporters who have come forward to give us a hand in ensuring the best interests of our community. A special thanks to Jenny Ashdown, our Treasurer, who is stepping down and leaving our rural and quiet environment to move to the BIG CITY...

Throughout the year, we have held monthly meetings, where as a team, we have reviewed issues, projects, concerns and priorities of interest for the village. Each member has had numerous one-on-one meetings with residents, our elected representatives, potential entrepreneurs and City officials to determine what else can be done to improve our village.

Over the year, we have been involved with: • The Remembrance Day ceremony • Cenotaph maintenance • Rink management • supporting the Optimist Club in their activities • Key agent for Alcide Trudeau Park and Bearbrook centre • The annual Christmas tree lighting, etc. and we are planning to bring back some daytime activities to the park for Canada Day, minus the fireworks.

Obviously, we did not do all of this alone nor did we do just that. While we have many friends throughout the community, our main partners have been Councillor Blais, his staff, and City officials, the school and most of all, the Optimist Club members. On behalf of the community, we are most grateful for their support.

On the financial side, the VCA is in good financial health. The VCA receives very limited funding other than from the City for specific activities like the rink and key agent. Over the years, while we have sponsored community activities and acquired some items for the community, we still manage to have some \$29,000 in the bank. We are in good business standing with Corporations Canada as well as with Revenue Canada, having filed our corporate tax returns on time.

We are keeping an eye on the proposed development of the Taggart-Miller waste recovery plant as we now have VCA representation on the community steering committee. The establishment of Amazon in our backyard will certainly be beneficial for our economic growth and market value for our properties. We have hosted these types of community BBQs and movie nights in the park events to bring the community closer together. This compliments the terrific work already done by the school and the Optimist Club in support of our community social wellbeing.

The VCA has been working with the Carlsbad Springs Community Association in developing a community radio station to serve our community. This would be a perfect communication tool for the village especially during emergencies. The signage information board at the fire station has been changed, facilitating our messaging to the community. Our website has now been redesigned to inform the community and new comers of what Vars is all about.

The biggest challenge remains finding volunteers. We do notice that not only for the VCA but also the Optimist Club and parish organizations are having more and more trouble finding community members to help out. The solution is not that obvious and we all need urgent help in finding ways to increase community participation, otherwise programs will fall short. We are putting a special call out to students who require community work hours to complete their curriculum. We also need community input on what will make our village better, both economically and socially, for the benefit of all, young and old.

While Vars is a so-called bedroom community, it is expanding with many new and young families. We are most fortunate to have the St-Guillaume school at our disposal and the terrific group of committed teachers to help out. Every single one of us makes the community what it is and we are the only people that can shape its future through our participation and ideas. Vars is our community, our responsibility.

Merci, Thank you.

As mentioned earlier, we can only be productive for our community if we are assisted by the community. We need volunteers to participate in making our community more prosperous. We need people to sit around the table, for about 2 hours a month, to provide assistance, feedback, and ideas on how to make this growing community better.

We have to fill the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer and at least, but not limited to, three directors. So, without further ado, who is willing to take the chair as President...., Vice President...., Secretary...., Treasurer...., and Directors...., etc.

NOTE: The new Board consists of:

Gary Larocque : President / Président

Chris Nooyen : Vice President / Vice-président

Alicia Rocque: Treasurer / Trésorière

Genevieve Henrie : Secretary / Secrétaire

Directors / Directeurs: *Sylvain Dignard, Jacques Legault, Serge Potvin, Wayne Redsell, Ivan Tanner, Danielle Vendette .*

Advisor / Conseiller : Jean Séguin

Minutes of the Vars Community Association (VCA) Meeting

Meeting date	Oct 16, 2019
Attendees	Genevieve Henrie Gary Larocque Chris Nooyen Danielle Vendette Jacques Legault Serge Potvin Alicia Roque (absent) Wayne Redsell (absent) Ivan Tanner (absent)

Items	Summary of discussions/decisions	Actions
1.	Meeting minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The board looked at the minutes from the last meeting. Motion passed to adopt the minutes. Action items were reviewed and discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Centre in Alcide Trudeau Park Tennis court (We need to look at sponsors) 	The VCA will re-address these projects when opportunities occur.
2.	Financial Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The treasurer was not at the meeting. The directors will review the report at the next meeting. 	
3.	Rink <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chris Geoffrey can't be the operator this year. Gary will ask Nicholas. Jacques Legault will open and close the rink. 	Gary will ask Nicholas to be the rink operator.

4.	Remembrance Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The celebration will be on November 10th at 2:00. - Jean, Ivan and Morley are organizing the event. - The school gymnasium will be closed during that time due to renovations. - Light refreshments will be offered at the school after the ceremony (in the hallway). 	
5.	Christmas Tree lighting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ivan will decide if we host the event on Nov 17th or Dec 01. Nov 24th is the grey cup. - The Optimist club kid's Christmas is on Dec 08. 	Ivan will decide if we host the event on Nov 17th or Dec 01.
6.	Golf tournament <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Martin Boucher is willing to do a golf tournament to collect money for the church. - The tournament would be in Casselman with a dinner at the school afterwards. - Date for the tournament will be in the spring 2020. - Gary will invite Martin to speak to Jean Seguin as he is part of the parish committee. 	Gary will invite Martin Boucher to speak to Jean Seguin as he is part of the parish committee.
7.	Advertising on the website <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gary mentioned that he was approached by a member who wanted to advertised their business on the community website. - Suggestion to use the same model as the church bulletin (from a cost stand point). - Gary will speak to Jean. 	Gary will speak to Jean about the advertising costing model that the parish committee uses for the bulletin at the church.
8.	Halloween <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Danielle mentioned that the Club Octogone gives candies to children on Halloween night. Normally the caisse populaire pays for the candies but they haven't confirmed that they would for this year. - If caisse populaire does not commit, suggestion that the VCA covers the cost of the candies. - Suggested by Gary, Seconded by Chris. 	
9.	Open floor for discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Next meeting will be Nov 27th. 	

Minutes of the Vars Community Association (VCA) Meeting

Meeting date	November 27, 2019
Attendees	Genevieve Henrie Gary Larocque Chris Nooyen Danielle Vendette Serge Potvin Wayne Redsell Ivan Tanner Jenny Ashdown Jean Séguin Marlene – Deafblind Ontario Services representative Natacha Albert - Eastern Ottawa Resource Centre Absent Jacques Legault

Items	Summary of discussions/decisions	Actions
1.	Meeting minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The board looked at the minutes from the last meeting. Motion passed to adopt the minutes. Action items were reviewed and discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Centre in Alcide Trudeau Park Tennis court (We need to look at sponsors) 	See point below - Community Centre in Alcide Trudeau Park
2.	Financial Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The previous treasurer provided an update on our financial situation and transferred all documents over to the new treasurer. 	
3.	Rink <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chris Geoffrey can't be the operator this year. 	Gary will check the mats and contact the City of

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jacques Legault, Gary Larocque and Wayne Redsell will take care of the rink. - New mats might be needed. Gary will check the mats, if new mats are needed, he will contact the City of Ottawa before signing the contract. 	Ottawa as needed.
4.	<p>Remembrance Day wrap-up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The celebration went really well. - We received a cheque from the women's business network 100\$ - We have an invoice from Laurie for the refreshments 100\$ - We also have an invoice for printing the program 68\$ - Amanda Simard was invited but did not attend. - Francis Drouin was invited but could not attend. He has a wreath to send to the VCA. - The Mayor was also invited but could not attend. - Ivan, Jean and Morley have organized this event for a few years and are looking for someone to take over. No one provided their name so far. 	
5.	<p>Golf tournament</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Martin Boucher will do a golf tournament to collect money for the church. - Tournament will be May 30th at the Casselman golf course. - The tournament will be coordinated by the St-Guillaume Parish. A meeting will be organized between Martin Boucher, Jean Séguin, Gary Larocque and Michel Bazinet to start coordinating the event. 	A meeting will be organized between Martin Boucher, Jean Séguin, Gary Larocque and Michel Bazinet to start coordinating the event.
6.	<p>Eastern Ottawa Resource Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Natacha Albert attended the meeting to discuss our needs in regards to transportation for older adults and adults with disabilities. The Resource centre has an envelope of money dedicated for this. Can be used for activities as well as grocery shopping. We will advertise on our website and on Facebook. - She also asked what type of services/programs our community would like to see. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Suggestions such as a social club, aquafitness, bingo, were given. o The problem with Vars is that we don't have 	Chris and Jean will advertise the Eastern Ottawa Resource Centre transportation options on our website and on Facebook.

	<p>any programs in our community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If the City puts a program in place, same day of the week, same time, might have participants. 	
7.	<p>Deafblind Ontario Services representative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marlene mentioned that the home in Vars should be ready in the Spring of 2020. - Everything is going well and all is on time. 	
8.	<p>Website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jean has revamped our website. Everything is working properly and looks good. - Jean is looking for another member to take this on, either as primary or back-up. No one provided their name so far. 	
9.	<p>Community Centre in Alcide Trudeau Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The VCA was advised that a letter was sent re: Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Community, Culture and Recreation program (see Appendix a below). - All councilors were asked to identify the priority projects for their wards. Councillor Blais identified the Community Centre in Alcide Trudeau Park as the only priority for ward 19. - This is the time for the VCA to promote our need for a new community centre. We will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We need a replacement for Alcide Trudeau as the shade structure will have to be torn down shortly. ○ Bearbrook is not a viable option as the City no longer invests money in this centre. 	<p>The VCA will reach out to the provincial and federal to reiterate our need for a new community centre in Alcide Trudeau Park.</p>
10.	<p>Open floor for discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Next meeting will be January 15th. 	

Appendix A

This is further to my e-mail of September 27, 2019 advising Members of Council that the Provincial Government is accepting applications for the *Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Community, Culture and Recreation* program. Each member of Council was invited to identify one priority project for their ward, as well as to suggest larger regional projects for consideration as part of the City's application package.

A project for each ward was received over the last few weeks, as well as a number of regional projects. After staff review of the projects against compatibility with funding criteria and as a result of consultation with Provincial officials on eligibility, 36 applications for funding have been prepared for submission to the Province on or before the November 12, 2019 application deadline.

The attachment to this e-mail identifies the list of projects the City is applying for. Each application will indicate that the project is a priority in the geographic area where it is located. Renewal proposals were developed in alignment with the City's lifecycle renewal program.

The City should receive the results of the Provincial assessment in early winter. Once the province has completed their assessment projects will be considered by the Federal Government for final approval in the spring/summer of 2020.

Table 1: District Level Projects

Project Title	Summary	Service Area	Project Cost (\$M)	Stream
Barrhaven Library, Performing Arts and Cultural Centre – Joint Project with Ottawa Public Library	Barrhaven Cultural Hub/community, library and seniors' space: 15,000 sf cultural event space; 3,000 sf seniors' space and an outdoor community plaza	Barrhaven, South Nepean and Greater South-End	\$35	Multi-Purpose
Mooney's Bay Park - Beach Pavilion Replacement	Replace existing pavilion with new beach and community facility, with new services to Riverside Drive; add park operations garage and washrooms to serve Canada	City Wide	\$10	Multi-Purpose

Project Title	Summary	Service Area	Project Cost (\$M)	Stream
	150 Playground.			
Brewer Park - Recreation Complex	Replace existing arena and pool with a modern full-service recreation facility	City Core	\$67	Multi-Purpose
Francois Dupuis District Park	Construction of a new district park adjacent to Francois Dupuis Recreation Centre	Orléans and Greater East-End	\$9	Multi-Purpose

Table 2: Ward Level Projects

Project Title	Summary	Ward	Project Cost (\$M)	Stream
Bob MacQuarrie Recreation Complex - East District Skate Park and Gymnasium Addition	Add a full-size gymnasium and associated support spaces to the Bob MacQuarrie Rec Complex. Replace existing local skate park with new district skate park	1	\$9	Rehab & Renovation
East Urban Community Centre	Development of a new community centre in EUC District park	2	\$13.5	Multi-Purpose
Black Raven Park - Half Moon Bay Community Building	Development of a new community building in Black Raven Park	3	\$3	Multi-Purpose
Arcadia Park Community Building and Splash Pad	Development of a community building and splash pad at the planned Arcadia Park in the next phase of development	4	\$3.4	Multi-Purpose
Recreation Facility Parking Lot Resurfacing Program	Resurfacing of the following community centre/facility parking lots: - Fitzroy Community Centre - Galetta Community Centre - Constance Bay Community Centre - Huntley Mess Hall - Soccer field lot at 3806 Carp Road	5	\$1	Rehab & Renovation
Fernbank District Park	Development of full-service district park serving the Fernbank community	6	\$9.1	Multi-Purpose
Woodroffe Park -	Replacement of existing	7	\$3	Multi-

Project Title	Summary	Ward	Project Cost (\$M)	Stream
Community Building	fieldhouse with new community building			Purpose
Ben Franklin Place - Chambers	Renovate and upgrade Chambers to better meet public and cultural programming	8	\$0.65	Rehab & Renovation
Country Place Park - Community Building	Development of a new community building in Country Place Park	9	\$3	Multi-Purpose
Elizabeth Manley Park - Field House	Renovation and expansion of existing fieldhouse	10	\$3	Multi-Purpose
Beacon Hill Community Centre	Renovation and expansion of existing community centre	11	\$3	Rehab & Renovation
Optimiste Park - Genest Outdoor Pool Replacement	Replace Optimiste Park Outdoor Pool and Building	12	\$5	Rehab & Renovation
Wateridge Community Park - Community Building	Development of a new community building in Wateridge Community Park	13	\$3.5	Multi-Purpose
St Luke's Park - Community Building	Replace existing field house with new community building	14	\$3	Rehab & Renovation
Laroche Park Redevelopment	Redevelop and remediate community park, including new community building, playground, basketball court and field lighting	15	\$9.4	Multi-Purpose
Alexander Community Centre Expansion	Renovation and expansion of existing community centre	16	\$8.4	Multi-Purpose
Heron Park - Community Building	Replace existing field house with new community building	17	\$3.5	Rehab & Renovation
Balena Park - Field House Expansion	Renovation and expansion of an existing fieldhouse to a community building	18	\$3	Rehab & Renovation
Alcide Trudeau Park (Vars) - Community Building	New Community building to replace existing covered patio and canteen	19	\$3	Rehab & Renovation
Larry Robinson (Metcalf Arena) Arena Expansion	Expansion of arena to include new dressing rooms	20	\$5.2	Multi-Purpose
Richmond Community Building	Construction of a new Community Building in a new community park to serve the Richmond Community	21	\$3	Multi-Purpose
Leitrim Park - Softball Tournament Site	Redevelopment of Leitrim Park to create softball (four	22	\$4.3	Rehab & Renovation

Project Title	Summary	Ward	Project Cost (\$M)	Stream
	fields) tournament site.			
Kanata Recreation Centre Renovation & Expansion	Renovation & expansion of community space, reception and lobby and expansion/upgrade of splash pad in adjacent park	23	\$4.5	Rehab & Renovation

Table 3: Asset Management Renewal Projects

Project Title	Summary	Service Area	Project Cost (\$M)	Stream
Playgrounds and Splash Pads	Playgrounds and splashpad renewals across the city – up to 55 projects	City Wide	\$10	Rehab & Renovation
Facility Parking Lots	Facility parking lot renewal projects across the city – up to 34 projects	City Wide	\$10	Rehab & Renovation
Facility Roofs	Facility roof renewal projects across the city – up to 26 projects	City Wide	\$10	Rehab & Renovation
Pathways and Lighting	Pathway and lighting renewal projects across the city – up to 30 projects	City Wide	\$5	Rehab & Renovation
Tennis and Basketball Courts	Renewal of tennis and basketball courts across the city – up to 34 locations	City Wide	\$5	Rehab & Renovation



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Minutes of the Vars Community Association (VCA) Meeting

Meeting date	January 08, 2020
Attendees	Genevieve Henrie Gary Larocque Chris Nooyen Danielle Vendette Serge Potvin Wayne Redsell Ivan Tanner Jean Séguin Marlene – Deafblind Ontario Services representative Jacques Legault Absent – Alicia Roque

Items	Summary of discussions/decisions	Actions
1.	Meeting minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">The board looked at the minutes from the last meeting. Motion passed to adopt the minutes.Action items were reviewed and discussed:<ul style="list-style-type: none">New projects<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tennis court (We need to look at sponsors)Community Centre in Alcide Trudeau Park<ul style="list-style-type: none">Councillor Blais identified the Community Centre in Alcide Trudeau Park as the only priority for ward 19.Genevieve has reached out to Francis Drouin's office.The VCA will send an official letter to provincial and federal.	The VCA will reach out to the provincial and federal to reiterate our need for a new community centre in Alcide Trudeau Park.

2.	Financial Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alicia was absent tonight. The VCA will look at the report at the next meeting. - Gary and Alicia will be going to the bank next week so that she can be assigned to our account (signing authority, etc.) 	Alicia will go to the bank to get her signing authority for the VCA.
3.	Rink <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Currently working on getting the rink ready. - If weather cooperates it should open next week. - New mats might be needed. Gary will check the mats, if new mats are needed, he will contact the City of Ottawa before signing the contract. 	Gary will check the mats and contact the City of Ottawa as needed.
4.	Taggart Miller <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gary will attend the Capital Region Resource Recover Centre meeting tomorrow and will brief the VCA afterwards. 	Gary will attend the next CRRRC meeting and brief the VCA after.
5.	Other items Vars Carnival <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Carnival will be on the February 7th and 8th. - Feb 8th will be trivia night. - The Optimist Club asked for financial assistance. The VCA will purchase 4 gift cards of 25\$ at Esso. - Proposed by Danielle. Seconded by Gary. - Gary will purchase the gift cards. Deafblind Ontario Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Structure is complete. - Hoping to be done in March 2020 - Occupancy starting in April 2020 Church <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jean contacted councilor Blais to get a defibrillator at the church. Facebook complaint <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A resident raised a concern about the frequency and speed of cars on Rockdale. - The resident was also concerned about a sign on the 417 indicating to get off the Vars exit to go to Orleans but fears that cars go through the village rather than through Frank Kenny. - Gary will address these concerns with the City. 	<p>Gary will purchase 4 gift cards of 25\$ at Esso.</p> <p>Gary will address these concerns with the City.</p>

6.	Open floor for discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Next meetings: - Feb 19 - Mars 18 - April 15 - May 13 - Jun 10 	
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Minutes of the Vars Community Association (VCA) Meeting

Meeting date	February 19, 2020
Attendees	Genevieve Henrie Gary Larocque Chris Nooyen Wayne Redsell Jacques Legault Danielle Vendette Marlene – Deafblind Ontario Services representative Absent : Serge Potvin Ivan Tanner Jean Séguin Alicia Roque

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2.	Financial Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alicia was absent tonight. The VCA will look at the report at the next meeting. - Alicia, Gary, Wayne and Ivan went to the bank. Alicia now has her signing authority. 	
3.	Rink <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rink is ready. Opened on & off depending on the weather. - Gary mentioned that the mats are still good for the year. No need to contact the city for new mats. - 	
4.	Taggart Miller <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - They anticipate starting to build in about 18 months. In 2023 should be operational. 	
5.	Golf tournament <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Website is done and provides all the information. 	
6.	Defibrillator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gary mentioned that a defibrillator will be installed at the church. - It is accessible 24/7 to all members of the community. - The VCA was asked to cover the costs for maintenance (\$150/yearly). - The directors voted in favour of covering the fee. 	
7.	Other items Vars Carnival <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All went well. The VCA had a team for trivia night. The event was fun and very successful. - The VCA donated 2 Esso cards of 25\$. Deafblind Ontario Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Still on track to open in March 2020 - Occupancy starting in April 2020 - September 26th 2020. Save the date for a fundraising event. 	
8.	Open floor for discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Next meetings: 	

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Minutes of the Vars Community Association (VCA) Meeting

Meeting date	May 13, 2020
Attendees	Genevieve Henrie Gary Larocque Chris Nooyen Wayne Redsell Jacques Legault Danielle Vendette Marlene Quinton – Deafblind Ontario Services representative Serge Potvin Ivan Tanner Jean Séguin Alicia Roque

Items	Summary of discussions/decisions	Actions
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2.	Financial Report	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alicia and Jenny had a meeting. All information has been transferred for Alicia to take over. 	
3.	Community Garden <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community garden agreement has been signed by Ivan, Gary as well as the lady that will be using the gardens and has been sent to Just Foods. - The contract is coming to an end and will not be renewed. - The equipment will be donated to the church. 	
4.	Rink <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The report has been filed and the money for the rink has been received. - The directors agreed that the money for this year will be divided between the rink maintenance and supervisor. 	
5.	Key Agent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The money for the key agent has been received and will be given to the key agent. 	
6.	Canada Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There will be no events for Canada Day due to Covid-19. - Ivan has purchased replacement flags. - Alicia's husband – Greg and his neighbour will be putting up the flags this year. 	
7.	Golf tournament <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The tournament has been cancelled. 	
8.	Deaf Blind Home <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marlene has been in contact with EORC to help with a few things needed for the new home. - Marlene mentioned that the home is ready and is occupied. - She mentioned that there will be a fundraiser in September but it might be in a different format. - She mentioned that they are in need of PPE such as gowns, masks, Lysol wipes, hand sanitizer and gloves. If anyone has any contacts, reach out to Marlene. 	
9.	Other items Speed limit on Devine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Letter has been sent to the City. 	

AGM-2020 and Community BBQ

Due to COVID-19 distancing restrictions, the VCA will not be holding its Annual General Meeting (AGM) and community BBQ this September. At its August 19 meeting, the Association renewed the directorship for another year. The annual financial statement for the year will be available and posted in mid-September. While the Board met on a monthly basis throughout the year, no major actions were taken and the usual business of maintaining the rink, community garden and managing reservations for the Bearbrook community center were in place. For a list of Directors and reports, please consult the website.

We sincerely hope that all is well with your families and friends during this difficult period and hope to bring you a community BBQ next Spring and other activities such as the community golf tournament, movies under the stars, etc.

AGA-2020 et BBQ Communautaire

En raison des restrictions de distance concernant le COVID-19, l'ACV ne tiendra pas son assemblée générale annuelle (AGA) et son barbecue communautaire en septembre. Lors de sa réunion du 19 août, l'Association a renouvelé les postes d'administrateur pour une autre année. Les états financiers pour l'année seront disponibles et affichées à la mi-septembre. Bien que le conseil se soit réuni tous les mois tout au long de l'année, aucune mesure majeure n'a été prise et les activités habituelles d'entretien de la patinoire, du jardin communautaire et de la gestion des réservations pour le centre communautaire Bearbrook étaient en place. Pour une liste des directeurs et des rapports, veuillez consulter le site Web.

Nous espérons sincèrement que tout va bien avec vos familles et vos amis pendant cette période difficile et espérons vous offrir un barbecue communautaire au printemps prochain et d'autres activités telles que le tournoi de golf communautaire, des films sous les étoiles, etc.

VARs COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION – 2020 YEAR-END FINANCIAL REPORT

	Description	Debit	Credit	Profits/Reserves
Operating Budget	Petty Cash	\$ -	\$ 63.14	\$ 63.14
	Operating Balance	\$ 500.00	\$ 958.58	\$ 458.58
Ongoing Projects	Rink Reserve	\$ 4,804.00	\$ 6,214.00	\$ 1,410.00
	Cenotaph Reserve	\$ 76.00	\$ 3,767.84	\$ 3,691.84
	Youth Initiatives Reserve	\$ -	\$ 3,980.29	\$ 3,980.29
	Community Initiative Reserve	\$ 2,275.71	\$ 10,637.31	\$ 8,361.60
	Bearbrook / facilities-management	\$ -	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00
	Donations (transferred to reserves)	\$ 3,350.00	\$ 3,350.00	\$ -
	Emergency Preparedness Reserve	\$ -	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 10,500.00
Account balance		\$ 11,005.71	\$ 39,506.16	\$ 28,500.45



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Meeting date	Nov 24, 2020 – 7:30
Attendees	Genevieve Henrie Gary Larocque Chris Nooyen Wayne Redsell Jacques Legault Danielle Vendette Marlene Quinton – Deafblind Ontario Services rep (absent) Serge Potvin Ivan Tanner Jean Séguin Alicia Roque

Items	Summary of discussions/decisions	Actions
1.	Meeting minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The board looked at the minutes from the last meeting. Motion passed to adopt the minutes. Action items were reviewed and discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tennis court (We need to look at sponsors) Community Centre in Alcide Trudeau Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Councillor Blais identified the Community Centre in Alcide Trudeau Park as the only priority for ward 19. Genevieve has reached out to Francis Drouin's office. The VCA will send an official letter to provincial and federal. 	All is on hold due to Covid.
2.	Financial Report	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alicia and Jenny had a meeting. All information has been transferred for Alicia to take over. - Gary shared the financial report via email. 	
3.	EORC (Natacha) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The centre offers services for people in isolation due to Covid. All information is on their website. 	
4.	Deafblind Ontario Savour the Senses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marlene was absent. This topic was not discussed. 	
5.	Poppy drop projector <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A projector was purchased for remembrance day. - It was beautiful for the poppy drop. - There are different lenses that can be used. - We will put the projector up at the Anglican church with snowflakes. 	
6.	Outdoor rink <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gary received the letter for the rink. - The rink will be operational this winter. - Boards are in place. - We will not open the field house this year due to Covid. - There is a bench outside for people to put their skates. 	
7.	Other items	

December 8, 2020

Ottawa Ward Review, Vars leaving Cumberland Ward to join Osgoode Ward

On December 7, 2020, members of the Vars Community Association (VCA) held a special meeting to review the recent City proposal to split the Cumberland Ward into three segments one of which would have the communities of Vars and Carlsbad Springs joining the Osgoode Ward in 2022 or later.

While this proposal was never entertained with the VCA before being introduced as a viable “option 7” in the City’s ward review exercise, we have had the opportunity to review the pros and cons of this merger with the Osgoode Ward and are confident that, in the best interests of our village and our commitment to keeping it as rural as possible as described to City Council in 2009 through the Vars Neighbourhood Plan, at the outset, we cannot support this latest option without further consultations with officials and our residents.

While being part of Osgoode Ward would most likely allow Vars to prosper economically and socially faster while maintaining its special status as a rural community within our City instead of being a small suburban extension of an overwhelming growing community like Orléans, we do have to factor in the matter of our linguistic representation, the impact on school zoning, high school attendance, sports competitions, community organizations, etc. Over a century, our community has built a partnership of eastern Ottawa rural communities, along with the support of all parties within the City. We continue to strive to work for the development of the 417 corridor to ensure a fair balance between our farm lands, our forests and any potential economic and environmentally friendly growth to benefit all our residents.

Over the past few years, Vars has become an even more vibrant community where new residents, young families, professionals and retirees, join the community to enjoy the tranquility, the open air of country living while remaining some twenty minutes away from the City’s urban centres. Vars might be enjoying the best of both worlds with an historical and cultural background, a proud community offering spiritual, educational and sporting availabilities. Vars is a community where Anglophone and Francophone residents have built a united front to foster a bilingual country style living environment for generations. It has done so with Navan, Carlsbad Springs, Sarsfield and even as far as Cumberland... We are not convinced that being segregated from our long time neighbours to fit into the Osgoode Ward is in our best interests.

Vars continues to work with other communities from other Wards as we are all part of the same City. However, this “Option 7” needs to be reviewed, openly debated with concerned parties and professionals in the field while respecting the political implications and consequences of the final outcome. We therefore recommend that Council delay its decision until further proper public consultations be held on this latest option.

Kindest regards,


Gary Larocque
President

Sent to Mayor Jim Watson and Councillors Catherine Kitts and George Darouze