

**Directors' Meeting Minutes**  
**Centreville District Community Development Association**  
**Thursday, September 24, 2015, at 7:00 pm**

**Attendance:**

<b>Executive:</b>	Merv Steadman	<b>Directors:</b>	Peggy Sheffield	<b>Regrets:</b>	Doug Brown
	Marilyn Kennedy		Jack Waterbury		Ted Davison
	Kim Foote		George Graves		
	Anne-Marie Waterbury		David Briggs		

**Other:** Pauline Raven  
Councilor District 3

**Call to Order:** President Merv Steadman called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

**Approval of Agenda:** It was moved by Peggy and seconded by Kim that the agenda be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** Jack moved and Marilyn seconded that the minutes of the May 28/15 meeting be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

**Business Arising from Minutes:** Anne-Marie reported, on Doug's behalf, that Auto Trim & Signs has made a new Welcome to Centreville sign to replace the one damaged last winter and they are donating it to the community. The decision re: when to install it will be made after discussion at our next meeting.

**Correspondence:** An email was received from Pauline re: the 'community park lot' in Ellsworth Estates. It has been added to the agenda.

**Treasurer's Report:** Peggy, on Marilyn's behalf, gave the Treasurer's report. She moved the adoption of the report: Kim seconded. Motion carried.

**News from the Municipality:** Pauline brought us up to date on several issues:

**Lighting Tax:** She has received data from two years re: the income from the annual light tax collected from Centreville residents and the actual cost to the county for the lighting (paid to NS Power). For each of those years, income exceeded expenses by about \$1600, resulting in a considerable credit in the lighting account. She expects to receive up-to-date figures when she meets with Shawn West, Manager of Finance, next week. Pauline suggested the CDCDA request that these excess funds be used to pay for next year's lighting, giving Centreville residents a 'lighting tax holiday', and also that in future the tax be adjusted to reflect the actual costs. As a result of the discussion of this issue the following motion was passed unanimously:

*George Graves moved and David Briggs seconded that the CDCDA request a 'holiday from light taxes' for Centreville residents until the credit in the light tax account is exhausted and, further, that in future the light tax amount be adjusted to more closely reflect the actual cost of Centreville lighting.*

It is likely a letter will need to be sent to the Municipality with this request.

**Benefit Lunch:** Pauline brought up the idea of holding a benefit lunch at the October 20th Committee of a Whole meeting at the municipal complex, to raise funds for the refugees the area Baptist churches are hoping to sponsor. Peggy will check with the committee that is responsible for the refugee sponsorship program for input.

**Municipal Complex:** Pauline gave a very interesting and informative explanation of the issues relating to both the sale of the current municipal complex to the Department of Justice and the building of a new one, including the request for proposals.

**Kings 2050:** The report combining all the input received from broad-based consultation was released this month, and is available on the website: [www.kings2050.ca](http://www.kings2050.ca)

Thanks to Pauline for keeping us informed and for her efforts on our behalf.

#### **Directors' Reports:**

**Web Site:** David circulated data reports re: web site visits and expressed dismay with Roger's new reporting system, which is inferior to the previous method. This will be considered when we are reviewing web hosts for the new year. The June and September issues of *The Centre Post* were put on the site just prior to tonight's meeting: he apologized for the delay.

**Centre Post:** The September issue was available for distribution to outlets on September 16/15. The next issue will be in December, with Elisha Harper responsible for the layout. Marilyn has not received the bill from the printer as yet: she will call them.

**Hall Association:** Merv gave the report. Two heat pumps have been installed, the Hall Association having received the full municipal grant for which they were eligible (\$5000). Calvin Roger's Electrical Contracting Ltd. provided excellent service. The warranty was superior as well: ten (10) years parts and labour. The system's effectiveness and efficiency will be determined over the winter months. There seems to be a moisture problem in the basement, with the need for a dehumidifier being considered.

**Good Neighbour Club:** Marilyn reported that 232 were served at September's Big Breakfast. . The Fuel Supper will be held October 24th, so there will be no breakfast next month.

**Baptist Church:** Peggy was away for much of the summer, so has not attended many meetings. She did report that the minister, Marc Potvin, is leaving in November and Patrick, the Youth Minister, has left. Others are stepping in to help with the youth programs, and a committee will be formed to find a new minister.

**Park Association:** George reported that Centreville Day was a great success. Bathroom renovations and other projects to improve accessibility are scheduled to begin within the next week or so. No volunteer labour is involved. The project cost is \$33,000: funds will come from a federal grant of \$22,000, an HST rebate, and the area recreation tax. There were 128 registered in the baseball program, and several teams won provincial competitions. NKEC's baseball team will be using the field this fall.

**NKEC Bursary:** David attended the NKEC graduation and presented John Hodder with a letter confirming his receipt of this year's bursary: the actual bursary will be paid directly to the university once John notifies us of his student account number. David has not heard from him as yet. Discussion arose re: the letter the successful applicant receives, and the fact that none of us except David have seen it. David will send/bring a copy of the letter to keep on file.

The question of the retention of bursary applications was discussed: currently, David has all of them.

*Jack moved and George seconded that a record be kept of the number of applications received each year, and that the applications of those who were unsuccessful be destroyed. The applications of those who received the bursary will be filed. Motion carried.*

David will destroy the unsuccessful applications, and will bring those of the students who were awarded the bursary to the next meeting for filing.

**Speed Limit:** Joe Crowell submitted his report, which recommended no changes be made to the speed limits in Centreville. Merv took matters in hand and, after consultation with MLA John Lohr, prepared a petition to have the speed limits lowered as we discussed and agreed upon some time ago. Petitions are located in the post office, Foote's, Kwik-Way, and Nuthins Perfect, and everyone was encouraged to sign it. There was some discussion about how speed limits affect an area's priority for sidewalks, how sidewalks influence traffic speed, etc. We look forward to the petition's results.

**New Business:**

**Website maintenance:** Anne-Marie brought this up because of *The Centre Post* Committee's concerns about the failure of the newsletters to be put on the website in a timely manner, hereby reducing its accessibility. It is felt that this also has a negative affect for the advertisers, who are told of the exposure their ads will receive on the web. She offered to assume the responsibility for updating the site: as a retiree she has time to do it. David responded positively, but then Pauline pointed out that the website was old and a new host will be chosen soon. It was agreed that that would be a more practical time if changes were to be made. Issues deferred until the November meeting.

**Centreville Area Planning Advisory Committee (APAC):** Anne-Marie stated that, following the annual meeting in May, she was to notify the municipality of the names of the executive and the APAC members. We have not yet elected a second member at large - preferably someone from the Park Association because of the likelihood of meetings arising regarding the lot in Ellsworth Estates that has been designated for community park use. Several names were raised, and it was decided that Pauline would contact Beverley Greening and ask if she was willing to serve. Once determined, names will be forwarded to Trish Javorik, Manager of Planning & Community Development for the municipality.

**Community Park Lot in Ellsworth Estates:** Pauline addressed this topic. The Park Association is not interested in developing the lot that has been designated for park use in Ellsworth Estates. A copy of her email correspondence with Scott Quinn, Manager of Public Works, is attached, wherein he outlines the steps that will likely need to be taken. The first, a letter from the Park Association, will be undertaken right away. As there are implications for the CDCDA's Secondary Planning Strategy, a letter from the CDCDA will likely be required as well. This will be discussed further at our October meeting. As we have known for some time, the Secondary Planning Strategy is overdue for a review and revision. A plan for this will be developed.

Pauline suggested the community could use the land as part of a trail development plan, for which some provincial money is available: a working group could be formed with membership from the CDCDA, the APAC, the Park Association, and subdivision residents, etc. This will be discussed further.

**Other:**

**Board of Directors:**

Merv spoke to a couple about the CDCDA and invited them to tonight's meeting, but neither attended. He also spoke to a past member, who will consider rejoining the board. Anne-Marie has removed Ron Sanford from the list of directors, as he has not attended a meeting in over two years nor had any contact with the board. She will contact Helen MacDonald, who is unable to attend meetings due to other commitments, to see if she wishes to be removed as well.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, on motion of David and George the meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm. **Next meeting:** October 23/15 at 7:00.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne-Marie Waterbury Secretary CDCDA