

31 August 2005 MMRA Board Meeting 7:30-9:30 PM

Attended: Marnie, Sue, Andy, Steve, Jill

Delegation: Stewart Yeaman

Regrets: George, Mike, Arnie

AGENDA and MINUTES

Approved Oct 5/05

### Mall

Agreed that Town is acting on side of "principle"

Board wants to support this stance.

ACTION: MMRA send a letter of support to Town. Asking/mentioning the following:

- like to support the Town in its decision of full stop-work
- don't know where they are in process but would like to keep up-to-date
- we support the original, approved site plan

Action - Jill to draft and send around letter.

Mall Rumour: Wilson suing Town for 1.5 million for loss of revenue, warped trusses...

### WTR and Lagoons

Stewart presented:

Said copy of Current EA for Lagoon on Town's website

Said public meeting was called off (for WTR) because MOE said if WTR joins lagoons more stringent requirements/policies would be needed.

Said MOE made recommendations from EA (with or without WTR): need aerated lagoons with year round discharge and must drop phosphorous counts.

This recommendation will require a new mechanized system.

Stewart attended the most recent Planning and Eco Develop Committee Meeting. WTR was not on the agenda at all. WTR delegation of 3 attended and spontaneously asked and were granted permission to be put on the agenda and to speak at the meeting. After speaking, R Minille put forward a motion to accept the OP amendment to allow WTR to hook up. Although most were in agreement with Ricky, "clear" thinking prevailed (some were worried about process) and the motion was deferred to the September committee meeting. So, a motion has been tabled and will be discussed at the next meeting.

Perceptive comment from Andy: Seems like a situation of "most aggressive and vocal developer gets access to our lagoons." This, instead of a coherent and principled plan to grow Town and lagoons within COP framework and legitimate population forecasts.

ACTION: Board to write a reiterated "position paper" on lagoons and WTR situation and send to Council.

- Put WTR on town sewage only after lagoons are fixed
- Find process to allocate growth lands in accordance to COP, not piecemeal
- Mention faulty pop. forecasts...
- Stop letting most aggressive developers access to lagoons

Also send letter to MMAH. Quote Mike Elms from his first letter (way back) to Mike Elms again (this time round) and to Council.

- Action - Steve to draft and send around letter.

### Sponsorship Proposal

APPROVED ACTION: MMRA to sponsor one FOLKUS 2005 concert. Cost: \$500

Want these messages to come across in stage "presentation" on the night of the show:

- MMRA encourages participation and assistance in your community
- The Town is at a time of change and development. Residents need to be involved.
- Make this Town into the Town you want - get involved.

Could have a few mall "jokes". Jill to ask Fern if she wants to meet with the Board to get to know what's what so that she can write the song and present the MMRA on stage. The MMRA will set up a "booth" for selling subscriptions, giving out info. Perhaps, someone from Board could get up to talk on stage... Date of concert to be determined/set. MMRA gets two tickets (raffle?) and publicity on posters etc...

### Long term planning

Some discussion of holding meetings that "rally" around a subject. Such an event can get new members and people get involved when they brainstorm around a hot topic and then can start an action plan. (Wishful thinking...)

- Vandalism was discussed as a Hot Issue around Town. ACTION: Andy will contact Joy Stratford. Sue will contact Jane Torrance. Will ask if some people could attend next (?) board meeting to inform MMRA what's happening in Town/Council to address this issue. How can MMRA bring more people into the process?

### Offices and Membership

Andy is stepping down from MMRA Pres. position. This is desperate (no, just too bad). He has a contract in Afghanistan and won't be in Almonte often. He will attend MMRA as possible. The Board thinks we'll make do with a rotating chair. No acting president. Steve said he'll chair next meeting (but has since contacted me and can't). Marnie said she'd chair the next. This can be sorted out. Arnie will continue excellent minutes...

**\*\*NEXT MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER at the Hyla Room at 7:30\*\***

NOTICE DATE CHANGE. Had set 21 Sept., but Hyla has scheduled us on the 28 Sept. so that is the new date.