



VCA Fall General Meeting – Draft Minutes

October 18, 2023

Proposed for approval at next General Meeting, October 2024
Wednesday, October 18, 2023; 7:00 pm via Zoom

1. **Call to Order-**

Ardeth Staz, President, called the meeting to order and confirmed that the meeting was being held in accordance with the VCA Bylaws, and that a quorum had been met.

2. **Review and approval of the Agenda-**

Ardeth provided an overview of the Agenda. Sue Henry reviewed how to comment and how to vote. Moved by Greg Fedoryn. Seconded by Judy Huntington MacKay that the Agenda be approved. Carried.

3. **Review and approval of Minutes from General Meeting Oct. 19, 2022**

Moved by Sue Henry, seconded by Cindy Durdan that the minutes be approved. Carried.

4. **Executive Reports-**

These reports had been posted on the website in advance of the meeting. Ardeth called for any updates and if there were any questions on each report.

President- Ardeth Staz

Added: Survey comments were read and prioritized by the Executive. Actions and decisions were posted on the website and will be updated in the near future. There were five items that were determined to be a priority.

Ardeth thanked all VCA residents for their attendance at the General Meeting and for participating in shopping locally through our Loyalty Partners.



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Ardeth highlighted the 25th anniversary of the Village event as well as the Appreciation of our Volunteers event.

There were no questions for Ardeth on her report.

Vice-President- Carol Perrin

There were no questions for Carol.

Finance- Joe Allevato

Joe added that finances have never been better due to Judy's membership team who exceeded the number of memberships as well as Nancy Bailey and her Social Committee with their well-attended events. A profit of \$400 was made this year by the Social Committee, which also helps to fund holiday lighting, plants, etc.

Motion: That the Membership fee for December 2024 remain the same at \$30 per year. Proposed by Joe. Seconded by Carol. Carried.

There were no questions for Joe.

Communications- Sue Henry

Sue thanked VCA members for reading the newsletters. Website traffic is almost doubled since last year. Sue thanked Dee Fahlman for assisting with website updates. Ardeth added that our reach has been extended since she visited residents who had previously not received newsletters in order to obtain their email addresses. There were no questions for Sue.

5. Committee Reports-

These were posted on the website in advance of the meeting. Ardeth called for any updates and if there were any questions on each report.



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Membership- Judy Huntington MacKay

Judy thanked the VCA for inviting her team to the Appreciation Event and thanked Sue for hosting it. She also thanked Village Residents for their continued support. There were no questions.

Social- Nancy Bailey

Nancy was not present. Ardeth relayed several messages on her behalf: Please save the date for the Oct. 31 Give and Treat event as well as the November 26 Village Lighting Celebration and the December 7 Village Holiday Party at the NOTL Golf Club. She expressed her appreciation for donations made by our Loyalty Partners and VCA members for various events. There were no questions for Nancy.

Holiday Decorating- Dale Desislets

Dale was not present for the meeting. Ardeth spoke on his behalf. Dale appreciated the holiday decorating volunteers. He will ask current volunteers to continue this year and is looking for any other people who may be interested in helping out. He is encouraging us to light up our own homes for the holiday season to coincide with lighting up The Village on November 26.

Village Round Table- Mike Siverns

Mike was not present for the meeting. Carol spoke on his behalf since she has been added to attend their meetings in order for the Executive to stay connected with the Round Table. There was an update on Bell Fibe. By the end of November, Bell will be working on the west side of GVD. They will install in the Laneways by the end of December. Sales reps will knock on doors to see if residents want Fibe lines to their homes and then will set up an account for them if that is their choice. All of this information is posted on the website. No questions for this committee.



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Secret Gardener

Ardeth spoke on his behalf. The Secret Gardener had hip surgery recently but still managed the gardening with assistance from friends including Leslie and Ron Klein. Tall yellow flowers were added on the corner of Norton and Macdonell. Four dozen tulips were planted by Ardeth and the Secret Gardener in the same flower bed. There were no questions for this committee.

6. Village Development Update- John Hawley

John thanked everyone for the memorial monument for Liz. He then reminded residents to maintain the Village Architectural Codes. Any exterior work from roofing to painting must be approved. John said that he is very close to making announcements about the Village Business Centre, possible by year end. He mentioned that paving and curbs were put in place as well as asphalt for the roadways and that they were preparing for construction. The hotel and related apartments should begin in March or April of 2024. After that, retail construction will begin. He is still negotiating with a grocer.

7. Appointment of Nomination Committee- Carol Perrin

Carol reported that there are currently 3 people on the committee making it formal. Carol has opened it up to anyone wanting to assist with the committee or serve on the Board. Positions up for election at the AGM in April include Treasurer, Vice President and Recording Officer.

8. VCA Recognition Awards- Ardeth Staz

To Nigel Napier-Andrews for contributing his extremely skillful writing talents. He interviewed the first Village residents along with John Hawley to



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capture the story of The Village on its 25th Anniversary. This document can be found on the VCA website under History of The Village.

To Jim Wallace for helping the Secret Gardener, auditing our books and many more little things.

9. **New Business-** No new business in addition to what was previously covered.

10. **Meeting adjournment-** Ardeth- The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm. Motion to adjourn and move to our guest speaker made by Sue Henry. Seconded by Judy Huntington MacKay. Carried.

11. **Guest Speaker-** Constable Michael Malachowsky from the C.O.R.E. (community-oriented response and engagement unit) of the Niagara Police Service, with tips on Home and Personal Safety. We learned how we can protect ourselves from break-ins and thefts, and make these incidents even less likely in The Village.