RVA Meeting: Tuesday February 7th, 2012
St Paul’s United Church – 7:30 p.m.
Annual General Meeting

Present – President: Don Flanders
            Treasurer: Heather Martineau
            Secretary: Rosemary MacArthur

Directors: Harvey Snyder
           Lynne Owen
           Judy Wagdin

Absent - Vice-President: Bruce Webster
            Director: Leslie Abraham

Guests - Lise Guevremont – City of Ottawa – Planning & Growth Management
         Louise Cerveny - City of Ottawa Parks Planner
         Kristy Giles – RVCA - Manager Conservation Lands
         John Curry – Editor, Stittsville News
         Nick Miculia
         Kathy McClure
         Doug McClure
         Dave Martineau
         John McGirr
         Nicole Treffers
         Shelly Macpherson

Opening Remarks
Don Flanders welcomed the Directors and the guests to the RVA Annual General Meeting.

Item 1: Agenda Approval and Item 2:
Deferred until later in the meeting (Annual General Meeting), in order to let the city of Ottawa guests speak first.

Item 3: Speakers:

a) Having visited both areas, Lise spoke about the city’s environmental plan for Royal York Park & Richmond’s Conservation Area. There will be an upgrading of both areas by the city & the RVCA (Rideau Valley Conservation Authority) with pathways & signage. She found the grass is mowed up to the river edge & suggested there be more natural vegetation planted to help filter out contaminants.
In the city’s grants program, there is a table showing grants available.
b) Kristy said the city & the RVCA had ownership of the lagoons. In Royal York Park, the RVCA can provide picnic tables & small amenities.

c) Louise wants a master plan for future Richmond parks, involving park space as well as ease of actually getting people to these parks. There is a city program which will match funds raised by a community. Deadlines for application are May & September. It was pointed out that Richmond’s CDP is not complete & until outstanding issues are solved, it is not an official document. There was a question concerning possible funding for Richmond’s 200th Anniversary. This request must go to Councilor Moffatt. There are issues regarding poop-and-scoop and leashing of dogs in some areas. The RVA is responsible for this. (Christine Hartig is the city contact person) We were told a skate board park is costly but could possibly be built within a Partnership Program.

Don thanked our 3 guests.

**Item 4: Annual General Meeting:**

a) **Returning Executive Members:** These members will continue in their present positions:
- President – Don Flanders
- Past President – Bruce Webster
- Secretary – Rosemary MacArthur
- Treasurer – Heather Martineau
- The Vice-Presidency stands vacant.

b) **Returning Director Members:** These members will continue as RVA Directors
- Harvey Snyder
- Lynne Owen
- Leslie Abraham
- Judy Wagdin
- Bruce Webster

c) **Year End Financials:**

**See Attachment #1:**

Heather reported the RVA spent $13,946.00 in 2011. The RVA has in hand approximately $12,162.00; $4100.00 of this balance belongs to the mural fund. The RVA had a loss for 2011 of $784.39. The city will increase its funding for 2012 by 2% which equals $139.00 per year.

**See Attachment #2:**

The projected costs for 2012 are $16,425.00; The RVA needs to either cut back on expenditures or raise additional money through village events, private businesses, private citizen donations or city grants.
d) Closing Comments:

See Attachment #3
President Don Flanders gave a summary of the work the RVA has done over the past year. It was well received.

**Item 5: Richmond Village Association Monthly Meeting**

1) The Agenda was approved.
2) Moved by Heather Martineau, seconded by Lynne Owen to approve the Minutes for the January 10th 2012 meeting. Passed.
3) Business arising from the Minutes

a) Youth Activities – No updates on this matter
b) Neighbourhood Watch – No updates on this matter
c) Changes/Updates – Richmond\RVA Website, Facebook\Wordpress
   To gauge the costs for this, Don sent requests to a number of area web developers (costs will likely be $5,000 for the web page itself plus any other necessities for development. He pointed out that it’s difficult to access student volunteers unless the request is made prior to the beginning of a term.
d) Membership & Volunteering - the RVA is deficient in both these areas.
e) Richmond Replacement Sign – deferred to next month
f) Flyers – deferred to next month
g) Central Storage - Don reported Ashton storage is not suitable as it is at the top of 25 stairs. They hope to have floor storage by the summer but it was agreed we need storage space before this. *In fact, we need a suitable price quote to be presented at the March meeting & a firm decision to be made at that time.*
h) McBean Speed Limit\School Zone – There were supposed to be flashing lights at each sign. Since there are none, Councilor Moffatt needs to be contacted re this matter. At the moment, the area of McBean St fronting St Andrews Church nursery school is not covered by the signs. Signage must be moved, if not to the bridge, then at least before it. There needs to be a police presence in order to maintain proper speed supervision.
i) 2018 Celebrations – deferred until next month
j) Volunteer of the Year Award – deferred until March meeting
k) Road Renewals – deferred until the November 2012 meeting
l) Richmond Monday Shopping Bus – OC Transpo has not responded to the request for more information and\or bus schedules for villagers.

**Item 6: New Business**
Heather needs all paper work to be handed over prior to being placed in file folders.

**Item 7: Talos Homes**
Talos Homes is holding a Public Information Meeting February 15th at the Community Centre concerning their proposed sub-division of 40 semi-detached homes bounded by...
Perth, King & Cockburn Streets. There was a question whether this would result in 40 new families or 80. Rosemary said she would attend the meeting & inquire.

**Adjournment:**
Don adjourned the meeting.
Next meeting: March 6th 2012