SVA Board Meeting
Thursday, October 1, 2026

Attending: Deanna, Erin, Adrianna, Rudolf, Damon, Chris
Meeting opened by Deanna, seconded by Erin.

1. **Housekeeping**
    a. **Minutes from last month's meeting** were not approved. Were not circulated. Adrianna was the only one in attendance who had received them. Note to be reviewed and approved at November meeting.
    b. **Correction as to flower baskets for this year.** They were not funded by Postcard Perfect. We are uncertain as to who did. We sponsored one basket for $250 towards flowers, this was a contribution towards this year and not next years baskets as formally believed. This should be corrected in the relevant Minutes.
    c. **Community Involvement:** Erin went to the truth and reconciliation yesterday. We have our AGM coming up but we don't know of anything else beyond the election and this coming up.
    d. **Shed inventory:** This was done last year. We will have to take inventory to pass to new counsellor. We will flag this for next month as there isn't a lot of time this month. We should label the items. Our tent is there, we will ask Phil if he has vests that are currently missing from Canada Day? – re: Mandy email. On the 25th of July we had a tent. Do Alison or Phil have it? They were not present.
2. **Debate: Went well.** Thank you to everyone. Adrianna – the people said it was done really well, feedback really good – some said the best ever – Neville from Newspaper said it was the best debate he went to. We raised $180 in donations. Damon – we need a better set up for streaming if we host this next time. One issue with picking up conversation from mic before debate which was corrected. Feed from overflow room was a bit loud and should be lowered next time. 695 viewers at the live stream. Not sure how many views since. Our Youtube is up and running again. Overall, very positive feedback. Awesome job overall. Good job team!

3. **AGM** is set for October 15 2026 , we will be incorporating a portion of this meeting to celebrating our **25th Anniversary.** We will be hosting this at the Hazeldean Gardens large room. I have been working with Jan to invite former

members. While we gather everyone's contact details, it may be an opportunity to also add them to our website. So far we have Ritual providing us with refreshments. ACTION: Deanna to follow up with Abbie and Jan – By-laws will hopefully be passed. To be reviewed tonight.

Erin is stepping down as VP at the next AGM. Will remain on as Director. Damon wants to nominate Chris – he is interested and will accept. Rudy and Deanna confirmed they will remain on for remainder of term.

Discussion what roles do we want filled/ need volunteers – someone to assist with volunteer recruitment and organization for POL and Canada Day. We need a VP. We need a social media person. Recommendation read out roles and responsibilities prior to asking for Members. Everyone agrees Canada Day has become a lot. This was a tough year, we didn't have a lot of members/directors assist. We want other organizations to join and become involved. We want to address this at the start of the new year. Action: Alison – you had started this, can you complete a list for the AGM?

4. **Website** is in the making – please remember to submit a photo of yourself and a short blur about you for the site. REMINDER, was on agenda last month. Erin and Damon, how many more are needed? Stittsville walkers – waiver –requested to be added. Action: Damon will look into adding. Deanna will pass along history she is able to compile from AGM for website.

5. **Paint it up update from Erin –** Launch party was awesome. Adrianna described it as amazing. Indigenous elder did a beautiful land welcoming. The youth artists received a certificate from Glen's office and were quite happy with this. ACTION: Erin has to provide a report that is coming due in November and will submit this. Damon is doing a mini documentary and will try to get it done in time for the report. The doco will be on the website. This was another success! Voted to add Damon's logo to website for all of the volunteer work he has done with filming and broadcasting for events.

6. **Treasurer's report –** update from Rudy – monthly reports to be sent to Officers and Directors. After AGM, Rudy wants list of who this should be sent to. Will send to me to circulate with Agenda. CRA approved the fiscal year change!!

Rudy filed our returns for June 30 and October 31. Saved $1500 with Rudy filing our taxes. Our new fiscal year is November 1. Thank you Rudy!

7. **Committee Updates**
    a. **Compliance Committee**
        i. Review and discussions pertaining to By-laws which were circulated and tabled to be voted in at the AGM.
        ii. Who was appointed as a Director through regular meetings and therefore needs to be appointed at the next AGM? – Chris? Damon?
        iii. Went through By-laws in detail – discussion about what they meant – changes/amendments discussed. Terms. Few changes recommended with respect to terms of Officers, one officer for financial transactions, Members must attend at least 4 monthly meetings each year to maintain voting rights.
    b. **Parade of Lights**
        i. Floats - $100 each float – upped from $50.
        ii. Motion to increase fees – proposed by Rudy, all in favour
        iii. Flyers – volunteers to hand out flyers in efforts to reduce amount of work on team
        iv. Post parade volunteer night – sign volunteer forms and have pizza. Rather than have this done at parade. Erin proposed, all in favour.
        v. Vote: unanimous – no park. Poorly attended, significant amount of work, costly.
        vi. Bradley Bench - Adrianna wants to be Ms. Clause and Santa? – signs. Erin and Adrianna to look into this
        vii. Glow Sticks – from Canada Day, Deanna had contacted Murray Homes who had donated these. They are red and white. We can use these at Canada Day – note add them as sponsors to event.
        viii. Hire company to rent and put up barricades - $6000 – proposed by Erin – all in favour – assuming we cannot get a better price.
        ix. Alison has started permits.
        x. Broadcasting? Damon – to start conversation – their advertising on the streaming covers the cost. Last year it was about $16k, should we contribute this year to ensure our sponsors receive enough coverage? How much would this be? Damon to look into.

xi. Erin will post volunteer and float forms.
xii. Deanna to reach out to Minto.
xiii. Main sponsors – Minto – Murray's heating and cooling (glow sticks); Capital (dinner for SVA coordinators).

Meeting closed by Deanna seconded by Chris