

January 25, 2017

Amanda. Welcomed everyone to the first meeting on 2017

On behalf of the community and council Don presented the Alvinston Community Group with a thank you card and a cheque for \$2,965.84. This was the profit from the Teeny Tiny Southwest that we sponsored in November.

Vicki Luke from OMAFRA did a presentation on the "First Impressions Community Exchange". She reviewed the package with those present. There is a lot to look over and consider as the exchange includes the full picture of the community including such things as the appearance of or closeness to the following areas: downtown, tourism, green spaces, streets, sidewalks, government services, schools, daycare, hospitals, etc. There are over 50 areas to be completed in the program. There needs to be a small group of people from different aspects of the community to form a committee to visit the other community. Liana has indicated that if we proceed she would like to be included representing the media point of view. It was decided to let everyone review the package and it would be discussed at the next meeting.

Trails

Helen did a presentation on behalf of the Trails group with the following suggestions

- 1. In town historical with points of interest
- 2. Connect out to the Conservation area
- 3. Along the river, up the ravine and then along Nauvoo Rd.
- 4. South of town and possibly connect with the canoe launch site
- 5. 3 level activity trail
 - a. Mild to moderate activity in town
 - b. More taxing activity and longer than "a"
 - c. Most activity with stops along the way and the longest

After a vote it seemed that # 1 and # 5 tied and seemed to be a good match as they could be combined. # 2 was to connect with the Conservation area. It was decided to go ahead with the "a" trail project. Committee group volunteers are Deb, Jim, Helen, John & Ruth R

Facebook

Deb informed the group that she had posted 3 groups of pictures and each category has had over 150 hits each. She was asked to place information of our next meeting and ask if there are any volunteers for the trail group

Christmas Parade

Our group won first prize and received \$150.00. Thanks to all who organized it, help build it and helped in any way the day of the parade

Elections

It was suggested that we might consider contacting people ahead of time to see who might be interested in a position. Possible committee could be the Past President as lead and that person can choose someone else to help. Helen has volunteered to contact Jim.

Next meeting is Feb. 22/17