



**Vankleek Hill & District Historical Society/
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HOPE 225 (Vankleek Hill in 2022)

April 7, 2021

Meeting Notes

Attending by Zoom Virtual Platform

Samme Putzel - Excellent Events and Creative Centre

Valerie Allen - Vankleek Hill and District Historical Society

Debbie Hall - Vankleek Hill and District Historical Society

Aartje den Boer - Farmers Market

Edgar Soriano - Farmers Market

Naomi Mahon - St. John Anglican Church

Claire Diamond - Eglise St. - Gregoire

Evelyn Bernique - Vankleek Hill Fair Board

J. Denis Seguin (Host) - Vankleek Hill and District Historical Society

Regrets received from:

Troy Carkner - Councilor (Vankleek Hill)

Norman McCrimmon - St. John Anglican Church

Mary Higginson - Vankleek Hill Horticultural Society

Daryl Waite - Horticultural Society

Linda Bennett - Vankleek Hill Nature Society

Others:

Louise Sproule - The Review / BMA / Higginson Tower / Home Tours

Laura Cross - Beau's October Fest

Christiane Falardeau Picard - Eglise St. - Gregoire

ian Hepburn - Vankleek Hill Music Festival

Ken Duff - Porchfest

Mary Fraser - Knox Presbyterian Church

Ann MacDonnell - Women's Institute

Lorie Turpin - Arbor Gallery

Peter Barton - - Councilor (Vankleek Hill

Darryl Beck - Pleasant Corners Public School

Julia Fortin-Schwartenhauer - Ouimet Farm

Meeting Notes # 2 - April 7th, 2021

Item	Discussion	Action by	Due by
2.1	Agenda + Goal of the meeting: Denis had previously circulated the agenda and the goal for this evening.	Record	April 7, 2021
2.2	Housekeeping: Denis explained that this meeting is being held on the Zoom platform graciously supplied by Valerie Allen who had bought a subscription allowing us to go longer with the meeting. Thank you so much Valerie.	Record	April 7, 2021
2.3	Report on Planned Events (Depending on Pandemic Situation)	See list below	
2.4	St. Johns Anglican Church: Rep: Norman McCrimmon, standing in tonight was Naomi Mahon. Looking to host 2 roast beef suppers, April 2022 and October 2022. They are very willing to help with other events taking place in town.	Record	April 2022 October 2022
2.5	St. Grégoire Church: Rep: Claire Diamond Church looking to host Fête-Dieu with the procession leaving the church, going to the school and back, with a Pancake breakfast at the Golden Age Club. "Nous suggérons de tenir, le dimanche 19 juin, à 11h, une petite procession de la Fête-Dieu, de l'église vers l'école et retour à l'église pour la messe (on verra si on peut la tenir à l'extérieur ou à l'intérieur, suivi d'un déjeuner aux crêpes au Club de l'âge d'or, rue Bond. Il y a plusieurs années qu'on ne célèbre plus la Fête-Dieu comme dans "le bon vieux temps". Also looking at hosting a meal put on by the gentlemen of the church "diner des beaux hommes", perhaps the same day at Louise's Christmas in July tour.	Record	June 19, 2022

2.6	<p>VKH Farmers Market: Rep: Edgar Soriano</p> <p>They are celebrating their 25th, Anniversary this year.</p> <p>They can operate during the pandemic since they are considered an essential service (provision of food to the community).</p> <p>They remain hopeful for 2022.</p>	Record	
2.7	<p>Excellent Events: Rep: Samme Putzel</p> <p>Normally they host 8 different events, not sure what next year will bring as controlling crowds is a big issue for example during parades, and she is unsure if even at that point food service will be allowed. Denis made a point of thanking Samme for doing some of the events on-line this year and keeping spirits up in the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wee Irish Parade - March • May Show - May • Horse and Buggy Parade - July • Strawberry Social - July • Festival of Flavors - October/November • Christmas Parade (of lights) - November/December • Christmas Craft Sale - December • Breakfast with Santa - December <p>Samme also noted - ecumenical church service event.</p> <p>As a group they are very interested in at least hosting the horse and buggy parade for 2022, as this was started with the Bicentennial Celebration in 1997.</p> <p>At this point insurance is very difficult to obtain especially where Covid transmission is a concern. Valerie Allen reiterated this statement with recent experience from the Fair Board.</p> <p>Excellent Events have found that one formula that works is that instead of a day or weekend event and expecting large crowds, they have broken down and spread events such as the Christmas Craft sale over a month of weekends with less vendors and smaller crowds.</p> <p>This does take more organizing.</p> <p>Insurance and Health Unit approval comes in to play.</p>	Horse and Buggy Parade	July 2022
2.8	<p>Horticultural Society: Rep: Valerie Allen standing in.</p> <p>They are unable to attend tonight as they are meeting tonight as well. They are planning to participate, perhaps providing arrangements for Louise's Christmas Home Tour in July.</p> <p>It was noted that 2022 is the "Year of the Garden"</p>	Record	July 2022

2.9	Russell Gauley breakfast: Rep: Evelyn Bernique; Will not be going forward this year but hope for the breakfast the 1st weekend in May 2022 (Sunday).	Record	May 1st, 2022
2.10	Fiddle & Dance: Rep: Valerie Allen: Not going forward this year but will hopefully for 2nd weekend in May 2022.	Record	May 7 & 8, 2022
2.11	VKH Fair Board: Rep: Valerie Allen; Unsure what is happening this year. Hopefully will have a fair August 18 - 21 2022. Spoke on issues with getting insurance. Prior to obtaining from an insurance company, the event must be approved by the local health unit in order for it to go forward.	Record	August 18-21, 2022
2.12	Next meeting: It was agreed that we would reconvene in 2 months to discuss progress in the pandemic situation and any further possible event planning opportunities for 2022.	Denis will issue next invite.	June 2021
	FROM PREVIOUS MEETING		
1.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Home Tour in July - why not! • Porch Fest in 2021 OK - but we really hope that a HOPE 225 Porchfest can be a special event in 2022. 	To discuss further at next meeting	

Please advise of any corrections to the meeting notes by e-mailing: denis.seguin@hok.com

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The next meeting goals:

- **Group updates on what they might have as an event - come with your ideas.**

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