



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

**October 27, 2021**

## **Meeting Notes**

### **Attending by Zoom Virtual Platform**

Valerie Allen - Vankleek Hill and District Historical Society

Debbie Hall - Vankleek Hill and District Historical Society

Mary Fraser - Knox Presbyterian Church

Daryl Waite - Horticultural Society

Edgar Soriano - Farmers Market

Claire Diamond - Eglise St. - Gregoire

Linda Bennett - Vankleek Hill Nature Society

Kelley Allen - Vankleek Hill Fiddle and Dance

Norman McCrimmon - St. John Anglican Church

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

### **Regrets received from:**

Troy Carkner - Councilor (Vankleek Hill)

Peter Barton - - Councilor (Vankleek Hill)

Evelyn Bernique - Vankleek Hill Fair Board

Naomi Mahon - St. John Anglican Church

### **Others:**

Reid Masson - The Review

Samme Putzel - Excellent Events and Creative Centre

Louise Sproule - BMA / Higginson Tower / Home Tours

Mary Higginson - Vankleek Hill Horticultural Society

Laura Cross - Beau's October Fest

Christiane Falardeau Picard - Eglise St. - Gregoire

Aartje den Boer - Farmers Market

ian Hepburn - Vankleek Hill Music Festival

Adele Roberts - Porchfest

Ann MacDonnell - Women's Institute

Lorie Turpin - Arbor Gallery

Darryl Beck - Pleasant Corners Public School

Julia Fortin-Schwartenhauer - Ouimet Farm

## Meeting Notes # 3 - October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Item	Discussion	Action by	Due by / or Forecasted Date of event
3.1	<p><b>Agenda + Goal of the meeting:</b> Denis had previously circulated the agenda and the goal for this evening (see below).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- Calendar of events – update from each organization.</li> <li>2- We have already set the theme as <b>HOPE 225</b> (the 225 anniversary of Vankleek’s Hill).</li> <li>3- I would like to further our discussion on a <b>LOGO and a prize for the winner</b> (keep our community involved and engaged).</li> <li>4- Advertising – getting the message out.</li> <li>5- Other business</li> </ul>	Record	Oct 27, 2021
3.2	<p><b>Report on Planned Events by participants</b> (Depending on Pandemic Situation)</p>	See list below - updates in <b>bold</b>	
3.3 (2.4)	<p><b>St. Johns Anglican Church:</b> Rep: Norman McCrimmon</p> <p>Looking to host 2 roast beef suppers, April 2022 and October 2022.</p> <p><b>Also, Shrove Tuesday on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 is a possibility.</b></p> <p>They are very willing to help with other events taking place in town.</p> <p><b>Norman also noted that they are looking a hosting a ‘ART in the PARK’ event and may be looking for some help from others (in planning for late Spring, Summer or Early Fall)</b></p>	Record	<p><b>March 1, 2022</b></p> <p>April 2022</p> <p>October 2022</p>
3.4 (2.5)	<p><b>St. Grégoire Church:</b> Rep: Claire Diamond</p> <p><b>Claire reported still on tract.</b></p> <p>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.</p>	Record	<b>June 19, 2022</b>

	<p>“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".</p> <p>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.</p>		
3.5 (2.6)	<p><b>VKH Farmers Market:</b> Rep: Edgar Soriano</p> <p><b>No update tonight.</b></p>	Record	
3.6 (2.7)	<p><b>Excellent Events:</b> Rep: Samme Putzel</p> <p><b>Samme was not present but still hopeful for 2022 and sent her encouragement for tonight.</b></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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wee Irish Parade - March</li> <li>• May Show - May</li> <li>• Horse and Buggy Parade - July</li> <li>• Strawberry Social - July</li> <li>• Festival of Flavors - October/November</li> <li>• Christmas Parade (of lights) - November/December</li> <li>• Christmas Craft Sale - December</li> <li>• Breakfast with Santa - December</li> </ul> <p>Samme also noted - ecumenical church service event.</p>	Horse and Buggy Parade	July 2022
3.7 (2.8)	<p><b>Horticultural Society:</b> Rep: Darryl Waite</p> <p><b>Darryl was looking for how they could participate. Denis mentioned that in 1997 the Hill owned by Farmer Supply was planted with flowers.</b></p> <p>Darryl to investigate.</p> <p>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

3.8 (2.9)	<p><b>Russell Gauley breakfast:</b> Rep: Evelyn Bernique;</p> <p><b>No update tonight.</b></p> <p><b>Evelyn did not get the zoom invite and missed the meeting. Denis reached out afterwards.</b></p> <p><del>Will not be going forward this year but hope for the breakfast the 1st weekend in May 2022 (Sunday).</del></p>	Record	May 1st, 2022
3.10 (2.10)	<p><b>Fiddle &amp; Dance:</b> Rep: Kelly Allen:</p> <p><b>Kelly was still hopeful for May 2022.</b></p>	Record	May 7 & 8, 2022
3.11 (2.11)	<p><b>VKH Fair Board:</b> Rep: Valerie Allen</p> <p><b>Valerie confirmed the Board is hopeful for a more regular fair in 2022.</b></p> <p><b>This year the Fair Board held a much smaller event but delivered as usual with great success.</b></p>	Record	August 18-21, 2022
3.12	<p><b>LOGO Contest:</b></p> <p><b>Denis explained the logo contest parameters and discussion ensued amongst the participants. It was agreed that there would be 3 prizes of \$ 100 / \$75 and \$50 which by tally is \$ 225. Denis/Debbie and Valerie are donating to this cause.</b></p> <p><b>It was also agreed that the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner would become the LOGO for HOPE 225 with bragging rights.</b></p>	Record	Oct 27, 2021
	<p><b>We then proceeded to select judges and the following were promoted to that task: Edgar / Darryl, Valerie, Debbie and Denis.</b></p> <p><b>5 people is a good size judges' team but if anyone would like to be added then 2 people need to be added to have an odd number when voting</b></p>	Record	Oct 27, 2021
	<p><b>Denis then proceeded through the contest rules with everyone and will in the next week or so proceed to launch the contest.</b></p>	Denis	Nov 12, 2021
	<p><b>The Museum will create a page with the LOGO contest details (both languages) and promote the information.</b></p>	Denis	Nov 8, 2021
	<p><b>Denis prepared a PRESS RELEASE and will reach out to The Review to also promote the contest in our community.</b></p>	Denis	Nov 12, 2021
	<p><b>Denis will send out updates on process and rules etc.</b></p>	Denis	Nov 19, 2021

3.13	<p><b>Judges contest meeting:</b></p> <p>Once the Contest is underway Denis will call a meeting for the judges - intent is to have the contest close on December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and to meet afterwards some evening.</p> <p>Contest winner will be awarded on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022</p>	Valerie will issue invite.	TBD
3.14	<p><b>HOPE 225 / ESPOIR 225 Official Launch</b></p> <p>Denis spoke of having Mayor Riopel officiate by making declaration (TBD).</p> <p>We will work with our Mayor and Councilors for something in January 2022</p>	In planning	January 2022
3.15	<p><b>Getting the word out:</b></p> <p>Denis did an interview with The Review which will be in the next regular issue. Look for it.</p> <p>Denis will also be attending the BMA (Business Merchants Association annual general meeting on Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 and will chance to provide an update if possible, to the audience gathered.</p>	Denis	November 3, 2021 (The Review)
3.16	<p><b>Acknowledging indigenous land</b></p> <p>Linda Bennett- Nature Society, brought up that this groups should acknowledge indigenous land at the start of the meeting. Denis explained that this group is not a committee or society and that that kind of acknowledgement would reside with the individual participating groups invited to share their event planning in this forum. Several groups acknowledge that they are doing that already.</p>	Record	Oct 27, 2021
3.17	<p><b>Next Meeting:</b></p> <p>After the LOGO contest submitted and certainly in January to keep everyone updated with event bookings, LOGO availability for everyone's use and further co-planning possibilities.</p>	Denis	TBD

	<b>FROM PREVIOUS MEETING</b>		
1.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas Home Tour in July - why not!</li> <li>• <b>Louise advise Denis that she is passing this over to someone else TBD</b></li> </ul>	To discuss further at next meeting with Louise	

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

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**The next meeting goals:**

- Group updates on what they might have as an event.
- LOGO contest update
- Kick off to 2022

**Staying in touch:**

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