



## A. Reviews and Comments

June 25, 2006

*"Ian, I have read the first draft manuscript and believe the information and sequence of events described relevant to the creation of Nepean Allotment Garden Association are correct. It's a good story and I congratulate you for the work you have put into it."*

*Signed by Al Martin.*



Dear Ian

July 18, 2006

*I have now read your history through. It is all factually correct as I remember things from my time on the Board.*

*Thank you for taking the time to put this information together.*

*Your account reveals just how many people have been involved over the years to ensure that the activity we all love and enjoy can be carried out year by year. I am glad I was involved and could help out, but equally glad that others took up the torch when I decided to step back.*

Ron Black

Ian,

*As I indicated, my latest editing contract is taking up much of my time, so I won't be able to review your story. As you requested, though, here is my contribution to your "comments" section:*

*Oscar Wilde wrote, "The Book of Life begins with a man and a woman in a garden." The quiet pleasure of planting seeds and watching them grow and thrive is as intrinsic to us as the wonder of witnessing the ocean's tides. Both satisfy the soul. As long as there is a garden there will be refuge from strife and want.*

*Denis St-Jean, founding member*

Dear Ian,

*Thank you for letting me have an advance glance at your meticulous account of the gardening project. David Dickson, my husband, was deeply involved in the entire process. He was the gardener, also engaging other members of our family, and I also took a keen interest because it was so important to David.*

*My contribution to the organization was to maintain a register of members on the Internet, which had just been introduced to Ottawa early in the 1900s, and also by chairing many of the meetings. David accepted the role of treasurer. As a Chartered Accountant, this task fell to him in various groups to which we belonged.*

*His sudden death, caused by a brain hemorrhage while fighting cancer, ended our gardening forever. I greatly appreciate the work you have done to revive the memories.*

*Thank you,  
Rosaleen*



## B. Words from the Gardeners...

The following commentaries were compiled by Jennifer Bernius, I think in 1998.

Thank you Jennifer for letting me include this.

*When I plant something, I get what I like. I like to eat what I plant. It means a lot to grow my own vegetables. I've been in the garden association for three years now.*

*I like gardening; it helps me relax. I don't mind the hard work—I enjoy it! I have both an annual and a perennial plot. I especially love chard and spinach, which I freeze along with tomatoes, eggplant and everything else except cabbages.*

*Even now in February, I'm still eating my vegetables. The only ones I buy are cabbage and lettuce. I have a big freezer for my vegetables. So the garden means a lot to me because I don't have a lot of money.*

*Another favorite of mine is black-eyed beans, which I grow as I used to in Uganda. I like the leaves from them, as I use them as Spinach.*

Ester Okwir



In some spots a gas grass trimmer is useful. Otmir Okwir, a native of Uganda, hard at work. Lots of material flies around when using the trimmer, hence the safety glasses.

*I enjoy gardening, especially the perennial plots. I have two of them and one annual plot. I've planted garlic and leeks, and pick broccoli until freeze-up. I've got josta-- a cross between a gooseberry and blackcurrant. It's spineless!*

*I feel relaxed in the garden, even when I'm weeding. The plots are convenient to me. I've gardened there for seven years. I also enjoy other gardeners.*

*Last year. I had mostly squash and sunflowers in my annual plot. I put dry grass clippings on the seeds after I plant them, and that helps keep the birds away. Also it's good mulch.*

Eve Cadeau

**My favorite thing is flower gardening, but I love vegetables.**

I love gardening! It's my hobby. My husband and I were born in Poland, and we both grew up on a farm. We share the garden plot. We go to the garden to relax. We work to get healthy organic food. We have two teenage kids and have shown them how to garden. They help us.

Wieslawa Moskal



## B. Words from the Gardeners...

*Well, I was born and raised on a farm, and the earth is very important to me. Since I was about 5 years old, I always had a garden either growing flowers or vegetables. At school, kids had to work on a collective farm in the Ukraine during harvest, picking potatoes or beets. And in summer, we had to pick potato beetles. They paid us 1 kopek, about 10 cents for a can of beetles!*

*Gardening is a form of relaxation and a way to give back to nature what I've taken for so many years. I'm making the earth better, tending it naturally. It's like my little piece of paradise! I don't really need the vegetables --- I could buy them---- but I grow them anyway. They're natural, no pesticides on them. I tend my garden and it gives me back 10 - fold what I give it. It makes me relax and helps my mental state.*

*María Lachowich*



*My husband Luigi, loves to garden. He feels that planting and digging is a man's job. But when the plants come up, I help with the watering. No have to do what she says. She decides what to grow, e.g. the beans and tomatoes. I help her. She is very smart in the garden---How, what and when. Both of us were born in Italy and have lived in Canada about 40 years.*

*Rosa Petruzzi*

Regretfully, owing to my changing circumstances, I have had to leave my garden plot which I nurtured for many years. Now the garden will be in the hands of others, who, I hope, will nurture it as I have.

I have enjoyed my association with other gardeners, whom I found very friendly and always willing to share their expertise.

What a relief it was to work in the garden, with the birds all around and the open sky above! On hot days, I didn't have to stay at home but could be in the garden where there was always a breeze. And I could chat with my friend in the plot next to mine.

Every year, I was amazed at the abundance of vegetables I got from my garden. Although I used no pesticides, I had very little trouble with bugs. And I always had the added satisfaction that my produce was organic and much tastier than store-bought vegetables.

Altogether, it was a blessing to be part of the garden association which I joined right from its beginning.

Ange Salm

*It is OK. No problem. A garden is a garden, a piece of land and that's it. You can plant anything you want. I like it because it is close to my house, only a block away. I put in lots of chicory, tomatoes and cucumbers. I have had garden plots since the beginning of the garden association.*

*Salvatore Imperiale*





## B. Words from the Gardeners...

My wife, Sonia, and I started gardening since the association began. Although we missed about three or four years, we've gardened for the past six or seven years. I'm half Italian and half Hungarian, and my wife has a Ukrainian background. We were both in Canada and have a farming background.

I find gardening there was enjoyable. We have a yard at home but it has too much shade. My wife tends to grow flowers in her perennial plot. One advantage of the plots is there is no shade. Also the availability of water. We have been fortunate in not having much vandalism. Less than you'd expect.

We get to meet all sorts of people through the garden. The general atmosphere is very friendly. There is a wide diversity of ethnic backgrounds and different ways of gardening.

Dominic Raina

*I started gardening in an NCC plot on Prince of Wales Drive, over 25 years ago and have been with the garden association for the past four years. The service is excellent! It is great having the soil tilled in the spring, and the price of plots is good.*

*I have grown more than 200 varieties over the years; every year I plant something different. I write a column on gardening for a Chinese newspaper in Ottawa. Some of the varieties I have grown are Chinese spinach, quite a common vegetable; bitter melons and winter melons --- very popular with the Chinese; Chinese celery, which is strong smelling; and "bird's nest", a melon that is planted as ornamental, but is very sweet and tasty.*

Kam Shui Ng

*It's so wonderful to grow your own vegetables. There's nothing like the taste of sun-warmed tomatoes off the vine! And the wonderful people you meet----- It's a pleasure to be there!*

*Remember the killdeer and how the people used to plant their gardens around them? And whenever you got too near one, it would pull the wounded wing routine.*

*A few years back, I was in the garden, late as usual. It was about 10 PM, still some light in the sky. For some reason, I stood up and looked towards Viewmount Ave. Then I saw a fountain of water shooting about 15 feet in the air from one of the gardens near the road. I didn't know what to do. I saw a lady in her yard behind one of the townhouses, so I ran over to her.*

*I probably scared her! I don't know if she understood English well because she didn't want me to use her phone. So I had to call my house and tried to explain to her to tell the man who answered the phone (my husband) to call Ian Reid and tell him a water pipe was broken. A short while later, Ian, Denis and some others went down to the gardens. The water was pouring all over the road.....The funniest thing was to see Ian in his shorts and soaking wet, down in the hole\* trying to turn off the water. He got it turned off in about half an hour.*

*\*Note the hole is about 12 feet deep and 4 feet in diameter at the top.*

Mary St-Jean



## B. Words from the Gardeners...

*I'm relatively new to gardening. We began renting a plot to years ago to introduce our pre-schoolers, aged two and four, to gardening. They love it! They help us water, till and weed, and when they see the seeds sprouting, they get so excited!*

*For me, it's a great way to learn from other gardeners. They're so friendly, and give you tips on what to plant and what not to do.*

*Marie Mackenzie*

*I remember the first year I joined the garden association. It started raining as I began setting out my plants. My shoes were so heavily caked with the clay-like soil that I could barely move. A fellow walking a bicycle dropped by and offered to help; that was my introduction to Ian Reid. What a morning we had! We moved like machines, planting row after row. The rain never stopped, and when at last we were done. Ian was off in a flash. As I peeled the mud off my feet, which were now bare, I thought to myself, "I am going to like it here."*

*I have particularly loved the early mornings when a mist hangs over the garden. When the air is soft and balmy and all is quiet, I feel like Alice in Wonderland as I walk about the property. In our culturally diverse association, it is a treat to see the various trellises and mulches. It seems even vegetables have a story to tell! Sometimes on those misty mornings, my reverence comes close to prayer.*

*Barb Hale*

My garden plot has been near and dear to me for many years. I began gardening in Viewmount Ave. a few years before we formed the garden association, and have rented a plot ever since. A summer without gardening was unthinkable!

I remember the first plot I shared with my friend, Ange Salm. How stony and clay-ey it was! Later I rented my own annual plot next to hers, and every year built up the soil from maple leaves, mushroom compost and kitchen peelings. Each year the earth became richer and less compacted. I love growing the soil almost as much as my vegetables!

But what vegetables! I savored their taste and beauty; and in the early years when I was really avid, I new almost every plant as a friend. I mourned when the cutworms, flea beetles and groundhogs seemed to take more than their share of my broccoli and lettuce. Yet, looking back over the years, I always ended up with far more produce than I could ever eat.

I learned so much from gardening, especially from watching other gardeners and listening to their advice. But my best teachers were the plants themselves. Tomatoes and potatoes, I discovered, make poor neighbors. Carrots should really be seeded more thinly in the spring. And while Jerusalem artichokes are wonderfully hardy, I certainly don't want them invading my entire garden.

For all the years of planting, cultivating, harvesting.....and hoping, I am most grateful. And to everyone in the garden association, I say a big thank you!

Jennifer Bernius



## C. By-Laws & Attachments

### By-Laws of The Nepean Allotment Garden Association

Definitions; (1) in this by-law, and in all other By-Laws of the corporation,

- a) "Act" means the Corporation Act of Ontario;
- b) "Corporation" means the Nepean Allotment Garden Association;
- c) "Letters Patent" means the letters of the Corporation;
- d) "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Corporation;
- e) "Financial Year" means the period from March 1 to February 28 in each year;
- f) "Objects" means the objects for which the Corporation is incorporated.

Please note that there have been changes to the above By-Laws to reflect changes over the years. For instance the City of Nepean has been amalgamated with the City of Ottawa.

The By-Law is a legal document that sets down strict rules and regulations for the operation of the Corporation.

The following headings appear in this document; Seal, Membership, Fees, General Meetings, Board of Directors, Duties of Directors, Committees, Execution of Cheques, etc.

The By-Laws even covers what is to happen to its assets in the event the Corporation is dissolved.

Each gardener has a recent copy of the By-laws.

David Dickson, when in office, stressed the importance of By-Laws. He said the By-Laws should be carefully



Shrubs planted in 2001

written, and the Nepean Garden Association should be incorporated. It involves lengthy reporting to the province, which would protect the liability of the individual members of the Association.

David Dickson spearheaded the incorporation process, and The Board of Directors had the City of Gloucester By-Laws to use as a guide. The Association had a member of the City of Gloucester Garden Association give a talk to the Nepean Garden Association about their By-Laws. In due course of time, the then Nepean Garden Association was incorporated. This means that the Nepean Garden Association/Nepean Allotment Garden Association is governed by law under the rules and regulations of the Corporation Act of Ontario.

### PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

#### Attachment No. 3

December 1, 1990.

Dear Gardener:

Even though it might be a little out of season for gardening it's essential that we take care of leasing the garden plots for 1991.

As a plot holder in 1990, you have the first option of renewing your lease for 1991 with Nepean Parks and Recreation. The fee to lease an allotment garden for



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the upcoming season is \$40.00 for Nepean residents. \$47.00 for Non-Nepean residents and \$30.50 for Nepean seniors.

If you wish to renew your lease, please fill out the left hand portion of the enclosed License of Occupation fo1m and return it with your cheque (payable to the City of Nepean) to:

Allotment Gardens Nepean Parks and Recreation  
Nepean Civic Square 101 Centrepointe Drive Nepean,  
Ontario K2G 5K7

We must receive your response prior to February 1, 1991. Otherwise we will assume you are not intending to renew your plot. If you are renewing your plot we will return to you; and conditions of the license, a copy of the license, along with the terms.

If you have any questions about the Allotment Garden program, please do not hesitate to call me at 727-6640, extension 231.

Yours truly,

Nancy Rooyackers.

## Attachment No.4

### PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

December 20, 1990

Alan Martin  
22 Kilmory Crescent Nepean, Ontario K2E 6N1

Dear Mr. Martin:

At the recent City of Nepean budget deliberations, Nepean City Council was forced to make some cutbacks to the 1991 Parks and Recreation Budget. One of the programs that did not receive support was the Allotment Garden program; therefore the Recreation Department will no longer offer this service.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest and support of the allotment gardens over the past few years and I hope that you will continue to participate in other recreational pursuits with the City of Nepean.

Sincerely,  
Nancy Rooyackers  
Recreation Programmer



A family are pleased with their produce.

## Attachment No.5

My copy of Al Martins letter to Mr. Casey is not clear enough for me to make a readable copy, so I did NOT scan it.

## Attachment No.6

### MEMORANDUM

DATE: 24 January 1991

TO: R.J. Sulpher  
Commissioner of Parks and  
Recreation





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FROM: Councillor Les Casey  
Allotment Garden Program

I am in receipt of a letter from A. Martin of 22 Kilmory Crescent expressing concerns about the Allotment Garden Program and recent budget cuts in this regard. A copy is attached for your information. I would be interested in your comments in this regard.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Encl.

C.c. A. Martin, 22 Kilmory Crescent K2E 6N1

Attachment No.7

CITY COUNCIL

31 January 1991

Mr. A. Martin  
22 Kilmory Crescent Nepean, Ontario K2E 6N1

Dear Mr. Martin:

Thank you for your letter of January 9, 1991 addressing your concerns regarding the closing of the allotment gardens.

Further to my memo to Mr. R.J. Sulpher, Commissioner of Parks and Recreation on January 24, 1991, I have now been advised that the leased allotment gardens on Baseline Road were closed because the land was sold by the National Capital Commission and the site was, therefore, no longer available for this programme.

In any event, the Parks and Recreation Department had been reviewing the allotment garden operation and at no time, over the last three years, have the allotment gardens at Baseline or Viewmount been fully rented. The Department was very much concerned with the cost of these allotment gardens, because the cost for provision of water was significantly high and elevated the operating costs. For example, there were

eighty plots available at the allotment garden site on Viewmount Drive, and there were only fifty-four plots rented last year. The net loss on the operation of these gardens was \$5,484.00 which works out to a cost subsidy of \$100.00 per rental.

The Parks and Recreation Department and the City are attempting to maintain the quality of service and the programmers; however, this type of subsidy is almost ten times greater than any other subsidy for a programme operated by the City. The Department, therefore, cannot justify the continuation of the allotment gardens.

The Parks and Recreation Department has also advised me that the Viewmount site has the worst soil conditions of any of the sites. For instance, it would be very difficult for individuals to hand till, or rototill in almost eighty percent of the plots.

Even the Baseline Road allotment plots were never fully rented. In fact, the average rental was seventy percent of the plots available. The net loss on this site was close to \$8,400.00

The City of Nepean currently maintains approximately 1,750 acres of green space and many areas of trees, shrubbery and flowering plants throughout the City. I certainly wish that we could do something for you but, unfortunately, we cannot justify this operation any longer.

Sincerely,

Les Casey, COUNCILLOR MERIVALE WARD

Attachment No. 8

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

March 5, 1991

Alan Martin  
22 Kilmory Crescent Nepean. Ontario K2E 6N1





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Dear Mr. Martin:

As you are aware, the Richmond/Baseline garden plot area has been taken over by the Province of Ontario for a 416 Interchange, and the funding for the Viewmount Garden was not renewed in the 1991 City budget.

The Department has received several phone calls from people interested in allotment gardens and although the City will not be getting back into operating allotment gardens, we will host a meeting on the possibility of forming an Allotment Garden Association.

In the city of Gloucester they have an allotment garden association who lease land from the City and have been operating successfully for 10 years. We will plan to discuss their operation and its possible application in Nepean.

If you are interested in attending the meeting and possibly forming a similar association, please call Marion Pritchard at 727-6640 to confirm your attendance.

Yours truly  
Paul Kemp  
Director of Recreation

CC: Mayor Ben Franklin  
Members of Council  
Members of Council

Attachment No. 9

Garden Association Public Meeting  
Tuesday, March 19, 1991 7p.m. The Chamber, Nepean  
Civic Square Centrepointe Drive.

Residents of Nepean are invited to attend a meeting to discuss the formation of a Garden Association to maintain and operate garden plots in the City of Nepean.

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## PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

### NOTICE

The first meeting of the Nepean Allotment Garden Association Steering Committee will take place at 7:00 P.M. on Monday March 25, 1991 in Room 2B at Nepean CIV1C Square (2nd Floor). Attached is an agenda for the meeting as well as the documentation requested regarding the Gloucester Allotment Garden Association.

I look forward to meeting with you. If you any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at 727-6640.

Nancy Rooyackers Recreation  
Programmer

Attachment No. 11

Nepean Garden Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Monday March 25, 1991

PRESENT: Nancy Rooyackers,  
Denis St-Jean, Rachel St-Jean.  
Mary St-Jean, Bud Singh, Ange  
Salm, Jennifer Bemius, AL  
Martin, David Dickson, Ian Reid,  
Eddy(Betty)Reid, Wallace Clarke,



Lorenzo and Sonny rototilling their garden.



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Walter Saidak, Rosaleen Dickson.

AL Martin thanked the members of the group for their support and interest.

## INCORPORATION:

There was a consensus that the group should incorporate. Incorporation is available in a period of 3-4 weeks. By-Laws of the organization will be required to become incorporated. It was agreed that the City of Gloucester Allotment Garden Association be modified and used by the committee. The group went through the by laws and made appropriate changes as listed in the attached document. David Dickson will look into the actual incorporation process. Rachel St-Jean will look into a title search for the corporation.

Walter and Alan and David agreed to be officers of the organization as listed by the incorporation requests.

## CHAIR:

David Dickson moved that Alan Martin be the Chair of the meeting and Nancy Rooyackers be appointed Recording Secretary. Seconded by Ange Salm. All in favour. Motion carried.

David Dickson moved that Alan Martin be the Chair. Walter Saidak seconded. All in favour. Motion Carried.

## CORPORATION NAME:

The following names were suggested for the official name of the Corporation.

- A) Nepean Allotment Garden Association Nepean Gardening Club
- B) Nepean Garden Association
- C) Allotment Garden Association in Nepean (AGAIN)

A vote was held to determine the title with the results as follows:

- A) Nepean Garden Association (5)
- B) Nepean Allotment Garden Association (3)
- C) Allotment Garden Association in Nepean (3)
- D) Nepean Gardening Club (2)

## MAILING ADDRESS

It was felt that the corporation should have a mailing address that would remain constant. Denis will look into obtaining a post office box for the corporation.



A gardener preparing her garden for planting.

## ALLOCATION OF TASKS & RESPONSIBILITIES

Tasks & Responsibilities for the Board of Directors will be as follows

- Chair: AL Martin
- Vice-Chair:  
Walter Saidak
- Treasurer:  
David Dickson
- Maintenance:  
Ian Reid & Bud Singh
- Publicity Directors:  
Dennis St-Jean & Jennifer Bernius
- Internal Communications:  
Ange Salm



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Ian's sweetpotatoes

Registrar: Rosaleen Dickson  
New Site Development Director: Wallace Clark

Alan expressed concern that too much focus would be placed on a new site and the group wouldn't do a competent job on the Viewmount site.

Walter expressed concern that this political year, pressure should be placed on Council to give commitment longer than one year,

Wally suggested that the Viewmount site potential is limited; therefore focus should be on obtaining a new plot of land.

Wally Clark was appointed as Director at Large with the responsibility of looking at an additional site.

Rachel and Mary St-Jean agreed to assist with the telephone committee.

\*\* Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. Next meeting to take place at 7 p.m. on Tuesday April 2nd at the Nepean Senior's Centre.

## ATTACHMENT NO. 12 NEPEAN GARDEN ASSOCIATION Board of Directors Meeting April 2, 1991

PRESENT: Denis St-Jean, David Dickson, Bud Singh, Rosaleen Dickson, Ian Reid, Betty Reid (observer), Walter Saidak, Nancy Rooyackers, Rachel St-Jean, Wallace Clarke & Jennifer Bernius

Walter shared the unfortunate news of Al Martin's illness to the group. Walter agreed to accept the Chair position in Al's absence; Rosaleen will accept the Vice-Chair. Rosaleen moved that the agenda be accepted as stated. Motion. All in favour.

### REVIEW OF ACTIONS/ ACTIVITIES TO DATE.

Walter read attached letter written by Al Martin to Bob Sulpher, Commissioner of Parks and Recreation requesting a grant for start up funds.

### ASSOCIATION OPERATING PRINCIPLES

Discussion took place on types of memberships the Garden Association would offer. Motion by Denis- "That the Nepean Garden Association has two types of memberships: participating and non-participating members." Jennifer seconded the motion. All in favour.

Ian Reid proposed the idea of developing perennial plots at the Viewmount site. Walter expressed concerns that having perennial plots would make it difficult for the plowing process, forcing the contractor to maneuver around the plots. There were also concerns expressed around the availability of land. Priority should be given to renting out as many "annual" plots as possible.

Rosaleen moved that the Maintenance Committee be responsible for presenting a proposal at the April 8th meeting to examine the possibility of developing perennial plots. Amendment was added to note that





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the perennial plots be located outside the current plot sites. Denis seconded the amended motion. All in favour.

\* Ian moved that The Three Types of Memberships in the Nepean Garden Association be as follows:

- Nepean Residents
- Nepean seniors
- Non Nepean Residents

Rachel seconded the motion. All in favour.

## OPERATIONS

Ian presented material collected regarding costs for preparing the plots in the spring.

- A) Ritchie Feed &Seed  
Rental of equipment: \$ 35.00 per day.
- B) Henry Benoit  
Rental of equipment & labor: \$ 70.00 per hour.
- C) Rentalex  
Rental of equipment: \$ 85.00 per day
- D) City of Nepean  
Tractors: \$ 10.00 per hour  
Labor: \$ 22.00 per hour X 8 hours or \$265 per day.

Suggestion would be that we do not purchase equipment this year, due to the uncertain future of the gardens that we would rent, or perhaps borrow equipment from the gardeners.

Garden ssociation will use the existing plots, maps and stakes. Maintenance Committee will paint stakes for site.

Denis moved that the City of Nepean be contracted to disc and prepare the soil this spring. Seconded by Jennifer, 7 in favour, 2 opposed. Motion Carried.

The Committee expressed concerns about the water usage at the Gardens. Denis moved that the allotment garden rules state: "Water judiciously. Hand held sprinklers only are permitted". Seconded by Ian. All in favour.

Ian will solicit information on Garbage Bins and rental of Washroom Facilities.

## TREASURERS REPORT

Approx. costs of Operations Predicted at this Date.

Water:	\$ 2,000.00
Spring Ploughing	\$ 250.00
Fall Ploughing	\$ 250.00
Incorporation Fees	\$ 210.00
Corporation Seal	\$ 60.00

## TREASURERS REPORT

Other costs could include: Equipment. Stationary, Printing, Mailing Costs, Rental of Equipment.

David Dickson moved that the following rates be adopted by the association for the 1991 Gardening Season:

Nepean Residents	= \$40.00 + \$2.80 G.S.T. = \$42.80
Nepean seniors	= \$35.00 + \$2.45 G.S.T. = \$37.45
Non Nepean Residents	= \$47.00 + \$3.29 G.S.T. = \$50.29

Participating Members would receive \$5.00 off cost. Plots rented after June 15, 1991 could be rented out for \$20.00. Seconded by Denis. All in favour.

## PUBLICITY

Denis reviewed the attached publicity plan for promoting the gardens. The News Release would be distributed to all media sources, Seniors Advisory Council etc. The letter could be distributed to residents





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of the neighborhood surrounding the plot etc.

## REGISTRAR

Report was delayed until the April 8th meeting.

David Dickson moved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:15 p.m. Denis seconded. All in favour.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, April 8, 1991  
7:00 p.m. Room D  
1st Floor, Parks and Recreation Office  
Nepean Civic Square

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[Attachment No. 13](#)  
1991-04-11

Dear Gardeners:

As you may or may not be aware, the Viewmount allotment garden plots are now being operated by a group of gardeners known as "The Nepean Garden Association" and are no longer being managed by the City of Nepean Parks

If you are interested in renewing your lease Garden Association the fees are as follows:

Nepean residents:	\$40.00
Nepean seniors:	\$35.00
Non Nepean residents:	\$47.00

If you are interested in renewing your plot, we must receive a response before the Annual General Meeting of the Garden Association which is to take place on Monday, May 6, 1991 at 7:00 p.m. in Hall C of the Nepean Sportsplex. In order to respond please contact the Nepean Garden Association Registrar: Rosaleen Dickson at 829-2955. After you have reserved your plot, you must come to the Annual General Meeting to pay your fees and pick up your membership cards. You must reserve your plot before coming to pick up your cards. We would also encourage you to stay and attend the meeting as we will be presenting a great deal of useful information on the Viewmount Allotment Program.

Happy Gardening,

The Nepean Garden Association



John Murphy is from Jamaica. Notice his machete. This is probably his only gardening tool. John grows calalu with large leaves. Calalu is modified, I think, from the pigweed family.



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Nepean This Week, June 29, 2005:

An article about the Viewmount Allotment Gardens  
written by Derek Dunn:

*"...More than 300 annual and perennial gardens are here, probably the largest and best run spot of its kind in Eastern Ontario. There are at least 14 nationalities represented. And you can really tell the differences. The Japanese garden is heavy on the vertical side, with vines growing up a few rows of poles. Many others are spread out with wide rows..."*



David Nott standing on planks to water his garden.