

**Old Ottawa East Community Association Board
Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at 7:15p.m.
Church of the Ascension, 253 Echo Drive**

Attendees for the board meeting which followed the SLOE presentations (note that the SLOE session attracted a large audience which reconvened downstairs after the presentations)

Board members

John Dance, President
Jim Strang, FCA
Stephen Pope, Planning
Ian McRae, SLOE rep
Don Fugler, Treasurer
Ron Rose, Transportation
Phyllis Odenbach Sutton, Member at Large
Nick Masciantonio, Past President
Catherine Pacella

Others present

Wendy McRae
Bob Parkins
Paul Goodkey

David Chernushenko
Scott Blurton (candidate, Capital Ward)
Laura Mueller (Ottawa East News)
Bill

Regrets

Caroline Hyslop, Secretary
Jill Wherrett, Member at Large
Jaime Girard, Vice President

1. Call to Order - John Dance at 7:16 pm

2. Development of the Oblates Property: Rebecca Aird (7:20-8:25pm)

Video re OOE & Oblate development

Presentation by Rebecca Aird

- brief overview of "Deep Green" process
- reference to 4 themes discussed at SLOE forum: amenities/services+ connectivity; storm water management/shoreline; affordable & seniors housing; energy
- Indication of goal for the evening - to broaden community engagement & support
- the process was explained for the evening - presentations on 4 themes; questions for clarification following each; discussion downstairs from 8:15 to 9:15

Amenities/services+ connectivity - John Dance

- overview of OOE & Oblates development site
- CDP as cornerstone of development
- goal - complete, integrated, accessible, sustainable community
- development = critical mass/ density for necessary amenities / services
- importance of community centre/ hub
- desire for full-service supermarket
- connectivity - green corridor along river (10m + 30 m)

Stormwater management / shoreline restoration - Ian McRae

- goals - maintain or improve pre-development water run-off quality and quantity

Energy - Martin Adelar

- desire to integrate sustainability into energy future for the development

- reference to Carleton U students work re potential district energy system + reference to 2 energy panelists (Michael Wiggen & Stephen Pope)

Affordable & seniors housing - Geri Blinick, Sandy Hill Community Health Centre

- housing goals - target of 25% within community

- review of activities to date

- affordable - cost is less than 30% of income

- next steps - potential for tour of Beaver Barricks

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved: Don Fugler ; Second: Stephen Pope

4. Approval of May 13, 2014 Minutes : The review and approval of these minutes was skipped at the June 10th meeting so will have to be done September 9, 2014

5. Lees Avenue Underpass Information and Update - Evelyn Danilko, City of Ottawa

- overview of Confederation Line project

- Lees Ave rapid replacement - removal weekend of June 21; replacement weekend in Sept

- Lees closed from Chapel to transitway

- highway 417 closure discussion

- Lees Ave reconstruction – June 16 to Nov 2014

- weekly updates currently - OOECA receives

- questions posed re closures and alternative traffic flows

- follow-up to be set up with Wendy, Phyllis, Ron, & Josee with Delcan/Parsons (meeting arranged for June 17)

6. Directors' Insurance - Don Fugler

- 3 quotes \$510 to \$650

Motion by John Dance to accept cheapest (\$510 + tax) offer which is company used by CAG

Second: Jim

Board vote: Approved

7. Contest to name the Oblates development

- general agreement

- some discussion of process needed

- decision: people willing to participate in getting process going Catherine, Don, Ron, John

Motion to undertake: Don

Second: Ron

8. Chair's Report - John Dance

A report was distributed electronically on June 2; please refer to it for details.

9. Treasurer's Report -

10. Councillor's Report - David Chernushenko - indicated no new updates

11. Committee Reports

11.1 Planning - Stephen Pope

A report was distributed electronically on June 9; please refer to it for details.

11.2 Transportation - Ron Rose

A report was distributed electronically on June 9; please refer to it for details.

Main concern for us re Lansdowne is overflow parking. There will be a dedicated team of bylaw officers giving out tickets in the Glebe, OOS and OOE.

11.3 City Centre Coalition - Devin O'Grady - no report

11.4 Federation of Citizen's Associations - Jim Strang

AGM last week

- Ottawa Neighbourhood Study - started in 2005 - looked at 51 neighbourhoods - OOE within ONS is just its northern portion (north of Clegg – the south of Clegg portion is included in ONS's Old Ottawa South neighbourhood – OOECA has asked that this be corrected because the ONS figures (e.g., population) understates OOE's size and character.

- flooding discussion - very knowledgeable person - Faith Blaquiere

- for more detail see Jim's e-mail of June 10

11.5 Communications – no report

11.6 Community Safety – no report

11.7 Membership - Wendy

Membership kits available at next meeting

12. Community Activities Group - Nick

Main Event this weekend

Community Hub discussion - letter from SPU welcoming OOECA and CAG to discussion - reference to possible community centre on SPU grounds

13. New Business

Glebe Community Association idea re some advance organization for provincial and federal all candidate meetings (Phyllis Odenbach Sutton)

14. Date of Next Meeting - September 9, 2014

15. Adjournment

Moved: Don Fugler Second: Stephen Pope

APPENDIX 1 – CHAIR’S REPORT

June 2, 2014

Chair's Report – June 2014

- 1. Sale of Oblate Lands:** The Regional Group's David Kardish, vice-president of land development and lead for the Oblates development, reports that Regional has concluded an arrangement with the Oblates fathers and will be proceeding to close with them around the end of June. He notes that Regional "looks forward to moving forward with [this] exciting development in a continued spirit of cooperation."

To me, this is a positive development for several reasons. First, Regional is fully aware of the council-approved Old Ottawa East community design plan / secondary plan and intend to design accordingly. Second, Regional is keen in working collaboratively with community representatives. Finally, after so many years, there almost is certainty that the development will proceed.

I'm sure that the planning and construction will require considerable effort on our part but we have the potential here of building a superb new neighbourhood in a strengthened OOE community, part of a more dynamic and liveable Capital Ward.

- 2. Visit of Swans and Mayor:** On May 30th Mayor Watson graced our community with his annual visit to Brantwood Park where he set the royal swans free in the company of the city's finest media reps. But again there was no notice to the community that this was going to happen. I think it peculiar and unproductive that the city fails to alert the community association of all significant construction activity and notable events like the swan release. Am I alone in these sentiments?
- 3. OOE Population:** The Councillor's office has corrected the population figures for OOE so that we now appear with 7,500 (vs Glebe, 11,000; Heron Park 4,000, Old Ottawa South 6,200). The previous number reflected the Ottawa Neighbourhood Study numbers which erroneously attributed all of a particular census district to OOS when, in fact, it should have been split between OOE and OOS.

4. **OOECA Column for Next Mainstreeter:** Depending on what we hear at the June 10th Oblates discussion, perhaps the column should be on this (or, as previously suggested, the infill changes that Stephen Pope and Paul Goodkey are working on with the city).
5. **Main Event:** The OOECA Board members –under the guidance of Ron Roses and with the support of local politicians – will be running the BBQ at CAG’s Main Event, Saturday, June 14th. Please sign-up with Ron if you haven’t already.
6. **Expansion of Springhurst / Rideau Trail Parks:** I’ve heard no news on the city’s review of the proposal to transfer surplus AVTC lands (not specifically needed for transportation and multi-use centre) to Springhurst and Rideau Trail Parks.
7. **Rideau River Western Pathway / Nature Trail – City Plans:** Similarly, there still is no news on the status of the City’s plans for completion of the pathway.
8. **Better Linkage to the Residents of the Lees Towers** – I met with Bill Baldwin to talk about how the association might better link to those who live in the Lees towers. To a considerable extent, the towers have a very different demographic profile than the rest of the community but we feel that there are many common interests, including expansion of Springhurst Park; improvement of the nature trail, and stopping AVTC. I’ll continue to search for those living in the towers who might be interested in joining the Board.
9. **Church of the Ascension Church Council Meeting:** At the request of Rev Gary Hauch, several community representatives (Rebecca Aird, Carol Workun, Melanie Gilbert, Jan D’Arcy and myself) met the Ascension church council and discussed how we might work together. Offering the church facilities for community meetings is one of the many ideas that were discussed. I was impressed with their openness and the sharing many of the values that we community groups have.
10. **Lansdowne Tour:** On May 23rd with other community reps and Councillor Chernushenko I again toured the construction site. Progress continues though, as I remarked, traffic on Bank is almost gridlock at certain points during the day – before any of the many Lansdowne activities / enterprises get underway. The urban park portion of Lansdowne– just across the canal from OOE- will have a number of features of interest to OOE residents including a refrigerated outdoor rink and a large skateboard ramp. The footbridge connecting the north and south stands is a key visual element as you look across to Old Ottawa East.
11. **“Super Sharrows” for Bank Street Bridge:** Councillor Chernushenko has announced that there will be “super sharrows” on the Bank Street bridge so that cyclists will be “encouraged” to take the middle of the curbside lanes – motorized vehicles are not to pass cyclists on the bridge. I’ve suggested that “super sharrows” are also required on the Billings Bridge bridge but I haven’t yet heard back on this.

12. CiLP – Concrete Ping Pong Table - Brantwood: The city is investigating where the cash-in-lieu of parkland (CiLP) requested concrete ping pong table can go in Brantwood Park. Carol Workun and I are recommending that it be located just north of the wading pool but the city has other ideas. We haven't heard about any of the other CiLP projects that the councillor approved for OOE.

13. Main Street Renewal: The next Main Street Renewal working group meeting is June 11th. OOECA will be represented by Don Fugler, Stephen Pope, Ron Rose, Paul Goodkey and myself. A representative of the Main-Hazel medical practitioners and pharmacist Scott Watson have also been invited given that the construction schedule is to be discussed. The OOECA working group recently provided project manager Josée Vallée with comments on the detailed design on the OOECA site. We'll be meeting with her and Ron Clarke in the near future.

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OOECA Comments on Proposed Main Street Detailed Design

The five OOECA members of the Main Street Renewal Working Group met May 20, 2014 to review the details on the detailed design of Main Street Renewal, as per the document provided by the City's project manager Josée Vallée. Given that construction will not begin until 2015 but plans need to be finalized as soon as possible, the OOECA is providing these comments with a view to reviewing them with city staff to determine their validity and, where valid, if they can be reflected in revised plans.

General Issues

General issues of concern to OOECA are:

1. ***Acquisition of "Proposed / Potential Rights of Way":*** The feasibility of making Main a complete street is dependent on the City of Ottawa acquiring what the plan deems "proposed" or "potential" rights of way (and what's the difference between the terminology "potential" and "proposed")? Members are not aware of Main Street owners being contacted by the city so that the rights of way will be acquired in a timely basis. How are the RoW acquisitions proceeding?
2. ***Relationship of Main Street plan to Proposed Development:*** The Main Street plan does not appear to reflect the Domicile site plan proposal for 141 Main Street and the site plan approved for 129 Main Street.

3. **Required 2 m Front Yard Setback:** The 2m setback required under the OOE Secondary Plan is applicable for all TM 7 frontages, except at the Oblate & SPU properties on the east side of Main between Oblate Avenue and Hazel Street. The east side street design at these Oblates and SPU properties appears to assume there is a requirement for a 2m front yard setback. This is a concern because what is presently a comfortable pedestrian environment on the east side is now designed to be a diminished “sidewalk zone”, especially to the south of Grande Allée.
4. **Trees / Vegetation Management Plan:** We realize that a large number of trees will be lost during construction but we’d like to see what new trees are being proposed and, as discussed, we need to get a better sense of how the adopt-a-tree program works because we’d like to encourage Main residents to plant trees.
5. **Utility / Bench / Tree Bike Rack Zone:** The plans generally show a 0.6m zone between the cycle track and the sidewalk. As per the design of the Traditional Main Street, we say that this should be enlarged where ever possible so that trees can be planted and benches can be installed (pp 44 – 45 of OOE Community Design Plan). A drawing showing the 1.8 m to 2.0 m clear sidewalk and the remaining greater than 0.6 m Utility / Bench / Tree / Bike Rack Zone would assist an understanding of this important streetscape feature.
6. **Maintenance of Existing Turning Restrictions:** We are looking for confirmation that all existing peak-hour turning restrictions will be maintained. Are there plans for additional turning restrictions to inhibit “cut-through” traffic? Also, will new turning restrictions be put in place – including at off-peak times - at intersections where there are not specific turning lanes?
7. **Cycle Track in Winter:** Our recollection is that the City will not be performing any snow clearing of the cycle track in the winter so that the cycle track will serve as a snow storage area and provide pedestrians with a winter buffer from traffic. Is this a correct “recollection”?
8. **Vehicle Turning from Unsignalized Side Streets onto Main:** We would like to discuss just how motorists will turn onto Main from side streets. There may be some “education” / greater awareness required for both cyclists and motorists.

Specific Issues

Specific location concerns, proceeding from south to north, are:

1. **Bus Stops South of Beckwith-Bower:** Where is the next bus stop after Beckwith-Bower (somewhere on Riverdale)? We’re concerned about whether there is too great a gap.
2. **Southbound Left Turn onto Centennial:** No provision is made for a left-turn lane here yet it appears there is enough room for the turning lane and all of the other “needs” of the complete street at this

point. As has been pointed out, there is considerable traffic turning here and without a turning lane southbound traffic will be backed up.

3. ***Left Turn from Mason onto Main:*** Will the large, elevated median on Main pose a difficulty for vehicles turning left from Mason?
4. ***Signalization at Beckwith-Bower:*** We recommend that there be a vehicle-activated traffic light here – not just the pedestrian-activated light that currently exists. A vehicle-activated light would assist vehicles exiting the awkward Brantwood Gates. (We understand that exiting Beckwith should be somewhat improved by the Gates being shifted slightly to the east – is this true?)
5. ***McNaughton – Left Turn for Southbound Main traffic:*** Will cars at any time be allowed to turn left at McNaughton or will the restriction simply continue as it is (i.e., you can't turn left at peak periods?)
6. ***Herridge to Clegg, West Side:*** Why hasn't the City designed the new street to go to the property line so that more trees / vegetation could be planted on City property?
7. ***Main Opposite Herridge:*** There appears to be a bulb-out here but it's not clear what this is for.
8. ***Grand Allée and Main:*** This intersection appears to have no special treatment yet it will be the "ceremonial" entrance to the new Oblate development so deserves special attention.
9. ***Bus Stop Servicing Oblate Development:*** Where will the estimated 2,500 new residents of the Oblates development have a bus stop? One possibility would be that the bus stop be within the Oblate property, rather than on Main. This should be discussed with whoever ends up owning the Oblate lands (the Regional Group expects to finalize its deal this month).
10. ***Cycling Option for North of Hawthorne:*** We would prefer the Delcan sketch design (prepared for March 24th meeting - see attached) to what is currently shown on the plans.

APPENDIX 2 : PLANNING REPORT

Below is a summary report on planning. In general, the big projects are working through the process, our struggle with the City's interpretations of parking requirements continues, and nothing new has come into our sights. From the biggest to the smallest, here's the list of things "on the radar".

Oblate lands: A small group from OOECA Exec and SLOE met with the Regional Group in advance of the final conclusion of their negotiations to discuss the potential for the site. At that meeting a preliminary plan was tabled that is considered an improvement over the demonstration plan on which the OOE Secondary Plan is based. More compatible building forms to those in the surrounding community are proposed without a substantial drop in density. Pedestrian and cycling connectivity is good, without changing the limitations on automobile access. Regional will begin discussions with the City to turn over two proposed roads to the City in order that busses can access the interior of the development. Regional is planning on submitting their plan of subdivision to the City this Fall.

141 Main Street: A new application to the Committee of Adjustment is planned for early July. Resolution of the requested variances will impact the final site plan agreement, which is also still in process. Discussions between Domicile and OOECA have been cordial and productive, but two sticking points remain, namely the outsourcing of visitor parking and through block connectivity at the east end of the site. OOECA will likely support some of the requested variances and maintain objections to the two sticking points. OOEA Planning will intervene in the implementation of parking in front of 141 Main with the Main Street redesign to partially mitigate the parking challenges.

129 Main Street: The site plan for this four storey 50 unit condominium with one floor of below grade parking and commercial space on the Main Street frontage has been approved. Coordination with the Main Street redesign is ongoing. The Properties Group was hoping to start sales this Spring, however with a softening condominium market there may be additional delays.

113-115 Echo Drive (Portuguese Church): Uniform Developments has suspended planning work on the project for unspecified reasons.

140 Springhurst: The site plan control application for this 3 1/2 storey 8 unit apartment is going forward. OOECA representatives met with the owner/designer team and the city to explore maintaining existing trees and on street parking, but the project was too far advanced to provide any opportunities for improvement. It is likely that the City will not be convinced to change their interpretation of how large an access is required for parking facilities until the revision to the Infill 1 bylaw is accepted by the OMB.

178-180 Main Street: The owner is still exploring options. The project will be part of the discussions with the City regarding the new zoning study for Main Street and Hawthorne Ave (west of Main). At this time the City does not want to create "existing non-conforming" status for houses on the west side of Main by rezoning the properties to conform to the direction of the official plan. Accordingly, the owner of 178 Main may have to pay to get the property rezoned if he decides to proceed with a mixed use TM type project.

Miscellaneous: Construction is ongoing at sites on Echo, Harvey, Herridge, MacNaughton, McGillivray, and other locations where the projects have either received previous approvals or are small enough to fall outside of the purview of the community association.

Regards,
SFP

Stephen Pope, OAA, FRAIC
Chair, Planning Committee, OOECA

APPENDIX 3 – TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT REPORT

June Traffic and Transit report.

1. Parking during major events at Lansdowne Park (TD Place).

The major concern OOE residents had about the revitalized Lansdowne Park was spillover parking in our Community. The City will be dedicating a separate team of parking By-law officers to patrol our Community during major events at Lansdowne. This is a mixed blessing. It means that event goers could get ticketed, but so could residents and our visitors. We should be familiar with the parking regulations. Two things to bear in mind; a) the universal three hour parking limit in Ottawa runs from 7am to 7pm. That means that anyone, stranger, visitor or resident, can park after 4:05 pm and not get ticketed unless they stay until the next day: b) By-law officers will NOT routinely ticket cars blocking driveways. It seems that residents frequently choose to block their own driveways during major events, so vehicles will only be ticketed if a resident calls 311 and complains.

There will be a meeting on June 17th at the Glebe Community Centre, 175 Third Ave from 7-9 pm to discuss traffic and parking during major events at Lansdowne. Anyone concerned about parking is urged to attend

2. We will be hearing about the closure of Lees Ave 416 overpass at the meeting.

3. Lees Ave reconstruction will start June 16th, and run until November 2014, weather dependent. The work will take place between Main St and Chestnut St. There will be lane reductions during the workday, but the road will remain open for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles during the construction. Details don't seem to be available on the Ottawa.ca website yet, but copies of the press release will be available at the meeting. The press release does not mention cycle lanes.

4. There will be a meeting of the Main St reconstruction public advisory group Wednesday evening, June 11th, at USP to discuss traffic flows during the two-year construction period. Some members of the Association Board attend these meetings and report back to the community. Representatives of businesses along Main St will also be attending this meeting.

5. Signalized crossing at Clegg and Col By Drive. A pedestrian activated signalized crossing of Col By Drive will be constructed by the NCC as soon as funds become available, and the NCC is being very coy about when funds might become available.

6. Western River Multi-use Pathway. The paths under the 417 at the Hurdman's bridge are open for cyclists and pedestrians. However, there has been no news on the construction of the complete pathway through OOE.

7. Cycling nearby. There are two open houses at the end of June to discuss cycling and the development of new cycle routes in Capital Ward.

There is an open house on June 25th to discuss Glebe Neighbourhood Cycle Plan. The event will be held at St Giles Presbyterian Church, 174 First Ave. at 4:00 pm.

The second event will be held on June 26th at City Hall to discuss the O'Conner St. Bikeway Functional Planning Study. The plan is to develop cycling facility along O'Conner from Wellington St to Glebe Avenue.

Ron Rose

APPENDIX 4 – FEDERATION OF CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS REPORT

Federation of Citizens Associations

Report to:

OOECA General Meeting 10 June 2014

This year's FCA Annual General Meeting was held at the Ottawa City Hall 3 June. Approximately 40 present including councilors Egli and Hobbs. Councilor Hobbs welcomed the FCA and stressed in his welcoming address the importance of Citizens and Community Associations to the work of City council as they provided the "eyes and ears" of the cities communities. They welcome feedback and comments from the Community Associations of the FCA.

The FCA President summarized some of the activities of the Association during the past year including: Frequent communications with the City regarding FCA concerns, a high degree of public engagement overall and the active participation in the preparation and amendments to the cities "Official Plan". For those interested in the Cities "Toolkit For Public Engagement", first Google the FCA website and then follow the link. The City would like to receive comments concerning public engagement prior to 26 June.

Elected by acclamation for another one year term of office were: President- Graeme Roderick, VP-Gary Sealey, Secretary-Bob Brocklebank and Treasurer Lorne Cutler who was pleased to announce the cash balance of the FCA is \$6,700.

Ottawa Neighbourhood Study: A presentation of interest to all Community Associations in Ottawa was given by Dr. Elizabeth Kristjansson. Since 2005 private and public funding has provided for an in-depth study in order to define the the boundaries and the makeup of Ottawa's 52plus neighbourhoods. Data that has been gathered includes: income, education, housing, health services, transportation, walkability, schools and socio-economic index to name a few. For our community, this study could be used as a powerful planning tool to let us see how Old Ottawa East stacks up against other communities in our City (for example – community services and facilities). It may help us gauge our approach to the City for future improvements. Google "Ottawa Neighbourhood Study". Dr Kristjansson welcomes all comments, questions and enquiries by e-mail at: kristian@uottawa.ca

Unfortunately the Ottawa Neighbourhood Study website has been hacked and is still under re-build. For this reason it may be somewhat difficult to navigate. Also, Old Ottawa East is poorly represented on the site. It is hoped that this deficiency will be corrected.

Flooding: At the May meeting of the OOECA this spring's flooding in our area was an agenda item. The OOECA may wish to tap into FCA expertise regarding flooding. Ms. Faith Blaquiere is a veteran of the 2009 flooding in Ottawa and will be pleased to offer her documented experience with interested parties. She can be contacted at: faithblacquiere@rogers.com

Jim Strang OOECA rep to the FCA

APPENDIX 5 – SUSTAINABLE LIVING OTTAWA EAST REPORT

SLOE Report to the OECA Meeting of June 11, 2014

Deep Green Project

There will be a presentation to the community and input will be sought this evening at the OECA meeting.

Ottawa East Community Garden

The gardens are planted and looking quite lush and pretty with flowers this year to support bees and other pollinating insects. The University has most graciously offered us the use of their water without metreing and even offered that we could attach a hose to use in the gardens rather than hauling water. The Urban Cafe has a plot that is growing foodstuffs for the cafe. It is open to the public. The garden has its full complement of gardeners for 2014.

Lees Community Garden

Things are going well, a lot of the beds have been planted and things are growing. There was a work bee on Sunday June 8 to start the construction of 5 new beds.

The apartment building has offered the use of their tap again this year. We have offered to monitor to pay them back for our use but they did not feel it was necessary. In good faith we are adding a water meter to our hose if they ever want to change their mind.

Children's Garden

Programing and activities are continuing in the CG.

Farmers' Market

Market days are being held on Saturdays throughout the summer.

Rideau River Nature Trail (RRNT)

Vicki Davis has nearly cleared almost all the invasive Garlic Mustard from Brantwood Park. We will be asking for volunteers to help remove invasives along the trail over the summer.

Compiled by Ian McRae