



## Meeting of the Old Ottawa East Community Association Board

Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2015, 7 p.m.

Old Town Hall, 61 Main Street

### MINUTES

#### Attendees

##### Board Members

John Dance, President  
Caroline Hyslop, Secretary  
Phyllis Odenbach Sutton, Member at Large  
Don Fugler, Treasurer  
Suzanne Johnston, Membership  
Stephen Pope, Planning  
Catherine Pacella, Communications  
Jill Wherrett, Member at Large  
Ian McRae, SLOE rep  
Bill Baldwin, Lees apartments rep  
Jim Strang, FCA rep  
Syed Zaffar, Member at Large

##### Regrets:

Ron Rose  
Katherine Simonds

##### Others present

Laura Mueller  
Joanna Linsangan  
Pauline Lynch Stewart  
Vicki Davis  
Paul Goodkey  
Bonnie Wheppler  
Wendy McRae  
Christian Pupp  
Bob Parkins  
Carol Alette  
Ian Rankin  
Pat Bailey  
Jamie Brougham  
Andrea Vecsei  
Glen Linder  
Shawn Menard  
Eddie Gillis  
Chris Osler

1. Call to Order – John Dance  
Called to order at 7:04 PM
2. Approval of Agenda  
To be discussed under New Business: Association goals; parking and councillor Chernushenko's goals; political donations: corporations and unions.  
Moved: Bill Baldwin; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Don Fugler. Carried.
3. Approval of December 2014 Minutes  
Moved: Jim Strang. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Phyllis Odenbach Sutton. Carried.
4. Preparations for Spring Flooding – Pauline Lynch Stewart
  - Pauline Lynch Stewart is a resident of Old Ottawa East. She discussed the issues she and her neighbours faced last spring and made a presentation: Getting Ready for Spring Flooding: Proposed Action Plan for Old Ottawa East. Our area

has seen a number of floods over the years. Most of the flooding occurs in and around Brantwood Park.

- When flood warnings were issued by the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority in 2014, residents were at first quite unaware. When people began to become aware of the warnings, they found that they did not know what they were supposed to do to prepare for potential floods and how such information would be communicated.
- The Rideau Valley Conservation Authority does flood forecasting and warning. They monitor overall levels of the Rideau River.
- The City of Ottawa performs such tasks as breaking up ice on the Rideau River, creating distribution points for sandbags, and providing information on their website about flood prevention and damage mitigation.
- Residents are responsible for taking care of their own properties to the extent that they can. This includes such things as clearing storm drains and sandbagging their own property.
- Recommendations: communications, leadership, public awareness, resident preparation.
- Communications: proposal for a community based communications network to provide information about flooding and coordinate a flood response.
- Leadership: appoint community leaders to liaise with authorities such as the RVCA, City of Ottawa in real time during a high water event.
- Public awareness: arrange a City of Ottawa workshop on flood preparedness.
- There is some concern about the Association taking responsibility for giving advice on flood preparedness, but we could certainly take up the call to organize a City of Ottawa workshop. We will endeavour to move ahead on that.

5. Chair's Report – John Dance [see report, appendix 2]

- Shawn Menard is our School Board trustee, and works for Federation of Canadian Municipalities. He said a few words.
- A letter was sent to the National Capital Commission in support of a safe crossing at Clegg and Colonel By.
- Jill Wherrett has volunteered to take on the portfolio of community safety.
- We are still in need of a Vice President.
- Jan. 29: *Human Scale* documentary will be screened at the Bytown Cinema, followed by a panel of speakers. Sandy Hill Community Health Centre is cohosting this event with Action Sandy Hill. They have 11 partner organizations including the OECA and SLOE helping to promote the event. The film is about a Danish architect and planner who advocates for a way of planning that prioritizes people instead of vehicles, and creating healthier communities. It is a free event.
- CAG has asked us if we will run the barbeque at the Main Event. Ron Rose is willing to take this on.
- Phyllis, Ron, Don, John and Rebecca recently met with Councillor Chernushenko to discuss the councillor's goals and the Community Association's perspective. We suggested supporting funding for the design and construction of a better community centre facility for Old Ottawa East area. Also, the community

recommends advocating for funding for design and infrastructure costs for public parks at the property being developed by Regional Group.

## 6. Treasurer's Report

- The Association currently has \$19,400 in the account.
- It is possible we could establish a fund for community projects, a park fund or something similar. To be discussed further.

## 7. Councillor's Report – David Chernushenko [see notes, appendix 3]

- Councillor Chernushenko was not able to attend; Joanna Linsangan provided an update on his behalf.
- City 2015 budget will be released on Feb 4, and community input is to be solicited. Public consultation will take place on Feb. 9 at City Hall.
- A comment was raised that some snowplow operators are allowing snow to build up on city sidewalks. Joanna says she has not fielded complaints on this topic.

## 8. Committee Reports

### 8.1 Planning - Stephen Pope [see report, appendix 4]

- There is an ongoing discussion about roof slopes. Action Sandy Hill wants to make sure any new building coming forward, has the option to have a pitched roof rather than a flat roof. One of the problems is that with height requirements as they are currently, people who want to maximize living space are inclined to put up a flat roof.

### 8.2 SLOE – Ian McRae [see report, appendix 5]

### 8.3 Transportation - Ron Rose: No report.

### 8.4 City Centre Coalition - Devin O'Grady: No report

### 8.5 Federation of Citizens' Associations - Jim Strang

- Meetings are once a month – community associations from all across metro Ottawa.
- Councillor Keith Egli was a speaker at the last meeting; one thing he mentioned is that there will be moneys allocated for each ward for things like signs and possibly rink management.
- There was a lot of discussion of Canada post mailboxes. The city's position is that mailboxes are federal jurisdiction, and the mayor is taking an arm's length approach.
- It was mentioned that the Wikipedia entry for old Ottawa east could be expanded.

## 8.6 Communications - Catherine Pacella

## 8.7 Community Safety: No report.

## 8.8 Membership – Suzanne Johnston

- In theory we could charge more money for membership dues, but at the same time we do not feel that it would be appropriate to raise fees unless we have some sort of plan for what we need the money for. We could leave it at \$3 but put a motion on the floor at the next AGM that it could be raised to \$4 if the Board deems it necessary.

## 9 Community Activities Group

- Bonnie Wheppler: this coming Sunday is the Winter Party. The Valentine Skate will be on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of February. CAG is very busy at the moment, with things like renegotiating agreements on facilities and planning for various events

## 10 Sesquicentennial Project / Event for Old Ottawa East

- The thought was that we might want to brainstorm some ideas for celebrating Canada 150. We could discuss this with our sister organizations. It was agreed that we should pursue this.

## 11 New Business

- Goals: a goal planning document was circulated by email. See appendix 6. One suggestion was that we advocate for waterfront access, possibly a boathouse on the Rideau River.
- One of the councillor's goals is apparently to increase residents' capacity to get parking permits to facilitate traffic calming. Phyllis raised this as a potential problem, as increasing parking on residential streets would be difficult particularly during snow months.
- At the FCA meeting, there was some discussion about municipal campaign donations. A comment was made by Alex Cullen that Ottawa should forbid donations to municipal council candidates by businesses or unions. We will give it some thought and decide if we want to come up with a position on this; until such time as we have an official policy on this topic, Jim will abstain from any vote on the issue at FCA.

Motion to adjourn: Bill Baldwin. 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Fugler. Carried.

## 12 Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday Feb. 10, 2015

**APPENDIX 1: GETTING READY FOR SPRING FLOODING: PROPOSED ACTION PLAN FOR OLD OTTAWA EAST**



Getting Ready for Spring Flooding.pdf

## APPENDIX 2 – CHAIR’S REPORT

### Chair's Report – January 2015

1. **Col By – Clegg Safe Crossing – Open House:** The well-attended December 11th open house for the proposed safe crossing resulted in strong support for the plan as proposed, with several suggestions made for improvements. See attached OOECA letter of support that was sent to the NCC following the meeting.
2. **Bus Route during Main Construction:** In view of comments expressed at the Main Street Renewal open house (November 20, 2014) and subsequent discussion, the association has endorsed the northbound bus route that would take Clegg and Colonel By, rather than using Clegg-Glenora-Hazel-Echo. See attached letter.
3. **Brantwood Rink:** Despite the unusually warm Christmas weather, Brantwood rink coordinator Cindy Courtemanche with fellow “base ice” creators Marco DeNigris, Mike Lemon, Andrew Matsukobo, and Tim Wilshaw miraculously produced superb ice for the community’s skaters and hockey players. Cindy is seeking additional volunteer flooders (“hosers”) to help out with the nightly flooding. Volunteers are only required to flood a few times each season. They do so with another flooder and without their efforts the rink cannot continue.
4. **Community Safety Director:** Jill Wherrett, director at large, has kindly volunteered to assume the “public safety” responsibilities that Jaime Girard has resigned from. We still need a member to take leadership for leading a committee to lead the community input for the development of the public parks on the Oblate/Regional lands.
5. **Human Scale Documentary:** Reminder that OOECA will be one of the sponsors of the Sandy Hill Community Health Centre’s screening of the Human Scale (now confirmed at the Bytowne on Thursday Jan 29th from 6:30-8:45). SHCHC sees that the screening will promote dialogue on the need for more “people-centred” planning in Ottawa. The free screening will be followed by a brief panel discussion Partnership does not necessarily mean funding but can mean helping out with volunteers or to promote the event among our members, etc. OOECA needs several volunteers to help the night of the showing. I’ve forgotten who’s volunteered so far (Don Fugler and???)
6. **TD Sign on Veil at Lansdowne:** In view of the lack of consultation on the sign, the apparent bending or ignoring of city signage rules to allow it and the clash of the sign with the Rideau canal as a world heritage site, should the OOECA write to the city, OSEG and TD bank to request that the sign be removed. Yes, I appreciate that the association has many other issues to deal with but the TD sign is a blight on “our” canal  
Every time we walk, bike, drive or skate by the sign we will be reminded of how the city has simply ignored the concerns of the community. It’s interesting that the special Lansdowne signage bylaw makes

considerable reference to the Glebe BIA but I could find no reference in it to either Old Ottawa South or Old Ottawa East.

7. **Meeting with Councillor David Chernushenko:** Phyllis, Don, Ron and myself are scheduled to meet with Councillor Chernushenko January 8, 2015 to how we might work together to advance OOE goals, address ongoing issues and what city budget items could be supportive of OOE and Capital Ward requirements. Some of the possible budgets items we'll raise are: acceleration of the Clegg-Fifth footbridge, parks on the Oblate/Regional land, community centre/hub funding, and detailed design and construction of the Rideau River western pathway / nature trail.
8. **Greystone Village Parks – Practicum Course for Carencia Rouse:** Carleton fourth-year student Carencia Rouse will do a “practicum” course helping OOECA / SLOE in preparing input for the planning of the three public parks on the Regional/Oblate lands (Attachment 3).

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**Old Town Hall**

December 19, 2014

Greg Kehoe  
Project Manager  
Colonel By Drive – Clegg Street Crossing  
National Capital Commission

Dear Mr. Kehoe:

***Safe Crossing at Colonel By Drive and Clegg Street***

The Old Ottawa East Community Association strongly endorses the National Capital Commission’s plan and accelerated construction schedule to create a safe pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Colonel By Drive and Clegg Street.

Just as we applauded the Commission’s creation of a safe crossing at Queen Elizabeth Driveway and Fifth Avenue, the safe crossing at CBD-Clegg will greatly improve safety and accessibility for cyclists and pedestrians.

Twenty-eight years ago (October 16, 1986), Jean Pigott, the then NCC chairperson, wrote about the CBD-Clegg crossing: “Commission staff is currently studying the locations as well as the most effective means to create safe crossings without unduly impeding the flow of vehicular traffic. We hope to have solutions to this perplexing problem by next spring.” So we’ve waited a while. In the OOECA’s 2010 response to the Rideau Canal Pedestrian Crossing Study, we wrote that creation of a signalized crossing at CBD-Clegg was our priority (see attachment).

And, given that there is about twice the traffic volume on CBD as there is on the Driveway, it is appropriate that the work be done next year. We also note that the accelerated construction of the safe crossing is welcomed by pedestrians and cyclists who, without the crossing, would have an even harder time crossing the parkway when traffic increases during Main Street reconstruction.

In terms of the proposed closure of Echo on the north side of Clegg, the traffic counts show that there are only low volumes so that only minor increases of traffic will be experienced on McGillivray, Clegg, Herridge and possibly one or two other neighbouring streets. Also, the experience of having Echo closed on the south side of Clegg has worked well for residents, cyclists and pedestrians so a similar experience is likely when there is a closure on the north side.

As for the suggestion of removing the planters / barriers on Echo at Hazel, our suggestion is that they remain. Should in the future it be determined by those affected by the closure of Echo on the north side Clegg that removing the planters at Echo-Hazel would result in improvement then such a proposition can be considered at that time. We understand that you may reduce the width of the crosswalk on Clegg from the 4 m width to something less and this will contribute to a better design and functioning of the intersection. As an aside, we expect that the City of Ottawa will ensure this passage will be plowed in the winter, something that, unfortunately, hasn't happened at the Echo-Hazel intersection where cyclists can't pass between the planters in the winter.

We very much appreciate that the signalized crossing is primarily being created to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety. However, it may also improve motorized accessibility and flows. In this regard we would appreciate your further consideration of two suggestions that arose during the consultations.

First, the proposed "no right turn on a red" from westbound Clegg onto northbound CBD may not be a required or useful prohibition. We appreciate that the prohibition is to prevent motorists from endangering Echo pedestrians and cyclists who will be crossing on the green of the Echo signal. While we need to ensure the north-south Echo Drive crosswalk is not blocked, a prohibition of the right turn on a red may backup up traffic on Clegg. Further, a greater threat to pedestrians and cyclists is when they are crossing CBD on a green and cars are turning both left and right from Clegg onto CBD. Clearly, in this case, the motorists must yield to pedestrians and cyclists and the same would apply to motorists who, were the prohibition not to exist, could be turning right onto CBD from Clegg.

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The second suggestion that may warrant further consideration is the creation of a left turn lane from southbound CBD onto Clegg. We appreciate that there may be cost and “real estate” issues that led to the NCC not including this idea, however, a turning lane would improve CBD’s southbound traffic flow. At present, southbound vehicles often squeeze by other southbound vehicles waiting to make a safe left turn onto Clegg so that if an extra metre or so could be found it would make for a safer left turn and would contribute to southbound flow on CBD. That said, the Association requests that the current “peak” turning restrictions from CBD onto Clegg be maintained except if there are key accessibility issues during the reconstruction of Main Street.

Regardless of the result of any further consideration of these two suggestions, we very much look forward to the creation next spring of a safe crossing at CBD-Clegg. Many skaters, pedestrians and cyclists will have such an easier and safer time “getting to the other side.” Congratulations on this initiative.

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c.c.: Josée Vallée  
Councillor David Chernushenko

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**Old Town Hall**

February 8, 2015

Émilie Girard-Ruel, MBA  
Senior Officer, Public Consultations  
National Capital Commission

Dear Ms Girard-Ruel:

***Support for the Clegg-Colonel By Drive Bus Route during Main Street Reconstruction***

After discussion at a recent board meeting of the Old Ottawa East Community Association (OOECA), review of the comments made at the City’s public open house on Main Street renewal (November 20, 2014) and consultation with a number of community members, it is the position of the OOECA that of the three options for northbound OC Transpo routes during Main Street Renewal construction, the best one would be Clegg-Colonel By Drive. Please note that southbound buses will be able to continue using a Main Street lane during construction

The option of running buses #5 and 16 along Riverside would deprive community members of any useful service. The option of running buses along Clegg-Glenora-Hazel-Echo would be dangerous on the narrow streets with tight corners. Also, Echo Drive functions as a “woonerf,” where many pedestrians and cyclists use the roadway, so that a bus on this would not be welcomed.

Consequently, the OOECA would welcome the National Capital Commission’s willingness to allow OC Transpo to operate northbound buses #5 and 16 on Colonel By between Clegg and Hawthorne during the reconstruction of Main Street. We realize that the NCC needs to preserve the special character of the parkways but we’d suggest that occasionally exceptions are warranted and this temporary bus routing is such an exception.

NCC Board members may not be aware that Main Street, Old Ottawa East's north-south thoroughfare, will be utterly disrupted by construction in 2015 and 2016. And they may not know that Old Ottawa East has a peculiar street structure so that there is no parallel route to Main that could serve an obvious alternative route for buses. The consequence is the request to use Colonel By Drive for OC Transpo buses. It's also worth noting that these buses do not run frequently so they will not put undue pressure on Colonel By.

The Commission's willingness to allow Lansdowne "large-event" shuttle buses to use limited portions of Queen Elizabeth Driveway was appreciated by residents of the Glebe and, similarly, your approval of temporary usage of OC Transpo buses on a short portion of Colonel By Drive would be welcomed by Old Ottawa East residents.

We look forward to hearing the NCC Board's decision on this matter.

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c.c.:     Josée Vallée, City of Ottawa  
          Councillor David Chernushenko

### **Attachment 3: Park Development for Greystone Village in Old Ottawa East**

*Carencia Rouse, Carleton University – Practicum (Jan – April, 2015)*

**Goal:** To research and facilitate community input to the development of three public parks within the Greystone Village development of the Regional Group in Old Ottawa East.

**Overview:** go to <http://regionalgroup.com/our-developments/greystone-village-oblates-redevelopment>

**Specifics:** there will be three distinct parks:

1. The 30m linear park along the Rideau River (+ adjoining multi-use path and Rideau River nature trail)
2. The “Grade Allée”
3. The Deschatelets “forecourt”.

Each has distinct characteristics, challenges and opportunities.

#### **Research:**

- understand the OOE community design plan
- review the Regional Group’s proposed masterplan / plan of subdivision / concept plan
- city of Ottawa Park policy
- OOE community amenity requirements relating to parks
- examples elsewhere for these types of parks - what makes them work?
- consider multifunctional design (including LID/stormwater and ecological connectivity).

#### **Facilitation:**

- participate in community’s working group meetings (preparing for meetings with others)
- participate in community meetings with city, RVCA and Regional staff.

#### **Outputs:**

- project plan and schedule, including regular updating of community contact
- research, drafting options,
- meeting city staff and community members, and
- organizing and facilitating meetings
- summary report.

#### **Supervision:**

- John Dance, president OOECA
- +???

#### **Project Success Criteria:**

- Provision of information that assists community representatives to be better informed of park potential of the three distinct public parks of Greystone Village
- Expediting the community’s involvement in development of the plans for the parks.

## APPENDIX 3 – NOTES FROM THE OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR DAVID CHERNUSHENKO

### INFILL II

- Open house schedule for January 15, 2015, 6 to 8 p.m. Presentation followed by a question and answer period, Champlain Room, City Hall, 110 Laurier Avenue West
- Deadline for comments is January 21, 2015. The City considers this the final step of the Infill II Study before the statutory Zoning By-law Amendment approval process scheduled to begin at the end of January, 2015.
- To provide comments on the Infill II Study recommendations and draft amending by-law, please e-mail your comments to [steve.gauthier@ottawa.ca](mailto:steve.gauthier@ottawa.ca) no later than January 21, 2015 at 4 p.m.
- The approval process includes public consultation; therefore, there will still be opportunity to comment on the details of the new amending zoning provisions until April 2015, when the Staff Report is presented to Planning Committee for approval.

### 2015 BUDGET

- The City's 2015 draft operating and capital budgets will be tabled with City Council at a special meeting on Wednesday, February 4. Council will also receive draft budgets for each Standing Committee as well as Police, Transit, Public Health, Library, Crime Prevention and Committee of Adjustment.
- Final budget recommendations is Wednesday, March 11
- Public consultation:
  - o via email at [budget2015@ottawa.ca](mailto:budget2015@ottawa.ca)
  - o Twitter, using hash tag #ottbudget
  - o Central – Monday, February 9, 7 to 9 p.m. City Hall, Andrew S. Haydon Hall, 110 Laurier Avenue West, Ottawa
- If you cannot attend the meeting at City Hall on Feb 9, there are three other meetings throughout the City. You can find more information here: <http://ottawa.ca/en/city-hall/budget-and-taxes/budget/public-consultation-and-feedback-0>

## **APPENDIX 4 – PLANNING REPORT**

Submitted by Stephen Pope

A proposal for a new house at 683 Echo Drive will be going to Committee of Adjustment next Wednesday. The Planning Committee is discussing our potential response.

I attended a pre consultation meeting yesterday with the City under the pilot project for community involvement in planning and development pre consultations (Transparency Pilot). Discussion of these meetings is restricted by a non-disclosure agreement until a formal submission has been made. In this case the formal submission would be a Site Plan Control application for a low-rise apartment building, with some requested minor variances.

OOECA Planning Committee will need to check with the City on progress with the Main Street and Hawthorne Avenue rezoning project under the 2014 Zoning review. There are outstanding concerns regarding different treatment of currently zoned residential properties between sites on Hawthorne and sites on Main. The revisions to the 2014 Zoning Review are to be presented at the City's Planning Committee in February.

A new City initiative has come forward to permit small "neighbourhood" commercial activities in residentially zoned neighbourhoods. This proposal would permit small businesses and commercial activity from individual houses. The creation of parking spaces to serve the business would not be permitted under the proposal. Two sites have been identified in OOE, Concord North at Greenfield (the site of the electrical contractors association) and Glenora and Herridge (the former Ottawa East Pizzeria).

Questions are welcomed.

## APPENDIX 5 – SUSTAINABLE LIVING OTTAWA EAST

### Sustainable Living Ottawa East (SLOE) report to the Old Ottawa East Community Association

January 13, 2015

The Old Ottawa East Community Garden has a new website.

<https://oldottawaeastcommunitygarden.wordpress.com>

The Children's Garden is undergoing a process of revitalization with some turnover in the steering committee. CAG are involved in the revitalization and are going to run the Children's Garden programming starting in the 2015 season, alongside their regular program offering

The six large interpretive panel signs along the Rideau River Nature Trail path will be replaced in the near future. The old signs have aged poorly. Thanks to Rebecca Aird and others for this initiative.

Financial statements for SLOE and its projects have been provided to the OECA board for 2014.

On the Deep Green project, we'll be working with the Regional Group on a Low Impact Development (LID) workshop.

SLOE and the Sandy Hill Community Health Centre will hold a preliminary meeting in January to explore options for approaches to accommodating older adults and possibly other underserved populations. This is undertaken with a grant from Community Foundation of Ottawa.

## APPENDIX 6 – GOALS

### OOECA Goals 2015 - Draft

(Revised January 24, 2015)

NB revisions to 2014 Goals doc are in ***bold, italics***

#### A. Lees/Springhurst Park

##### ***A.1 Convert Portions of AVTC Lands to Parkland:***

- joint project with Community Activities Group and Sandy Hill Community Health Association

- work with city to have lands identified by Transit Oriented Development – Lees Station as open space / parkland added to Springhurst Park and Rideau River Trail Park (aka 166 Lees) ***(NB: a significant portion of this was done in 2014, i.e., the transfer of 2.5 hectares to Springhurst Park – but we also would like the lands to the east of the “necessarily preserved” Alta Vista Transportation Corridor to be added to the Rideau River Trail park, aka “166 Lees”)***

- use cash in lieu of parkland funding to add features / trees etc. that will physically join the new parkland to existing parkland

- explore the possibility of having a proper soccer pitch / playing field on the parkland

- key CA members: Ron Rose, Nick Masciantonio

##### ***A.2 Greater Lees Avenue apartment residents’ participation/engagement in community + better integration of the east end of Lees Avenue into the community of Old Ottawa East***

- joint project with CAG and SHCHC

- ***Syed Zaffar, operator of CosmoMart at 170 Lees, was elected to the OOECA board at the November 2014 AGM***

- the various OOE community organizations (activities group, community association, community paper, etc.) have few members from the five large apartment towers on Lees Avenue despite the fact that about half the population of OOE lives in the towers.

- the proposed Transit Oriented Development at the Lees LRT station will result in many more people living in the area and enhancing the community environment for new and existing residents will improve their quality of living as well as strengthening the overall OOE community.

- As the TOD gets underway and uOttawa expands more on that location, there will be a tendency to view it as part of Sandy Hill so that OOE risks losing a key constituency that contributes to justifying better facilities and services.

-Lees Garden, that there are more people from the apartments participating in the Lees community garden so it has the potential to be part of the outreach to apartment residents.

- The issue of “inadequate community facilities” (below) and conversion of AVTC lands tie into this goal

- key CA members: Syed Zaffar, Ron Rose

## **B. Transportation**

### **B.1 Main Street Renewal Planning**

- The working group for Main Street renewal and Lees Avenue reconstruction meets periodically and community members (including Paul Goodkey, and Board members Don Fugler, Ron Rose, Stephen Pope and John Dance) are well-represented.

***- In 2015, the challenge will be to ensure planning details get due consideration; traffic impacts during the construction are mitigated; schools and businesses’ operations and residents’ quality of life and do not suffer; and there is sound communication between the city/councillor’s office and the community/residents***

- ***(Delete in 2015)*** However, there remain a number of issues that require continued pursuit including undergrounding (Paul Goodkey), east-west cycling lanes, north of the Queensway cycling lanes, public art (Nick Masciantonio). ***(This was essentially completed in 2014, even tho. we weren’t successful in convincing the city to underground the wires or to extend the bike lanes all the way to Echo-CBD.)***

- a further area of community pursuit is the ongoing care of certain aspects of the new Main Street, including nurturing the proposed parkette at Riverdale-Main, and the restoration and care of trees along Main Street.

- key community association (CA) members: Ron Rose, Stephen Pope, Paul Goodkey, Nick Masciantonio, Don Fugler, John Dance, Catherine Pacella)

### **B.2 Accelerate Canal Footbridge Construction**

- The recently approved Transportation Master Plan calls for the construction of the proposed Clegg-Fifth canal footbridge sometime during the 2020-2025 period, i.e., at least five years from now. The community along with sister communities and many others throughout the city have been advocating the bridge for more than six years – we don’t want to wait another six or more for that this critical means of accessibility to be completed.

***- During the 2014 election both Mayor Watson and Councillor Chernushenko spoke of the desirability of accelerating the construction. OOECA will work with the city to explore / support means of doing this including seeking additional funding sources. Councillor Chernushenko has spoken of the footbridge as being a possible sesquicentennial project.***

**-(Delete in 2015)** Also, the proposed plans for the bridge call for safe crossing of Col By and Queen Elizabeth Drive but to wait another six years or more for this improvement would be pathetic, especially in light of the NCC recently and readily installing safe crossings of CBD at Dow's lake and at Hartwell Locks/Carleton. **(So it very much looks as tho. a safe crossing at CBD-Clegg will be completed in 2015, thanks to the cooperation of the City and the NCC.)**

- key CA members: Ron Rose, John Dance

### **B.3 Responding to Other Transportation Issues**

- this ongoing work addresses continuing and emerging transportation issues that are key to wellbeing of the community. Specific issues include seeking improved bus service and the implementation of improved cycling facilities (including east-west connectivity between Pretoria Bridge and the Rideau River (old railway) footbridge.

## **C. Development**

### **C.1 Community Participation with Oblates/Sisters Developments**

- Participating in the planning for and ongoing monitoring of the Sisters / Oblate developments has the potential of making the developments more sustainable and complementary to the existing Old Ottawa East community. **(SLOE's "Deep Green" expert's forum at Carleton University in March reviewed SLOE's sustainability research pertaining to the institutional lands. This was followed up by a well-attended June session open to the entire community. In addition, the Regional Group had a full presentation of its proposals to the community at a session held at Saint Paul University in September. A good working relationship of Regional Group, the city and the community was established in 2014 and Regional is living within the constraints and opportunities of the approved CDP / Secondary Plan and positively responding to the four thrusts of the SLOE "Deep Green" project. Regional has invited members of the community association to relevant meetings with city staff. Also, numerous meetings were held with Domicile as it prepared plans for the development of the western half of the Sisters property.)**

- Key CA members: Stephen Pope, Rebecca Aird, Paul Goodkey, Phyllis Odenbach Sutton, Ron Rose, John Dance, Ian McRae

### **C.2 Responding to Other Development and City Planning Proposals**

- this ongoing, technical and difficult work is managed by Planning Chair Stephen Pope with the Planning Committee composed of members representing the distinct neighbourhoods of OOE

- key CA members: Stephen Pope, Paul Goodkey, Phyllis Odenbach Sutton

- planned milestones: ongoing.

### **C.3 New Community Centre / Hub for Old Ottawa East (CAG lead)**

- Given the growing and cross-cutting importance of community recreation and meeting space, CAG has taken the lead for exploring options for planning a new community centre / hub. The inadequacy and poor accessibility of Old Town Hall (61 Main Street) coupled with the considerable development on the horizon mean that facilities supporting a community population of more than 10,000 are required.

- Various options, including collaborating with Saint Paul University, will be explored. CAG's Don Stephenson has the lead for the project and two OOECA board members are part of the working group.

- Community members have long felt that OOE has inadequate community facilities – particularly interior recreation and meeting space and the sense is that with the building on the institutional lands and the Lees TOD development the inadequacy will become much worse. Indeed, one suggestion is that the northeast quadrant of the AVTC lands could be an excellent location for a community centre. Other suggestions have been creating a community centre on the Oblate lands (e.g., within the Deschatelets building), in one of the underused schools on or near Main Street or expanding Old Town Hall. There is also the possibility of a partnership with Saint Paul University and others (Oblate developer, City, SHCHC) to bring athletic/community centre facilities to OOE in tandem with the Oblate land development.

- ***In 2014, CAG established a working group to begin planning of a community centre / hub ... Catherine Pacella and John Dance are the current Board reps on this but it might be good to have somebody in addition. OOECA and CAG have requested Councillor Chernushenko to recommend an OOE community centre / hub be included within the upcoming city budgets.***

#### ***C.4 Plan for the three new public parks on the Oblates lands (suggested new goal for 2015)***

- ***Tentatively three new public parks will be created on the Oblates-regional lands: the 30m linear park + multi-use pathway along the river; the Grande Allée; the Deschatelets forecourt.***

- ***These are very important for the new development, the OOE community and the city as a whole.***

- ***We'll need lots of creative thinking to come up with ideas and to work with the city and regional to make these parks a reality.***

## **D. Other**

### ***D.1 Incorporation of Board (delete in 2015)***

- Incorporation gives the organization greater legitimacy and allows OOECA to participate in broader fora.

- Key CA members: Jaime Girard, Don Fugler

***Completed***

## ***D.2 Buy Directors' Insurance (delete in 2015)***

- Protection of volunteers who are all operating in good faith is important.
- Key CA members: Jaime Girard

***Completed***

## ***D.3 More parties and celebrations***

- There's much to celebrate but we spend little time doing so ...
- One board member suggested an early summer party on her new patio ...
- ***In 2014 we didn't do much in this regard, aside from the modest pre-Christmas gathering***

## ***D.4 (Suggested new goal) Branding, community name and logo***

***- It may be time to improve our branding, including the community logo and name. If we come up with reasonable options they'd have to be presented to the AGM or to a separate "general meeting." OOECA would work with CAG on this goal, given that CAG is undertaking a similar exercise.***

## ***D.5 Influencing RRWP/Nature Trail Design/Construction***

- SLOE has worked very hard on the Rideau River Nature Trail over the last seven years and wants to ensure that the work and its intentions are not jeopardized by the city's plan to build a multi-use pathway (the Rideau River Western Pathway) parallel to the OOE shoreline of the Rideau River. Also, nearby residents want to ensure the pathway and its construction have minimal impact on them.

- Key CA member: Ian McRae.
- ***We had several meetings with the city and RVCA on this and some progress was made but the nature and location of the pathway through Brantwood Park remains an unresolved question and care needs to be exercised on just how the path runs behind Rideau Gardens Drive.***
- ***Also, OOECA needs to lobby to get this pathway into the 2015 budget.***
- ***On a positive note, because of Regional's purchase of the Oblate lands it appears as though the pathway through the Oblate lands – as well as the critical access from Brantwood Park will be completed sooner than earlier thought.***

## ***D.6 Mitigate Adverse Impacts of Lansdowne Park / Maximize Benefits***

- **Ron Rose's ongoing role with the city's Lansdowne Transportation Management and Operations Committee is key but the association also should be involved in such activities as setting restrictions on sound levels and hours for concerts / festivals at Lansdowne.**

**D.7 Sesquicentennial Projects/Events**

- **Working with sister organizations like CAG, OOECA would select and plan projects and events to celebrate Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. One specific activity that has been suggested is a "reading club" meeting monthly leading up to July 1<sup>st</sup> to discuss Canada's 22 prime ministers (who knows, by then there could even be a new one). Councillor Chernushenko has suggested that the Clegg-Fifth footbridge could be a good centennial project if provincial and federal funding were to supplement the city's investment.**

**D.8 Rideau River Flooding – Emergency Preparedness**

- **This work, already started by several devoted Brantwood Park area residents, would set the framework to assist residents in their working with the city, the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority and others to mitigate impacts of flooding of the Rideau River, something that is a growing danger given climate change and the extent of the river's flood plain in Old Ottawa East.**

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