



## Meeting of the Old Ottawa East Community Association Board

Tuesday, 10 September 2019, 7p.m.

Old Town Hall, 61 Main Street

### MINUTES

#### ATTENDANCE

##### Board Members

Alexandra Gruca-Macaulay  
Bob Gordon  
Catherine Pacella  
Heather Jarrett  
John Dance  
Phyllis Odenbach Sutton  
Richard Cundall  
Ron Rose  
Suzanne Johnston

##### Other Attendees

Ariella Summit  
Barry Davis  
Bill Baldwin  
Bonnie Wepler  
Christian Pupp  
Doug Macaulay  
Emilie Taman  
Gervaise Poulin  
Jan Darcy  
Jeanie Cassidy  
Jim Youngs  
John Jarrett  
Juanita Cody  
Kenn Rainkine  
Mike Lascelles  
Monica Helm  
Paul Goodkey  
Peggy West  
Peter Tobin  
Peter Beaman  
Rick Burrowes  
Shawn Menard  
Terry West  
Tina Raymond  
Vicki Davis

1. Call to Order – Phyllis Odenbach-Sutton
2. Approval of Agenda
  - Moved: Heather Jarrett; Second Alexandra Gruca-Macaulay
3. Approval of June 2019 Minutes
  - Will be addressed at next meeting

#### 4. Chair's Report – Phyllis Odenbach-Sutton

- Report Attached as Appendix A
- Main Event – Overall, the fundraising was great
- Flora Bridge Opening – Very well received, even on the hottest day of the year
- LRT – Opening this weekend; with the opening, waiting to hear when the Eastbound Lees on-ramp will be available to all traffic
- Special General Meeting (SGM) and 2B Complex
  - i. Review of the developments of the 2B complex
  - ii. Greystone sales centre to be demolished shortly, expected Sept 16<sup>th</sup>, 2-3 days to complete tear down
  - iii. Representative from Regional – looking for feedback on whether they should keep attending
  - iv. A review of the Regional website should be done to verify if the information publicized is in-line with their actual actions
- Immaculatta field
  - i. School board won the appeal which allows play until 11pm
  - ii. If there is no snow on the field, school board has indicated it can be used. This includes Christmas and Easter holidays
  - iii. Of note, the organization who partnered with Immaculata, Footy 7's, is not paying any taxes for use of the field
- Brantwood park tennis courts – cracks were filled mid July, painting was completed early September
- Trees – many trees throughout the community are being lost.
- Commercial at Corners – River Dental; Happy Goat; Laurier Optical
- All candidates debate
  - i. On Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> the candidates from Ottawa Centre will have a debate at Glebe CC
  - ii. CA is one of the sponsors of the event; volunteers for setup and tear down are still needed
  - iii. All candidates are welcome to speak at association meetings if they approach the CA

#### 5. Councillor's Report – Shawn Menard

- Landsdowne
  - i. A press release on changes to Landsdowne was issued
  - ii. The results of the survey will be published, but there is no announced date as of yet
- Conseil des écoles catholique du Centre-Est (CECCE)
  - i. The CECCE is close to completing the purchase of the Deschatelets building, possibly in conjunction with the City of Ottawa
  - ii. The current school operated by the CECCE located on 88 Main Street would move into this location
  - iii. The purchase would require zoning changes
  - iv. Councillor would like to have a Community center added as part of this partnership with the city. This would include a gym, and other facilities
  - v. The forecourt park would remain unchanged as to the original plans and would be used for school activities
  - vi. Regional requires the chapel at the back of the building to be removed as part of the sale. The city has not made any statement in regard to this
  - vii. Purchase does not include any of the additional land blocks behind the building

- viii. The general concerns from the community are about maintaining the use of the forecourt land and school bus traffic
- Forecourt at Deschatelets
  - i. Regional and cash-in-lieu for development of forecourt (allocated \$96000)
  - ii. CA is not required to ask councillor for direct funding for development of these projects
- New City Official Plan
  - i. Consultation to continue throughout September
  - ii. The councillor is looking for more feedback about the plan from the community
  - iii. More engagement from the community would be appreciated
- Dogs in Brantwood
  - i. A consultation took place, the results of which will be shared soon. No date was provided
- Immaculata Field
  - i. The councillor is pushing against unresponsive internal city staff
  - ii. No official communication from the councillor will be provided until all information from LPAT results are reviewed
- LRT Opening
  - i. 6 Free passes for opening weekend are available with the councillor. Contact Ariela at councillors office. Passes will need to be picked up at the office
- Cash-in-lieu of Parkland
  - i. Process for requests closes on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Please send requests to community association
  - ii. Current priority is on Heron park with its many needs
  - iii. Proposals have been received in regards to Springhurst.
  - iv. There is an action in place to replace existing equipment at Springhurst that has reached the end of its life cycle
- Results of Soil Tests in Archville
  - i. The councillor is looking at having a meeting about the results of the soil test
  - ii. Looking to reach out to residents in Archville specifically to setup a date
- Traffic issues
  - i. City has overlap with MTO to open Eastbound 417 on-ramp at Lees
  - ii. General frustration is that the on-ramp will not be opened before winter
- Nicolas-Greenbank 417 Westbound On-ramp
  - i. On-ramp to be closed the weekend of September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>
  - ii. Redirects will be in place
- Flora footbridge
  - i. There has been good traffic use of the bridge, exceeding the initial expectations by close to 30%
- OC Transpo Bus Routes
  - i. As part of the LRT transition, the new bus routes will take effect October 6<sup>th</sup>
- General Items
  - i. Soft landscaping changes to be coming;
  - ii. Looking to change the percentage of land a residential building can occupy on a property
  - iii. David Renfrow (Domicile) made commitment to connecting des Oblates and Springhurst
  - iv. Request for site plan of 129 Main St made by CA president to councillor
  - v. 129 Main St site plan has been already approved

6. OOECA Appeal Fundraising – Heather Jarrett
  - Current amount raised to date is \$5,310, with a target of \$10,000;
  - There is a request to create a separate bank account to allow collecting funds with e-banking, under CA control. The account would not be a trust account and would only have one signing authority as per the initial e-banking investigation
  - Motioned: Heather Jarrett; Second Ron Rose; Passed
  - As an incentive, maybe include a flyer as part of the membership drive to notify residents of the fundraising
  - Appeal Process
    - i. Written case synopsis
    - ii. As of yet, there is no planner or lawyer as part of the appeal team
  - If the fundraising goal of \$10,000 is achieved, looking for permission to create a GoFundMe account. An issue with this setup is not being able to refund any collected monies collected in this fashion. Further information will be presented at next meeting
    - i. Motion: Upon acceptance of appeal of 2B, a GoFundMe Account to be setup and connected to new bank account;
    - ii. Motioned: Heather Jarrett; Second Richard Cundall; Passed
  
7. Cash in Lieu of Parklands Across Ward – Phyllis Odenbach-Sutton
  - Each ward has their own account of funds of cash-in-lieu of parklands
  - Developers are required to contribute this account when building within ward
  - Our ward currently has about \$1.5 million available for use
  - The CA is looking for ideas for use. Please send to [info@ooe.ca](mailto:info@ooe.ca) before September 20<sup>th</sup>. Ideas will be discussed with CAG and councillor
  - Rick Burrowes, as part of his Vision Springhurst, has identified several upgrades to Springhurst Park which could use funding
    - i. Volleyball court requires \$10,000. An application for matched grant funding from City of Ottawa. Funds provided to date: Sandy Hill Community Health - \$5000; OOECA \$2000. This leaves \$3000 to raised
    - ii. Additional exercise equipment, in a similar style to the existing exercise pieces. No funds for this as of yet
  
8. New Board of OOECA – Phyllis Odenbach-Sutton
  - AGM Tuesday Nov 12<sup>th</sup>
  - New board will be presented
  - Some people have expressed interest in joining the board, but there are still positions available
  
9. Treasurer's Report – Don Fugler
  - Currently close to \$22,000, which does not include appeal funds, and additional holding funds
  
10. Committee Reports
  - Planning – Ron Rose
    - i. Appeal of 2B completed in August; special thanks to several people who spoke on behalf of the community at June 27 Planning Committee meetings
    - ii. Planning committee has created sub-committee of 10 people to steer appeal process

- iii. Notice of proposed demolition order on 20-22 Hawthorne Ave; investigating all items associated;
- iv. Looking for additional volunteers to be part of the planning committee. The key items planning is involved with are: changes to infill; official plan review; transportation master plan; AVTC. Contact Ron Rose if interested in joining
- v. September 16<sup>th</sup> for feedback to city official plan – check city website and keep sending feedback; councillor’s office to provide the firm dates of when feedback is closing
- vi. Only certified or credentialed experts can present evidence to the LPAT; experts credentials must be included as part of the appeal. Sub-committee is looking for people to help in these roles
- vii. Burned out building on Concord at Greenfield; owner in battle with insurance; councillor’s office is dealing with by-law to keep clean
- viii. Paul Goodkey signed non-disclosure agreement about pre-consultation meeting; motion to allow Paul to represent the board on pre-application consultation; moved John Dance; second Ron Rose; Approved
- SLOE – Alexandra Gruca-Macaulay
  - i. Report attached as Appendix B
  - ii. Fall cleanup at Brantwood and Springhurst parks on September 28<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 11am
  - iii. New trees planted by Flora bridge
  - iv. Climate portion as part of official city plan, breakdown in report
  - v. Invasive species cutting, pulling organized by Vicki; To be added as a volunteer, send email to [sloe@ottawaeast.ca](mailto:sloe@ottawaeast.ca).
  - vi. Rebecca, Heather, and Phyllis looking for volunteers in making the OOE a bird friendly environment
- Transportation – Tom Scott
  - i. No report
- Communications – Catherine Pacella
  - i. No report
- Corners on Main & Greystone Village – Heather Jarrett
  - i. Vegetarian restaurant and psychologist are moving into the Corners on Main
- Health & Safety – Jaime Girard
  - i. No report
- Membership – Suzanne Johnston
  - i. Drive is officially on
  - ii. Looking for volunteers in the following areas:
    1. North of Queensway: either 3-4
    2. Central: either 2-3
    3. Southwest: Between Clegg and Riverside: at least 1

## 11. Community Activities Group

- Fall registration opened on September 3rd
- No fall festival this year; pumpkin sale might still occur, more information to come

## 12. New Business

- 206 Main (Singing Pebble Books) looking for community mural ideas
- Looking for ideas about naming transitway bridge which crosses over Rideau river

13. Emilie Taman, NDP candidate for Ottawa Centre presented; for more information about her and her platform, see her website or NDP website

14. Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday, 8 October 2019

15. Adjournment

- Moved: John Dance; Second Suzanne Johnston

## Appendix A

Chair's report September 10, 2019

Main Event - June 15

- A somewhat wet day this year but a great chance to meet new neighbours and renew acquaintances over a hot dog or hamburger
- This is one of our biggest fund raisers, and even with the wet weather we were able to raise approximately \$700; thank you everyone

Flora Footbridge

- The bridge opened earlier than forecast & under budget on June 28
- On July 20 (the hottest day of the summer I believe), the three local community associations (Old Ottawa East, the Glebe and Old Ottawa South) hosted an unofficial opening ceremony in the middle of the bridge with local children cutting a lovely green ribbon, followed by cake on the OOE side and lemonade on the Glebe side

LRT opening & OOE impacts

- Hopefully when the LRT is open & the number of replacement buses is reduced, we will get our Queensway on ramp back on Lees; we are trying to get an update on timing BUT hopefully the over 6 year wait will soon be over
- John has also alerted me to the opening of the new pathway on the east side of the transit bridge over the Rideau River, which allows for much greater connectivity

Greystone Village:

Multi-use pathway (MUP)

- The link with Springhurst Park was completed over the summer; it is now possible to use a paved path for biking all the way to Clegg
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Block 2B - 10 des Oblats

- On June 27 the request by Regional for a zoning bylaw amendment and an Official Plan Amendment to allow for an increase in height to nine storeys was heard at the city's planning committee meeting (loss from CA perspective by vote of 8-1) & then again on July 10 at full city council (another loss from CA perspective by 14-9)
- 2 appeals (zoning and official plan) were initiated by the CA on August 6 (using \$600 of CA funds)
- A Special General Meeting (SGM) of the CA was held on August 27 to seek approval from membership of up to \$5000 in funding from CA funds to support the appeals; the SGM also marked the launch of our broader fund raising campaign - initial goal is for 100 people to each contribute \$100 (at the time of writing this report, we have raised over \$4000)

- The appeals are currently being considered by the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) as to whether they are valid
- If the appeals are accepted, we believe we will proceed as per the pre-September 3 rules (the provincial government has recently proposed changes to the LPAT process, but our understanding is that the new rules would not apply to our appeals)

#### Block 2A - 10 des Oblats (Main Street building)

- the Greystone Village sales centre will soon be demolished; they have moved their centre to the former The Corners on Main presentation centre
- Regional has provided the following information: "On Thursday, September 5th, our contractors RECL will be fencing off the site. The expected date for the demolition is Monday, September 16th (pending no delays in disconnects or permitting), and we have been told it should take 2-3 days to complete."

#### Immaculata field LPAT hearing

- On July 2, the appeal by the Ottawa Catholic School Board was heard by LPAT; at that time the city defended its decision to limit lighting to 9:00pm on weekdays (Sunday - Thursday) and until 10:00pm on weekends
- On August 22, we received an email from the city indicating: "The condition limiting the operation of the lights has been struck. The Tribunal was not satisfied that the City had jurisdiction to impose the condition and further was not satisfied that this field should be treated as different than other fields across the City."
- Neighbours of the field who are struggling with the noise of whistles and shouting until 11:00pm on an almost daily basis are understandably upset

#### Brantwood Park tennis courts

- The work at Brantwood is finally complete!
- While we are very happy that the Councillor's office facilitated the repair work, we were very disappointed with the lengthy process which meant that the court was almost unplayable for much of the summer
- There must be better ways to coordinate the various steps in the process

#### Cash-in-lieu (CiL) of parkland

- I propose we have a discussion at the September board meeting on this topic; there are considerable funds in this account for Capital Ward & the Councillor's office is considering how best to allocate funds to the different communities (indeed the June Ward council meeting was focused on this topic)
- Their current thinking is to prioritize potential projects on the basis of need
- We received the following request today (Thursday, September 4) from the Councillor's office:

"We want your input on potential CiL projects for this term of Council. CIL funding can cover the purchase of new parkland and improvements to existing amenities. Please send a brief description of your proposed project with an approximate budget and explanation of the need it serves by September 25th. The description of need could consider things like age related programming, incoming development, or changes to green space.



We will review all submissions, taking into account the number of recreational sites/person, average distance to a park, and percentage of low income people in each area. Our focus will be on overall equity between residents."

## Trees

- An issue for many of us is the loss in tree canopy in our neighbourhoods. We are regularly seeing trees cut as excavations for new houses are undertaken, and often, even if the trees on the sites or on the neighbouring sites are retained, there is such a loss to the critical root ball, that the end result is still the loss of a tree.
- I am providing a bit more information below about the state of the trees on Main as well as some issues with the trees planted, or those that died before they could be planted, near the Flora Bridge (note that Alexandra provided more info on the Flora trees in her SLOE report)

## Main Street Renewal

- In late June, we received the following message from Josée Valée, the project manager for the original project, via the councillor's office:

"We have completed our review of the condition of the trees along Main Street. For the trees north of Clegg, the warranty period is over and the Forestry Department is taking over the maintenance. There are a few trees that are in poor health. Forestry will add those to their list but since those are planted in Silva cells, it is more complicated and more work to replace them. Considering their workload, these trees may only get replaced in 2020.

South of Clegg, there are six dead trees. One of the trees will be removed and not replaced (this tree is very close to a driveway and has caused the homeowner some grief and concerns). The other five dead trees will be replaced by the Contractor shortly.

Further to the replacement of these five dead trees south of Clegg, the Contractor will have met his warranty obligations and the Forestry Department will take over the maintenance."

## Flora Footbridge

- Tree plantings: some died waiting to be planted
- Also issue of maintenance post planting

## New commercial on Main Street

- River Dental had its grand opening in August; it is the first store to open in the Corners on Main
- We will soon have a grocery store as well; NU Groceries is scheduled to open their second Ottawa store in the fall

## Meeting with Ottawa Public Health re Archville soil sampling/ contamination

- If there is sufficient interest, a meeting of residents in the area will be scheduled by the Councillor's office

## All candidates debate for federal election

- Hold the date: Wednesday, September 25 at the Glebe Community Centre from 7:00-9:00pm
- Confirmations have been received from the 4 parties (& their 4 female candidates) that have been invited to participate - the Liberals, Conservatives, NDP & Green; note that we are following the practice that has been identified for the televised political debate

## Appendix B

### SLOE Chair's Report September 10, 2019

1. **Fall Clean-up of Springhurst and Brantwood Parks** has been registered for Saturday September 28, 2019, 9-11AM. Please join in, make it a family event, and also, spread the word (high school students can earn community service hours for participating).
2. The councillor's office was contacted about **two trees that were delivered for planting by Flora Bridge**, but instead were left unwatered by the road side for over two weeks during the hottest and driest days of the summer. The trees eventually withered and died, and, after contact was made, they were disposed off in the waste container.

We asked the councillor's office to look further into what had happened and why. The answer seems to suggest that the trees were considered to be surplus by the landscape contractor and thus were treated, essentially, as waste. Other trees that did not die off fully, but clearly were compromised from lack of watering, ultimately did get planted in, but it is not clear whether all will survive.

The city's response to this situation seems focused on the fact that the landscape contractor is liable for any costs associated with trees that die off. We have asked that tree management practices be taken into consideration when landscape contracts are assigned. While some trees "don't make it" when being transplanted due to natural, unavoidable causes, in the case at Flora Bridge the trees were left without water and were for all intents and purposes, killed off.



3. On August 25, 2019, Alexandra attended a presentation, hosted by Greenspace Alliance, that gave an overview of the state of the question on the update to the **Air Quality and Climate Change Management Plan (AQCCMP)**. Presenters were Andrea Flowers, Senior Project Manager, Climate Change and Resiliency Unit Planning, Infrastructure and Economic Development Department, and Jennifer Brown, Project Manager, Environmental Policy and Programs Unit, Environmental Services Department.

8 Priorities are as follows:

1. Implement Energy Evolution <https://ottawa.ca/en/residents/environment/climate-change-and-energy/energy-evolution>
2. Undertake a climate vulnerability assessment and develop a resiliency plan
3. Apply a climate lens to the Official Plan and supporting documents
4. Apply a climate lens to asset management and capital projects
5. Establish a community and a corporate carbon budget
6. Explore options for carbon sequestration and the role of green infrastructure
7. Encourage private action through education, incentives, and municipal support
8. Develop a governance framework to build corporate and community capacity to tackle climate change.

The process will open to public consultation in September.

4. **Old Ottawa East Weed Removal Brigade.** Vicki Davis and Ian McRae have been working on invasive plant removal along the Rideau River nature trail since 2007. This past summer we updated a list of community members who have indicated that they would be interested to join a mailing list for call-outs for weed removal sessions. Each weed pulling session lasts about 1.5 hours.

Vicki has been organizing the weeding sessions and has been sending out notices advising of any upcoming sessions.

If you would like your name to be added to the weed removal call-out list please send an email to [sloe@ottawaeast.ca](mailto:sloe@ottawaeast.ca). There is no obligation, participate when you are able.

Also, Vicki is looking for someone to take over from her as lead coordinator of the weeding effort, if you know of anyone who may be interested to take on this important role, please send an email to SLOE, or contact Alexandra or Vicki directly.

(community weeding also takes place in other parts of Old Ottawa East by other community members/neighbours, thank you to any volunteers who look after our beautiful greenspaces)

5. **Bird Friendly Old Ottawa East.** Please see Rebecca Aird's excellent article in the August issue of The Mainstreeter on a new initiative aimed at protecting birds and encouraging their safe habitation in Old Ottawa East. Rebecca, Heather Jarrett, and Phyllis Oldenbach Sutton are looking for other community members to join them in this project. If interested please send an email to [sloe@ottawaeast.ca](mailto:sloe@ottawaeast.ca).

Link to Mainstreeter article:

<http://www.mainstreeter.ca/index.php/2019/08/21/plans-to-make-ooe-a-birdfriendly-community-take-flight/>

Chair, SLOE