

## **Old Ottawa East Community Association meeting**

**January 14, 2020**

**7 pm, Old Town Hall**

Attendance: Courtenay Beauregard, Alexandra Gruca-Macaulay, Doug Macaulay, Jayson MacLean, Ariela Summit (Councillor Menard's office), David Gibson (SHCHC), Chris Osler (SHCHC), Adriana Beaman, Peter Tobin, Lorna Kingston, Brian Bell, Taylor Marquis (Regional Group), Dan Roach, John Jarrett, Heather Jarrett, Don Fugler, Tom Scott, Donna Walsh, Terry Walsh, Christian Pupp, Jan D'Arcy, Paul Goodkey, Sophie Rochon, Tina Raymond, Richard Cundall, Ron Rose, Brendan O'Kelly, Kristi Ross (representing OOECA on appeal), John Dance, Jamie Broughan, Suzanne Johnston, Aynsley Morris, Bob Gordon, Catherine Pacella

1. Motion to approve agenda: moved by Ron Rose, seconded by Don Fugler
2. Motion to approve December 10, 2019 minutes: moved by Alexandra Gruca-Macaulay, seconded by John Dance
3. Chair's Report – no report, Jaime absent
4. 10 Oblats appeal – Ron Rose
  - Kristi Ross – lawyer working with OOECA
  - Kristi – currently in negotiations (city, developer, Saint Paul), close to a settlement – ie: lower than nine storeys but higher than six
5. Councillor's report – Ariela Summit on behalf of Shawn Menard
  - January 29, 2020 – first council meeting of new year: Councillor McKenney's housing petition will be discussed, rally in the morning outside city hall in support of the motion; tree bylaw remove also coming up
  - Cash-in-lieu – had a large surplus thanks to leftover money from previous councillor, will be able to fund most of the requests including ongoing fieldhouse project in Heron Park
  - Consultations for Lansdowne Park – in person and online
  - Q – When redevelopments occur here, often push back setbacks right to property line so no room for tree planting. Will new bylaw address this?
  - A – Not sure, but will follow up.
  - Q – Look at section of secondary plan dealing with affordable housing, see if it has an impact on councillor's motion on homelessness/affordable housing
6. Regional – Taylor
  - Building 2A – pounding/shoring should be done by end of January, then excavation is planned – always weather dependent
  - Q – when is 1C scheduled? (where bus loop is located at SPU)
  - A – application in process, hopefully by the end of the month
  - Q – does shoring include tie-backs and will it have the same reverberations?

- A – not entirely sure when tie-backs will go in, but it will happen after shoring and should not have the same reverberations.
- Q – Tower 2A – where does width end?
- A – takes about 2/3 of lot, but hard to explain without map
- Q – Any news on timeline after meeting with French Catholic School Board
- A – understanding is that school board is in the application process for the zoning

7. Sandy Hill Community Health Centre – David Gibson

- No longer at 95 Main Street
- Offered free space at Strathcona Heights, programming already in that building
- It also frees up money because no longer a need to lease space
- No loss of service to OOE community, does not mean we are leaving programming in OOE
- Still many programs running in partnership with SLOE, CAG, city
- Still have \$5700 committed to OOECA for Springhurst Park
- Also now providing funding for Children’s Garden (\$6400) to ensure programming at that location for children
- Changes to Ontario Health Services – surge to hospital emergency around this time (ie: flu season) and many are waiting in hallways (ie: “hallway medicine”)
- Do need to change how the system is working – ie: transition to care from hospital to community and vice versa
- Consolidation happening across Ontario to eliminate different levels of organization
- Also forming one big Ontario health agency and form Ontario Health Teams
- SHCHC is an independent, not-for-profit organization – have been told by government that we need to join these Ontario health teams to work it out
- Six CHC’s in Ottawa – formed Ottawa Health Team
- Now 64 agencies in Ottawa under this umbrella
- Improve the hand-off from the hospital to the community and health care provider

8. Treasurer’s report – Don Fugler - \$24,579.78

- Q – any of that earmarked?
- A – just the amount for the appeal

9. Fourth footbridge proposal – John Dance

- Transportation Master Plan, Official Plan underway
- Need for more sustainable means of transportation
- Footbridges over the past 15 years have been huge successes (Corkstown, Adawe, Flora)
- Specific motion: The OOECA will request the city to conduct a cost benefit analysis of a footbridge over the Rideau River from Old Ottawa East (eastern foot of Clegg Street) to Riverview Park, Alta Vista and beyond; and if

analysis is positive, add proposed footbridge to the transportation master plan and it's "ultimate" cycling and pedestrian networks for improved active transport.

- This footbridge could also be more affordable because less restrictions (ie: not a world heritage site, clearance for boats, clearance for ice clearing machines)
- Motion moved by Tom Scott, seconded by Jayson MacLean – motion moved unanimously
- Suggestion to bring this motion to the Healthy Transportation Coalition

10. Committee reports:

- a. Planning – Jeff O'Neill – not present, no report made available
- b. SLOE – Jayson MacLean – meeting on January 23 at Old Town Hall, all are welcome to attend
- c. Transportation – Tom Scott – Transportation Master Plan input deadline coming up, providing input on a few issues: snow removal from sidewalks to make them more accessible; Alta Vista Transportation corridor
  - Draft letter from MPP – response to concerns about lack of community consultation for proposed upcoming bridge work, impact on character of the community (ie: business community on Hawthorne); also speaks to need to restore Hawthorne to a traditional main street, reinstate park
  - Ariela advised Shawn's office is sending another letter to the MTO, and senior city staff are sending a letter as well, to get answers
- d. Parks and Greenspace – Alexandra Gruca-Macaulay
  - List of projects for funding through cash-in-lieu of parkland funds
  - Springhurst Park deemed a priority with density – ie: LRT, apartment buildings
  - Brantwood Park basketball courts – on the list, up for life cycle renewal in 2022, so will wait for that funding
  - More adult fitness equipment approved at Springhurst Park
  - Bench to be added near basketball court
  - Outdoor ping pong table approved at Springhurst Park
  - Beach volleyball court – approved at Springhurst Park, lots of correspondence on this over whether or not to dig to design/build the court, city staff feels a drainage system is necessary
  - City's estimate is \$43,000
  - SHCHC – has applied for a minor capital matching grant for up to \$10,000 so it does not apply to cash-in-lieu of parkland money
  - Last year, OOECA approved \$1000 toward Springhurst and SHCHC has committed \$5700 – so \$6700 total
  - Are we willing to have a special general meeting to approve a higher amount over \$1000 toward this project?
  - SHCHC will help OOECA make up the difference to get to \$10,000
  - Q – what are we proposing to fund at Greystone Park and when will that take place?
  - A – consultations around four years ago involving Regional, need to follow up on that

- So \$1000 from OOECA, \$5700 from SHCHC, possible additional \$1000 from OOECA, top up to \$10,000 from SHCHC, then community matching grant, then cash-in-lieu of parkland for remainder
  - Board will call a special general meeting to request additional funding
  - e. Communications – Bob Gordon – no report
  - f. Corners on Main/Greystone - Peter Tobin – Happy Goat has opened, Nu seems to be doing well, retirement residence apparently not expecting move in till April
  - g. Health and Safety – no rep
  - h. Membership – Suzanne Johnston – best year ever, over 700 members, no final number yet
  - i. Lansdowne – Richard Cundall – First community consultation meeting on January 28
    - Propose we form a temporary Lansdowne committee that is open to anyone so we can provide input at community consultation meetings, you can email Richard at [lansdowne@ottawaeast.ca](mailto:lansdowne@ottawaeast.ca)
    - Meeting in the Glebe for similar community discussions, Richard attending
    - Need to get word out to the community to see if anyone is interested (ie: eUpdate, Twitter, website)
11. CAG – Winter Party in the Park - January 26, still looking for volunteers
- Child care available at OTH, field house during school strike days
  - Winter programming has started
12. New business – Ron Rose has been looking at updating brochure for OOECA to be used to membership drive
- Q – taxation on Immaculata – any news?
  - A – Ariela - have been advised that they will be taxed more but haven't been provided specific details/numbers; John trying to obtain information as well for *Mainstreeter* article
  - Q – heard rumours of five storey condo happening on Lees
  - A – no one has heard any details, will follow up with Jeff to see if anything has come to planning committee

Motion for adjournment – moved by John Dance, seconded by Ron Rose

Attachments/Committee Reports

Presentation by John Dance – The Missing Fourth Footbridge (linking the east and southeast to the centre)

**Proposal:** Conduct a cost-benefit analysis of a footbridge over the Rideau River from Old Ottawa East (eastern foot of Clegg Street) to Riverview Park, Alta Vista and beyond. If analysis is positive, add proposed footbridge to “ultimate” cycling and pedestrian networks for improved active transport.

### **Context**

- New footbridges over the Rideau Canal (Flora) and Rideau River (Adàwe) have been transformative and more successful than forecast.
- The preliminary policy direction for the new Official Plan (OP) includes “improved support for active transportation” and one of the “five big moves” is “By 2046, the majority of trips in the City of Ottawa will be made by sustainable transportation.”
- Also, as a number of councillors and studies have noted, dedicated pedestrian/cycling facilities are safer and attract more users (e.g., the 8-80 group) than “sharing-the-road” facilities
- Footbridges foster increased active transportation which leads to positive health, community, environmental and economic benefits.
- Footbridges also provide glorious new public spaces with beautiful new views, thus enhancing the quality of city life and the attraction of Ottawa to visitors.

### **Benefits of Second Footbridge over the Rideau River**

1. Completes the Canal-River loop with the Adàwe, Corktown and Flora footbridges, a leisurely 7k route embracing the beauty of Ottawa.
2. Provides easier and safer access to Lansdowne Park from east of the Rideau River.
3. Connects communities (Riverview Park \*and Alta Vista to the east; Old Ottawa East and Old Ottawa South to the west) currently separated by Rideau River, thus supporting the proposed OP’s “walkable 15-minute neighbourhoods” and “a context-sensitive approach to neighbourhood evolution” concepts.
4. Provides a safer means of Riverside Drive residents accessing commercial and leisure opportunities on the western side of the Rideau River and Canal (OOE, OOS, the Glebe and downtown core).
5. Strengthens the importance and accessibility of the Rideau River to cyclists and pedestrians.
6. Provides safe and convenient link to the east and southeast, connecting to the Rideau River Eastern and Western pathways, the Hospital Link pathway, the eventual AVTC Linda Lane pathway to Conroy Road and a possible new eastern route through Riverview Park to St. Laurent. Because of safety issues and lack of connectivity to eastern routes, the McIlraith (Smyth) Bridge over the Rideau River is not a good cycling and pedestrian route to Alta Vista and beyond, nor does it connect well to existing multi-use pathways.

7. Fosters a “cross-town” route that would allow safe cycling in an east-west direction without needing to go downtown (Laurier) or south to the busy Baseline and Hunt Club routes.
8. Provides greater access to the green space between Riverside Drive and the Rideau River.
9. Provides cycling/pedestrian connection to Hurdman LRT station for an active-transport/public-transit linkage.

*NB - An assessment of potential usage of the proposed footbridge should be conducted including current pedestrian/cyclist origin-destination analysis. New roadways often generate “induced demand,” but similarly yet beneficially new active transportation facilities also generate “induced demand,” as is very evident in how usage of Corktown, Adàwe and Flora is much greater than forecast.*

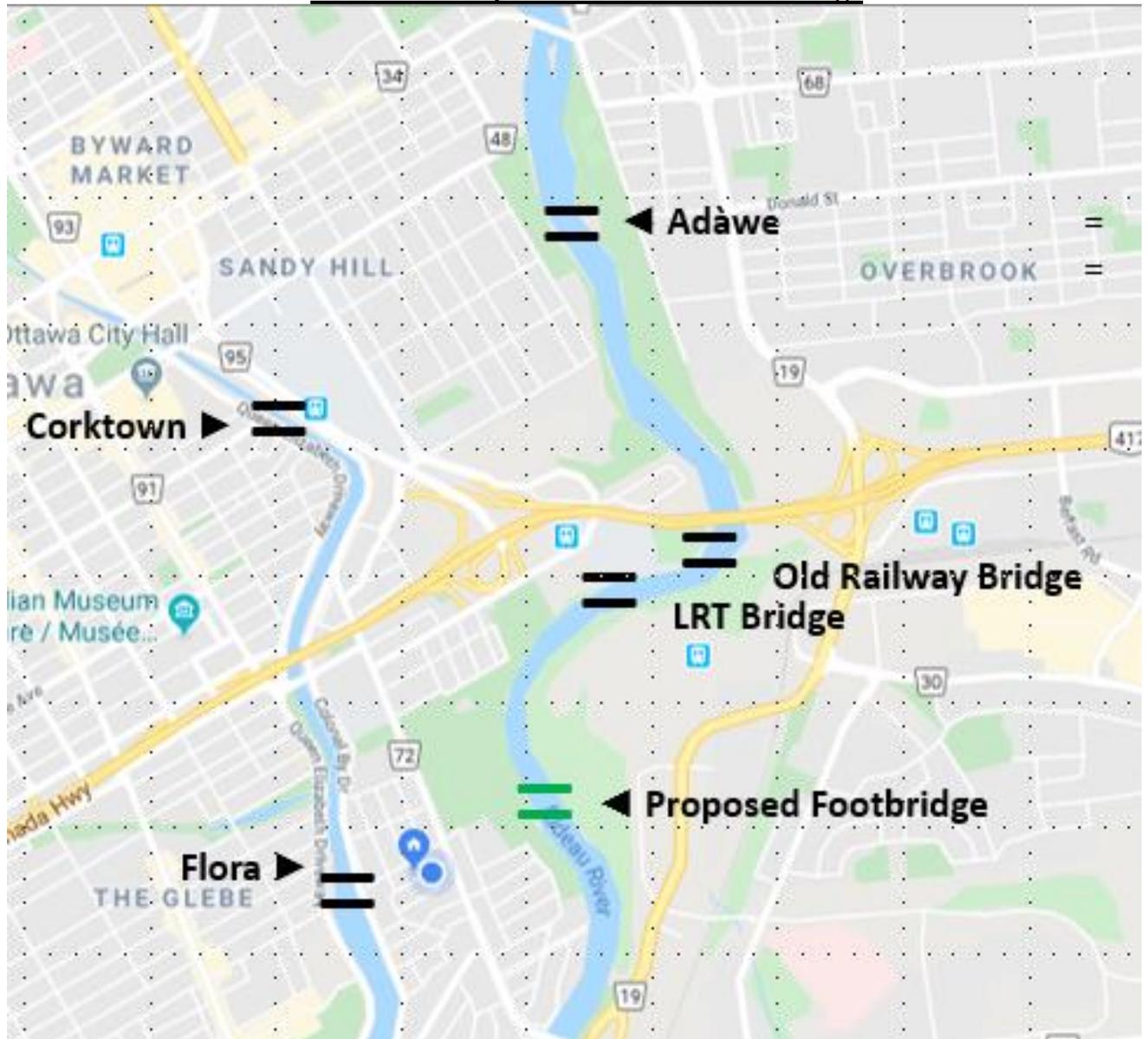
### **Cost**

- Unlike the two other Rideau Canal footbridges, this one could be modestly and less expensively constructed. There are no World Heritage Site obligations to satisfy, nor are there any navigation requirements aside for enough height to allow spring flow and the ice-breaking machine.
- The Rideau River is 85 metres wide at the foot of Clegg, compared to its 100 metres at the Adàwe footbridge. Studies already undertaken for the Adàwe ice damming and ice clearance issues could be readily updated for a Clegg bridge structure. Similarly, flooding and flood-plain concerns raised for Adàwe could be included in updated studies for a new span at Clegg.
- OOECA recommends that economy be the prime evaluation factor in consideration of bids for design of the bridge. In its simplest form, the bridge could be three simple 30-metre pre-fabricated pieces (like the one in the Experimental Farm, opposite Colonel By Drive just south of Dow’s Lake).

### **Priority**

- The proposed second Rideau River footbridge may not have the priority of other proposed active transportation structures (such as possible footbridges from Riverview Park to the VIA station or one over the Rideau Canal between Bank and Bronson) but, in terms of medium or long-term vision over the next twenty-five years, the second Rideau River footbridge should be part of the “ultimate” pedestrian, cycling and transportation master plans’ networks.
- In the City’s conceptual plans for the Lees and Hurdman Transit Oriented Developments, a footbridge connection was proposed over the Rideau River. However, given the proximity of the Old Railway Footbridge and the LRT bridge pathways to the TOD sites, OOECA would suggest that a footbridge at the foot of Clegg would be of greater value and would not be redundant.

**Location of Proposed Rideau River Footbridge**



**Examples of Relatively Inexpensive Ottawa Footbridges**  
**(Experimental Farm and Ottawa River Western Pathway (SJAM))**



### **\*Footnote - Riverview Park**

Some who reviewed this proposal asked “Where is Riverview Park?” A similar question arose when what is now known as the Flora Footbridge was proposed, i.e. “Where is Old Ottawa East?” (Seriously - there were people in the Glebe who had never knowingly been aware of the name of the community even if they might have travelled on Main.)

So, for information, details are on Riverview Park are, according to Wiki:

Riverview (also known as Riverview Park) is a neighbourhood in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. It is southeast of the downtown adjacent to the Rideau River, its location on which is its namesake. The 2016 Census population of Riverview is 12,218 [!].

As defined by the Riverview Park Community Association, the neighbourhood is bounded on the west by the Rideau River, on the north by the CN railway tracks, on the east by St. Laurent Boulevard, and on the south by Smyth Road. Riverview is located adjacent to Old Ottawa East on the west (across the Rideau River), on the north by Eastway Gardens, on the south by Alta Vista and on the east by Sheffield Glen.

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### **Neighbourhoods**

*Old Riverside Drive (this segment renamed Lycée Place in 2019)*

The Riverside neighbourhood consists of the area west of the CN Railway. Unlike the rest of Riverview, the area is part of Capital Ward, while the rest of the neighbourhood is in Alta Vista Ward. The Riverside neighbourhood is mostly all apartment buildings or condominiums, except for a few townhouses. The apartment buildings line the old alignment of Riverside Drive which was bypassed in the 1980s. The old alignment of Riverside was bifurcated in the late 2010s by the Hospital Link road, and the northern segment was renamed Lycée Place and the southern segment was renamed Frobisher Lane. The neighbourhood is home to the Lycée Claudel school and borders on the Rideau River.

The Riviera Apartment Complex located north of Riverside Drive next to Hurdman Station is a condominium complex which is home to many of Ottawa's upper class. Despite being a gated community, the complex was home to a triple homicide on June 29, 2007.

The area is home to about a third of all Riverview residents. The population as of the Canada 2011 Census of this area was 4,076. This area is home to a large Arab Canadian population. Of the 4,076 inhabitants of this area, 951 people live in the Riviera Condominiums.

*Alta Vista (Riverview West)*

This area of the neighbourhood should not be confused with the Alta Vista neighbourhood to the south. This part of the neighbourhood is located west of Station Boulevard, but does not include it. The central focal point of this area is the Alta Vista Shopping Centre, and it is also home to the Alta Vista Towers. It is home to Riverview Alternative Public School and the Ottawa Montessori School. Mostly built in the 1950s and 1960s, it has one new subdivision off Rolland Avenue. This area is home to Dale Park, which has a tennis facility in the summer and has an outdoor ice rink in the winter. Located adjacent to Riverview School is Riverview Park, which is named for the neighbourhood.

#### *Coronation/Balena*

This area is in the central part of the neighbourhood. It is mostly middle class, except for townhouses built in the 1980s. These are located on Pixley and Renova Privates, and on Avalon Place. The rest of the area is made up of post-war housing, except for new developments on the east side of Station Boulevard and along Avalon Place, and on Sonata Place and on the south side of Bathurst Avenue. This region is home to three churches, and two parks; Coronation and Balena Park. Balena has an outdoor swimming pool and a baseball diamond.

#### *Blair Court (Station Boulevard)*

A row of public housing on Station Boulevard

The Blair Court area exists solely on the west side of Station Boulevard, and on Blair Street. It is home of lower-class public housing built in the 1960s and is home to many immigrants and visible minorities.

#### *Riverview East*

The eastern part of Riverview is a contrast to the rest of the neighbourhood because of its straight parallel streets. It has access on the west to Balena Park, and has new townhouses on its north side off Coronation Avenue. The Perley and Rideau Veterans' home is located on the south.

#### *Southwest*

The southwest is the part of Riverview that is home to the majority of all the hospitals and the Medical Centre. It was also home to Rideau Veteran's Home until the 1990s when it was demolished. This was the only part of Riverview which existed before 1950. A new subdivision was built after 2000, and the street names have war remembrance themed names like, "Great Oak", "Valour Drive", and "Remembrance Cress". The total population of this area is 1,203.

#### *Ottawa Life Sciences Technology Park*

This area was first built up in the 1990s and is located off Smyth Road. The first building was built in the 1990s, but has since expanded. Alta Vista Manor, a retirement home, was built in the early 2000s. The University of Ottawa maintains a small campus here. South of the Park is Franco-Cité, a French language high school.

#### *Elmvale Acres (North)*

This area in the southeast of Riverview can also be considered part of Elmvale Acres which is a neighbourhood to the south. It is separated from the rest of Riverview by power lines, and from Elmvale Acres by Smyth Road. Built in the 1950s, it is home to Vincent Massey Public School, Hutton Park and two churches. Across from Russell Road on the east is Dempsey Community Centre, and some apartment buildings.

*Russell Heights*

"Russell Heights" has significant Arabic (28,185), Chinese (12,735), Spanish (10,850) and Italian (9,440) speaking populations. This part of Riverview is located on the east side of Russell Road. Located north of this subdivision is the run-down St-Laurent-Russell Shopping Centre. St. Laurent Boulevard on the east is home to many commercial establishments and is within view of the National Museum of Science and Technology. Further north along Russell Road and Industrial Avenue is home to many industrial establishments. The total population of this area is 1,083 (2011 census)

**Committee Reports**

**Parks and Greenspace: Alexandra Gruca-Macaulay**

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| <b>CiLP Old Ottawa East Top Priorities</b> |  |  | <b>City Revised Estimates and Responses</b> |
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Cash in Lieu of Parkland Projects

In September 2019, the OOECA, in consultation with CAG, Vision Springhurst, and Sandy Hill Community Health Centre (SHCHC) submitted its requests to the Councillor’s office for Cash in lieu of Parkland (CiLP) funding of projects in OOE community parks and public spaces.

This report will:

1. Provide an update on the City’s response to cost estimates, as well as its assessment of eligibility of projects;
2. Provide an update on those projects that the Councillor’s office is willing to support through CiLP funds; and
3. Outline the main issues involved in the proposed beach volleyball court at Springhurst Park, and seek board consensus on whether or not to proceed with the installation of the court as proposed by the City, and if so, seek board approval for further OOECA financial support of an additional \$1,000 as discussed in 2019.

**1. Update on the City’s CiLP cost estimates**, and assessment of eligibility (actual responses have been appended to the end of this memo)

A summary table of initial submissions and revised estimates follows:

| <b>Location</b>   | <b>Project</b>   | <b>Estimated Cost</b> |   |
|---|--|-----------------------|---|
| Springhurst Park  | Exercise Equipment   | \$13,000.00           | \$25,000.00   |
| Springhurst Park  | Outdoor Ping Pong Table and Pad  | \$10,000.00           | \$15,000.00   |
| Springhurst Park  | *Beach Volleyball Court<br>(backstop funding request)  | \$20,000.00           | \$43,300.00   |
| Brantwood Park  | New Basketball Court including<br>new 10 ft. net, new 8 ft. net                                | \$15,000.00           | Slated for<br>replacement 2022<br>(\$100,000.00)  |
| West of Main St.,<br>between Hawthorne<br>St. and Clegg St. | Recreational natural grass park<br>for unstructured all-age recreation<br>– active and passive | \$?                   | Not eligible for<br>CiLP; continue to<br>explore solutions to<br>lack of community<br>recreation greenspace<br>west of Main St. with<br>Councillor's office |
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| <b>CiLP Old Ottawa<br/>East High Priorities</b>             |  |                       |   |
| Springhurst Park  | Basketball crack repair, replace<br>backboards and nets  | \$2,000.00            | \$35,000-\$40,000<br>(hold off)   |
| Springhurst Park  | Benches adjacent to basketball<br>court  | \$ 500.00             | \$2,500   |
| Brantwood Park  | Benches adjacent to basketball<br>court  | \$ 500.00             | \$2,500   |
| Clegg Plaza in front<br>of Flora Bridge                     | Bench Installation   | \$4,000.00            | NCC property; not<br>eligible for CiLP<br>funding, will pursue<br>with NCC  |
| Clegg Plaza in front<br>of Flora Bridge                     | Public Chess Table   | \$3,000.00            | NCC property; not<br>eligible for CiLP<br>funding, will pursue<br>with NCC  |
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| <b>CiLP Old Ottawa<br/>East Strong Interest</b>             |  |                       |   |
| Springhurst Park  | Pollinator Garden  | \$5,000.00            | No new estimate;<br>would require<br>community<br>commitment to<br>ongoing maintenance  |
| Springhurst Park  | Community Wood Burning Oven  | \$?                   | Not eligible for CiLP<br>funding; invite a<br>representative from<br>Bayshore community<br>to learn about their<br>community oven                           |

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|                  |                  |     | program  |
| Springhurst Park | Container Bistro | \$? | Not eligible for CiLP funding; work with SHCHC to explore other avenues of funding |

**2. Projects contingently approved for CiLP support by the Councillor’s office:**

- i. Springhurst Park: Additional exercise equipment
- ii. Springhurst Park: Outdoor Ping Pong Table (material for pad to be discussed at future OOECA meeting)
- iii. Springhurst Park: Beach Volleyball Court (partial CiLP funding, details and issue below)
- iv. Springhurst Park: Bench adjacent to basketball court
- v. Springhurst Park: Pollinator Garden (would require community commitment re: maintenance, to be discussed at a future OOECA meeting)

**3. Beach Volleyball Court, Springhurst Park Issues and Decisions Sought**

Summary of cost estimate issue:

Rick Burrowes, a neighbour to Springhurst Park, and the driving force behind Vision Springhurst has been working with SHCHC, and with the City Parks department to bring a beach volleyball court to Springhurst Park.

In the process of planning the volleyball court project, Rick had obtained a quote from Max Volley, an operator of pay-to-play volleyball leagues, that would cover the cost of the installation of a volleyball court that does not require a drainage system.

The City, citing concerns over maintenance, and potential player injury, has indicated that a new public beach volleyball court would require a drainage system. In support of its requirements, the City has forwarded a copy of its design protocol for beach volleyball courts, which gives evidence of a drainage design standard.

The cost differential between a “no-drainage,” and “drainage” court is significant.

The quote obtained by Rick Burrowes from Max Volley estimates court installation costs between \$16,400.00 and \$18,400, whereas the City’s estimate for a court with drainage is for \$43,300.00.

Part of the difference in quoted costs is attributable to the City’s requirement to engage a consultant for projects over \$20,000, which, with contingency is estimated at \$5,300.00 and also, as a result of a construction contingency amount of \$10,300.00 since, with contaminated soil at Springhurst, it is uncertain what the overall cost of drainage system installation may ultimately be.

Rick has challenged the City's insistence on a drainage system, since: a. there does not appear to be evidence to show that sand absent a drainage system would become an injury hazard (the volleyball courts at Mooney's Bay beach, apparently, do not have a drainage system); b. small contractors such as Max Volley are habitually excluded from the City's contract tendering system; c. the opportunity cost to other park projects is high; and d. the Ottawa taxpayer foots an unnecessarily high cost, which then gets repeated and perpetuated in other locations.

The funding for the beach volleyball court would come from a number of sources:

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| Sandy Hill Community Health Centre:                 | \$6, 700        |
| OOECA approved 2019 donation:                       | 1,000           |
| OOECA discussed, subject to approval 2020 donation  | <u>1,000</u>    |
| Total Community Funds subtotal:                     | <u>8,700</u>    |
| City of Ottawa Matching Minor Capital Grant         |                 |
| (through SHCHC's application) approved for \$10,000 | 8,700*          |
| Subtotal Community + Grant funds:                   | <u>\$17,400</u> |
| City cost estimate                                  | (\$43,300)      |
| Shortfall for CiLP:                                 | \$25,900        |

\*The Minor Capital Grant is a matching grant, up to \$10,000; if a further \$ 1,300 of community funds were to be provided, then an additional \$ 1,300 of grant money could be allocated, thereby reducing the CiLP funding requirement by \$2,600.

Considerations in favour of proceeding with the beach volleyball court as per City proposal:

- a beach volleyball court at Springhurst is anticipated to be a popular, much utilized, public recreational amenity in a high density area; currently, there are no public beach volleyball courts in the downtown core;
- the City has indicated that they would install the beach volleyball at the same time as the upcoming youth playground reconstruction, thereby reducing overall costs;
- Sandy Hill Community Health Centre has indicated that it will support the City's proposal, while concurrently registering its concern over the high costs involved with a drainage system;
- the more that Springhurst Park continues to develop into a vibrant community recreation area, the more it will render the space incompatible with the City's planned construction of a roadway (Alta Vista Transportation Corridor Phase 2) in the adjacent greenspace.

Requests for the board's consideration:

1. Decide whether or not to request that the councillor's office proceed with an allocation of CiLP funds towards the funding shortfall of the beach volleyball court, and, if so:

2. Approve an additional \$1,000 of OOECA funds in support of the volleyball court (\$1,000 was approved in 2019)

## **Appendix: City's Responses and Revised Estimates to Eligible CiLP projects**

### **High Priority:**

#### 1. Springhurst Park exercise equipment: Community estimate \$13,000

It's quite difficult to provide a cost estimate without knowing the specific pieces of fitness equipment (supplier, model number, etc.) requested. I would suspect that the cost would be likely twice the community's estimate, given the need to meet City standards for surfacing (fall zone and accessibility) as well as the requirement to provide an accessible path of travel to the cluster of fitness equipment. So, as a preliminary budget, let's go with **\$25K**. (*I actually think this would be quite a bit cheaper because we'd just need to extend the current stone dust pathway*)

#### 2. Springhurst Park ping pong table: Community estimate \$10,000

We just happen to have received a recent quote for the supply and delivery of a concrete ping pong table, at a cost of \$9K. However we would need to provide a large concrete pad for the table for accessibility, structural support and maintenance. As a preliminary budget, let's go with **\$15K**.

#### 3. Beach Volleyball court: Community Estimate \$20,000

The Sandy Hill Community Health Centre was conditionally approved for a minor capital partnership to install a beach volleyball court at Springhurst Park. The Minor Capital Program matches the community contribution for projects on City property for 50% of the total cost of the project, up to a maximum of \$10,000. Unfortunately, this is a contaminated site and there are additional costs associated with the safe removal and disposal of contaminated materials. In addition, there is a lifecycle project to replace the junior play equipment in Springhurst Park; we hope to optimize efficiency and provide some cost savings by tendering both projects together. The cost estimate for installation of the beach volleyball court, with consideration for contaminated materials, is \$43,300.00. This estimate includes a 41% contingency due to the contamination. Detailed estimate attached for reference. The estimate was sent to the Sandy Hill Community Health Centre last week to confirm whether they would like to proceed with the volleyball project. Currently, there is only \$20,000 of funding available from a combination of minor capital and community funds. In order to proceed with the volleyball proposal, additional funding is required to cover the shortfall of **\$23,300**.

#### 4. Brantwood Park New Basketball court: Community estimate \$15,000

The Brantwood Park court was originally built in the 1980's and could be redeveloped to meet the City's standard for outdoor basketball courts. The court is undersized and should be expanded and resurfaced, along with new posts, backboards and hoops at a standard 10 ft. height. The introduction of an 8 foot basketball net could be considered as a separate basketball key, but not as part of the court. Our experience is that lower height basketball nets get little use, as even younger children want to practice their shot on full height nets. The estimated cost to

redevelop the basketball court at Brantwood Park to meet City standards would be in the range of **\$100K**.

On lifecycle replacement: Brantwood Park: Slated for replacement in 2022. A condition assessment will take place in 2021 to determine if the asphalt will compete for renewal or get deferred another year. Overall the asphalt is in fair condition with some minor cracking which does not pose any risk of injury.

### **Medium Priority:**

5. Springhurst Park Basketball court replacement and repair. Community estimate \$2,000

The Springhurst Park basketball court was originally constructed in the 1990's and was upgraded in 2017-18 as a minor community partnership project. The upgrades included the application of a colored acrylic coating and line painting to the existing court surface and a refresh of the backboards. The asphalt was not resurfaced at the time. The court currently meets City standards in terms of size. The asphalt surface could be repaired and resurfaced, with new court line painting, and the backboards, hoops and netting could be replaced with new components. Cost for this work would be in the range of **\$35K - \$40K**.

Life Cycle replacement: In 2018 the Community Association, PRCS and AMB funded a project at Springhurst park to apply Acrylic coating the basketball court. That asphalt surface is projected to be replaced in 2023. This being said, it will be competing against hundreds of other renewal events in that year, pending budget availability as well as Council Approval.

Benches for Springhurst and Brantwood park, Community estimate \$500  
City standard benches are **\$2,500** installed on a concrete pad. We will not approve "cheaper" benches, as they will not withstand public use (and abuse). We have adopted a bench standard that is of robust construction, requiring little maintenance and repair. Less costly benches are generally for residential use and can be easily damaged (safety concern) and require frequent repair or replacement. By adopting a City standard bench, park operations have access to standard parts and materials to repair and maintain its inventory. In this case, we can make the argument that we don't need an accessible path to a bench located at the basketball court as there are a number of accessible benches already in the park.

6. Clegg Plaza Bench and Chess Table

As you have noted, Clegg Plaza is on NCC property. We cannot use CIL to fund projects not located on City owned or leased property. The community could request the NCC directly if they would consider adding a circular bench and games table at the Clegg Plaza.

### **Low Priority**

7. Springhurst Park Pollinator Garden

Staff would not support the development of an apple orchard in Springhurst Park, given the presence of contaminated soils in the park. Public Health and Environmental Remediation do not support the establishment of edible gardens or orchards in these conditions. While the park was capped with 50 cm of clean fill in 2016 as part of an environmental remediation project, fruit

trees would root into the contaminated soils below the cap. A pollinator garden/bird habitat is a project that could be considered for this area of Springhurst Park. Capital costs (preparation of bed, plant materials and water source) to establish the garden would be eligible for CIL funding, however ongoing operating/maintenance costs would not be. An agreement with a community group to maintain the garden would be required as the City Parks Operations would not provide this service.

Transportation:

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**Re: Comments at the preliminary design stage of 417 bridge replacements at Rideau Canal and Main Street**

Dear Mr. Hudebine,

Please let me begin by thanking MTO staff for their engagement with my staff and I so far on this file, particularly Brandy Duhaime, Peter Freure, and Frank Vanderlaan. I have appreciated them taking the time to walk me through maps and technical drawings at a high level of detail. I look forward to continuing to work with them in the coming months and years.

As we move forward, I would like to state for the record a number of concerns that have been raised with me by area residents and others from across Ottawa. I expect to continue discussing these matters with MTO staff as the project moves forward.

Preserving the character of Hawthorne Avenue

I share the concern of many residents that the demolition of commercial properties at Hawthorne Avenue and Colonel By Drive (The Royal Oak, Cyco's, Greek on Wheels) would be a significant loss to the neighbourhood.

My current opinion is that it would not be reasonable for me to oppose rapid replacement as a construction method at the Rideau Canal and Main Street sites. An in-situ bridge replacement method would exacerbate already significant traffic issues on a number of area City streets for several years, notably in the area surrounding the Pretoria Bridge. The current situation on Parkdale Avenue and elsewhere shows us the safety risks that such a scenario would pose, and I do not believe at this time that the preponderance of voices in the neighbourhood would support creating a similar circumstance around these sites.

I do feel strongly, however, that the character of Hawthorne Avenue as a commercial strip and Traditional Main Street must be preserved. I strongly encourage MTO staff and contractors to do all they can to determine a way to save the properties at the detailed design stage or earlier. The Royal Oak and Cyco's in particular are location-based businesses that make the Pretoria Bridge a valuable waypoint along the Canal for skaters in the winter, cyclists and pedestrians in the summer, and tourists from around the world. I would encourage all involved to consider this as the design process continues.

If the properties must be demolished, the site should not be left vacant or converted into green space. It should be developed in a manner consistent with the community's wishes and a vision for a vibrant, living street, in consultation with Capital Ward Councillor Shawn Menard. I also encourage MTO staff to engage with Councillor Menard on the matter of preserving the historic McGovern gas station building—an effort which could involve moving the building, rebuilding it, or some other solution. I would support similar aesthetic considerations for the Royal Oak site.

### Compensation and mitigation

In the event of demolitions, I hope an agreement can be reached to help support the continued operation of displaced businesses, or otherwise fairly compensate commercial tenants. I look forward to continuing this conversation as the design process continues.

I also look forward to continued engagement in regards to potential impacts of construction on area residents, such as noise, access issues, and other disruptions. As MTO's plans take shape, a conversation around mitigation will develop.

Thank you for your careful consideration of all of these matters. I look forward to a productive ongoing dialogue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joel Harden', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Joel Harden