



Meeting of the Old Ottawa East Community Association Board

Tuesday, October 13, 2020, 7p.m.

Zoom meeting

AGENDA

Attendance: Suzanne Johnston, Bob Gordon, Catherine Pacella, Tom Scott, John Dance, Peter Tobin, Phyllis Odenbach Sutton, Ron Rose, Jayson Maclean, Don Fugler, Alexandra Gruca-Macaulay, Courtenay Beauregard, Brendan O'Kelly, Tina Raymond (CAG), Taylor Marquis (Regional), Ariela Summit (Office of Councillor Shawn Menard), Shawn Menard, Paul Goodkey, Heather Jarrett, Carol Workun, Lorna Kingston, Benita Atteka, Doug Macaulay, John W Galbraith, Patricia Burnett, Monica Helm, Camrose Burdohn,

Motion to approve October 13, 2020, agenda moved by John Dance, Peter Tobin

Motion to approve September 8, 2020, minutes moved by Tom Scott, Ron Rose

Chair's report –

- Concord and Greenfield pedestrian crossing – destroyed on October 1 by a transport truck
- Lots of concern with this area and it is being followed
- Membership drive
- Can buy membership at Singing Pebble
- Brochures are ready to go
- Greystone Village/Regional discussion – was to be a date/time set for a discussion on the next phase, no communication yet about setting up that meeting
- Greystone retirement – 120 beds to be opened, overseen by Bruyere Continuing Care
- LPAT billing – just received
- Social justice program – looking for programs
- Shooting in late September on Springhurst/Chestnut area – no immediate concern at this time, have asked for a follow up but have not received it yet from community police liaison
- Ceremony held for Vicki and Barry Davis – successful event
- Q – for councillor – PXO – this is the third time this has happened, always a heavy truck – can't we post a sign that says no heavy trucks?
- A – will include as part of the councillor's report
- Q – was the Grapevine included in the brochure?
- A – no, an older version that was used
- Q – Ron: Greystone/Regional discussions – Ron spoke with someone, meeting will likely be early November
 - o Social innovation project – do we have any guidance on what kind of projects they are looking for?
- A – you can reach out directly to Elisabeth to discuss

Councillor's Report –

- Concord/Greenfield – we are concerned as well, too many close calls

- Aware of the issue – will be changes to that intersection in 2021, trying to mitigate in the meantime – ie: changing speed limit (50-40km)
- This is a truck route, staff is adamant that it be maintained as a truck route in the future
- Road service is also uneven, can't put speed bumps in
- Have also asked for a four-way stop at this intersection – has to go through a process to meet certain criteria, according to city staff it does not mean the criteria
- Will raise this again before construction begins – will follow up on better truck signage and what we can do to make this intersection safer
- COVID-19 – new restrictions have come in as cases continue to rise
- Appointment system seems to be working well at Brewer
- City budget conversations for urban wards coming up – Wednesday, December 9
- Energy Evolution's final report – what will it take to reduce emissions by 2050
- Aberdeen Square consultation – October 19
- OC Transpo bus route near Greystone – scheduled to start in December, concerns about navigating construction trucks
- Flu shot – in our ward, to be held at Lansdowne
- Scholastic pathway – some complaints about cars passing into the pathway – flex posts to be installed in the spring, additional no parking signage
- Q – what is happening at Immaculata with regard to COVID restrictions for sports team?
- A – this is a city action, looking into it with regard to Immaculata, it's a bit ambiguous and meeting to get clarification
- Q – What is also being done to support local businesses?
- A – it is difficult, looking to extend patio season
- Q – is the city preparing any projects to take advantage of federal offering for funding – ie: Greenfield could be at risk if cash is short, can this project be funded through the federal offering to ensure it gets done?
- A – federal offering is still difficult for local governments to access – ie: rural broadband, rural agriculture, e-buses (something city can tap into it), not geared to local projects
- Q – see people playing beach volleyball playing at courts across from Brewer Park, at Lansdowne – is this not impacted by new restrictions?
- A – that is informal, so it's not impacted – more about organized sports but looking for more information to clarify
- Q – buses routed onto Oblats – submitted some comments to your office about this, is that decision cast in stone or are other options available for the bus route?
- A – anything can be changed, but it was originally planned that way – it's been years in the making, another meeting tomorrow on this issue
- Q – does the area have room for buses given the ongoing construction, school, visitors to the area
- A – Yes, school is a new addition that was not part of original discussion – wasn't a community meeting, but can invite Tom

Taylor – Regional

- Supportive of temporary measures re: parking, hear complaints as well, looking to add more no parking signs
- Open to suggestions on how to improve the situation
- 2A – 6 storey – tower crane to be down before end of the year, July/August 2021 for occupancy
- 2B – 8 storey – occupancy date is January/February 2022

- 1C – Spencer building – site plan approval planned for November
- Once bus loop is closed, expect some tree removal
- Deschatalets – school board has mobilized environmental contractor – targeting heritage application by end of the month
- Regional will start working on demolition by end of November/beginning of December
- Severance application was submitted, process just started
- Q – Amentities space roof on building 2A – diagram clearly shows a roof, understanding is that it was taken off the plans but now it's back on
- A – Trellis, not a covered space – six structural steel beams
- Ron – can also discuss this at upcoming planning subcommittee meeting – all are welcome
- Q – anything Regional prepared to do for weeding that is encroaching on the properties
- A – councillor's office – please share with our office, can investigate with city

Treasurer's report - \$30 less because we payed for water for garden at Riverdale/Mutchmor/Main

CAG Report – registration remains open for fall/winter activities

- Continuing to offer after-school care, will continue to do so until we hear otherwise
- Looking into virtual activities for winter party
- Planning for AGM
- Q – Becoming a member of CAG – need to fill out membership application online but received no confirmation
- A – will look into it
- Q – when will CAG do their AGM ?
- A – looking at late November

John – letter of support re: affordable housing

- Q – how would the 1km radius affect our desire for greenspace at Springhurst Park
- A – Need for both greenspace and density – but don't think supporting letter will have a direct impact, it's not the intent of the letter
- We can add that to our support to include a need for greenspace too
- John to draft something, recirculate for approval

Committee reports

Greystone – Peter Tobin

- See report, many issues already covered in new Mainstreeter

Parks and Greenspace - Alexandra

- Had the fall park clean up – September 19
- Went very well
- Springhurst Park – any progress on tender package so it's ready to go for early spring?
- Ariela – Funds for Springhurst did make it into draft budget, but budget won't be approved until December so can't do anything until approval
- Q – bench used to be down at the river in Springhurst Park – it has been removed?
- A – it was not a city installed bench, so it may have just been removed for the winter
- Q – any talk of a dock at Springhurst
- A – tried numerous times, city has said no because we already have one at Brantwood – paid for one in the past through CiLP funding – might be worthwhile to try again

Membership – Suzanne Johnston

- Will be putting forward a motion to increase membership to \$5
- Still looking for some volunteers
- Looking at ways to make sure Greystone/Corners residents get information as they don't have mailboxes
- Numbers will be low this year

Planning – Brendan O'Kelly

- No meeting in September of sub-committee but we will later this month
- Approved Deschatalets demolition
- 225 Scholastic Drive – old bus turn/loop – approval for five storeys
- NDA's – Phyllis, Ron, Paul – discussion with developers in the community
- Discussion about LPAT bill – Ron
 - o \$16,948.68
- Need to have a vote at the AGM for paying the bill

SLOE – Jayson Maclean

- Community panel discussion re: food security this Friday
- Next one is on climate change

Health and Safety – Courtenay Beauregard

- Tried to look into shooting, no follow up yet with community police officer
- Some bikes stolen recently, seen it referenced on Facebook – reminder to report it to the police

Transportation – Tom Scott

- Encourage participation in survey on Transportation Master Plan Update – October 23 is the deadline
- Hwy 417 closure – shorter than expected this past weekend
- Greenfield reconstruction project – public consultation coming up soon, look for email if you signed up
- Q – when did the bridge come down?
- A – a week ago Sunday, started at 10p, down by 10a

Lansdowne – Richard Cundall (not present)

- John to step into the role
- Meeting on Monday re: Aberdeen, future of merchants on-site

Communications – Bob Gordon

- Continuing discussion about how to respond to comments/post on Facebook page
- We need a fulltime representative, bringing issues to the board
- Need to have a bigger discussion about accountability of Facebook – run by an individual, not an organization/board

New business

- Suggestion during canvassing about taking nominations from the floor vs presenting a slate and asking for approval
- When you present a slate, it's not welcoming – should include nominations from the floor, even if no one steps forward
- Discussion about calling for nominations from the floor
- Bob has reached out to Jamie about continuing as chair but hasn't heard back
- Courtenay to reach out to her
- Reading of constitution – section 7.5

- 7.5. In the event of a vacancy occurring in a position on the Board of Directors: (a) If more than one year of the term is remaining, by nomination by and majority vote of the Board of Directors until ratified by the membership at the next AGM. (b) If less than one year of the term is remaining, by nomination by and majority vote of the Board of Directors.
- 5.3. If a Director misses three or more consecutive meetings of the Board, the position shall be deemed vacant unless the Director is able to provide an acceptable reason to the Board for her/his absence.
- Motion to approve Bob Gordon as the interim chair with approval at the AGM, moved by Tom Scott, seconded by Suzanne Johnston – approved

Motion to adjourn – Bob Gordon, seconded by Tom Scott

Attachments:

Committee reports:

Planning Committee – Ron Rose

The Planning Committee did not meet in September but was nevertheless busy with consultations and training. The consultations concerned the proposals surrounding the Deschatelets building. There were three formal meetings to prepare for: the Built Heritage Sub Committee, the Planning Committee and City Council. Presentations were made on behalf of the Association at both Built Heritage Sub Committee and the Planning Committee. Those presentations were based on the consensus view reached during the Community Zoom consultation in May. Some members of the Community also spoke to these committees expressing their opposition to the demolition of the Chapel wing of the Deschatelets building.

Councillor Menard deserves credit for the work he did to amend the Planning Committee’s recommendation to Council to strengthen the guarantees that the Community will in fact receive the benefits of a new school, a community centre and social housing. The Councillor’s report in October’s Mainstreeter, as well as a comprehensive story on the proceedings about the Deschatelets building in the Mainstreeter provide further details on the process as well as what work remains. The report of the Planning Committee was approved by Council without a single comment or question from any of the Councillors present!

At the same time as Council approved the recommendations on the Deschatelets building, it also approved a proposed zoning by-law amendment to permit the construction of a nine storey building, referred to as Building 1C, at 225 Scholastic Drive, where the bus 16 currently turns. The Community Planning Committee did not oppose this amendment.

Three members of the Community Planning Committee took a recertification for

The Pre-Application Consultation process, which allows certified members of the Community to participate in meetings between the City and individual developers on proposed developments within the community, provided that they are not allowed to reveal or discuss what was being considered. There were no applications for Minor Zoning Amendments within OOE during September.

The Corners on Main / Greystone Village – Peter Tobin

The Spencer is holding a virtual sales launch this coming weekend.

I have made contact with a representative of the River Terraces Board of Directors so that we can work with them on promoting an engaged GV/TCOM community as part of OOE.

FCA: Ron Rose

The main news from the Federation of Citizen's Association (FCA) was the news that long-serving president of the FCA, Sheila Perry, will be stepping down. No replacement has been chosen as yet. The other bit of news is that we "saved" \$700.00 by registering a LPAT appeal last year as opposed to this year as the cost of an LPAT appeal has risen from \$300.00 to \$1,100.00

The City has posted a video about the latest developments in the preparation of the official plan, and the video can be found at

 FCA-GOHBA Sept 24 Presentation FINAL.pdf

The R4 proposals, designed to facilitate the construction of apartment buildings of up to 12 units and make housing more affordable were passed by Council.
The next meeting of the FCA will be the 28th of October.