

Planning Committee – Ron Rose

-Your Planning Committee has been particularly busy during the past month, partly in preparation for tonight's discussion. We held a virtual meeting on January 26th.

-Courteney Beauregard has agreed to join the Planning Committee.

-178 Main Street. We discussed a proposed minor variance at 178 Main Street, (the Little Italy Fine Foods building). The owner plans to enclose the space under his second floor rear deck to create an office. The owner attended our virtual meeting and answered a few questions, and the members of the committee were generally supportive.

-Convent of the Sacred Heart, 15 Des Oblats, Avenue. The Councillor proposed a motion at the January 20th meeting of the Built Heritage Sub-Committee "to recommend the addition of 15 des Oblats Avenue to the Heritage Register, to ensure that the subject building with heritage significance is protected in Capital Ward". The motion was accepted but debate postponed until the March meeting of the Built Heritage Sub-Committee, following staff assurances that it was unlikely any demolition would take place before that meeting. The Councillor's motion was vigorously opposed by the current owner, Domicile, in a letter to the Sub-Committee.

-71 Chestnut Street. We discussed an update on request for minor variances for the redevelopment of this site. The variances were approved by the Committee of Adjustment, including the proposal to have a double-width driveway off of Springhurst. In the process however, we discovered that "Brunswick Street", isn't really Brunswick Street at all, it's the western edge of Springhurst Park! The Committee is exploring why we didn't know that and what implications that may have for dwellings on the east side of Chestnut Street.

-Regional Group has proposed to present an overview of their plans for Phase III of the Greystone development at our February 23rd meeting. They would then arrange a subsequent briefing with the community.

-We were advised of the Councillor's February 11th Ward meeting to discuss the Official Plan. We also heard that the City has decided it cannot attend a separate meeting with our Community Association, so the Councillor's ward meeting, which will feature a separate breakout discussion with just our Community, will have to do. That's this Thursday night at 6:30. Please attend and that gives you six days to send your comments to the City.

-Upcoming developments.

-99 Greenfield. We have received notice of a Site Plan Approval request for 99 Greenfield, with comments requested by February 23rd (and we managed a one day extension because our next Planning Committee is on the 23rd).

-Deschatelets Building. On February 3rd, we received a notice to alter the Deschatelet Building, with a deadline for comments tomorrow, February 10th. There was no way we had the time to do a comprehensive review of that proposal, but will do our best to get comments by the end of the day tomorrow.