



**Meeting of the Ottawa East Community Association Board
Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at 7:15 p.m.
Old Town Hall, 61 Main Street**

Board Members

John Dance - President
Jaime Girard – Vice President
Jill Wherrett – Secretary
Stephen Pope – Planning
Ron Rose – Transportation
Jim Strang – FCA
Bill Baldwin – Lees Ave

Regrets: Barbara Hicks, Vicki Davis, Don
Fugler, Nick Masciantonio, John Baglow

Other attendees

Natalie Fletcher
Gabrielle Schaeffer
Mousaya Dabboussy
Bonnie Wepler
Howard Wasserman
Devin O'Grady
Jim Fraser
Michael Qaqish
Ian McRae
Wendy McRae
Carol Workun
David Chernushenko

1. Call to Order @ 7:15 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

- Moved – Bill Baldwin, 2nd – Stephen Pope. Approved

3. Approval of January 8, 2013 Meeting Minutes

- Moved – Jim Strang; 2nd – Jaime Girard. Approved.

4. Chair's Report – John Dance

- **Proposed Parking Lot / Staging Area on 160 Lees Avenue Greenspace:** Many OOE residents have written to the Mayor and Ottawa U President expressing their strong opposition to parking lot at 160 Lees. City and Ottawa U were still looking at alternative locations for the parking or a smaller lot at 160 Lees; further information to come from city councillor.
- **TOD and Pathway Studies:** Studies for "Transit Oriented Development" around Lees LRT station (and Hurdman station) and for the planning of the complete river pathway from Hurdman Bridge to Old Ottawa South are about to begin. The community association and residents will need to actively participate in all three.
- **Official Plan, Transportation Master Plan, Cycling Plan, Pedestrian Plan and Infrastructure Plan:** Revision of these five major plans is now underway. OOECA has the opportunity to improve these to address outstanding concerns, particularly the continued goal of the city to have the Alta Vista Transportation Corridor run through our community.
- **"Downtown Moves":** The pedestrian/cycling plan for the core area is being radically

revised to ensure LRT pedestrian flows work. The plan has positive implications for OOE's Main Street because a "complete streets" design is applicable to both and some of the same consultants are working on both.

- **Wesley United Church:** The church (corner of Main and Graham) has been closed and will be sold; a conditional offer from Domicile has been accepted.
- **Capital Ward Cup:** OOE Hosers won the cup for the fourth time, outscoring the opposition 31-9. Congratulations to Captain Andrew Matsukuba and the other eight team members.
- **Board for Next Term:** At the fall AGM a new Board will be elected. Current members should advise John or Jaime if they wish to continue or seek a different position.

5. Treasurer's Report

- Nil (Don Fugler absent)

6. Review of OCEA Planning Goals – John Dance/Jaime Girard

- The list of planning goals identified in January 2012 was reviewed; TOD and LRT stations were suggested as additional items.
- In the discussion, it was noted that many issues can be covered under the official plan. It was also suggested that a committee be struck regarding review of the official plan.

7. OCEA Column for *Mainstreeter* – John Dance

- Further to a proposal put forward at the last OCEA meeting and questions raised about authority of the Board and affordability, John provided additional information related to a possible OCEA column:
 - The annual cost of such a column would be about \$1,000/year (six issues) or about \$500/half-year (three issues).
 - Board may approve expenditures of up to \$1,000
 - OCEA bank account has increased by about \$660/year over the past 8 years.
- In the discussion, it was clarified that CAG does not pay for a column, although it has supported the *Mainstreeter* in other ways. Speakers were in favour of a column, but continued to raise questions about whether or not the OCEA should pay for space. It was suggested that discussion be initiated with the *Mainstreeter*, consideration be given to waiting until the *Mainstreeter* board is in place, and practices of other community associations and papers be explored. It was also suggested that if payment is to be made, it could be a percentage of the OCEA's net income for the year.
- **John agreed to pursue the questions raised and come back to the Board.**

8. Councillor's Report – David Chernushenko

- **160 Lees:** The councillor reported that the City and University have identified a new location in front of old Algonquin College as well as use of Sandy Hill Arena during the day. Still requires approval by U of O Board.
- **Cash-in-lieu of parkland:** Previously identified projects for Springhurst and Brantwood Parks will proceed. 10% of cash-in-lieu funds will be used to pay for city planning staff.
- **Footbridge:** Environmental assessment approved; now in 30-day review period.
- **South end of Elgin closure:** Likely won't proceed until fall 2013, given sewer work. **OCEA asked to see the plans, if possible.**
- **Land beside Old Town Hall:** The councillor raised the possibility of using cash-in-lieu funds for an environmental report. There was some discussion about whether this is a

permissible use of cash-in-lieu funds, if this should be a priority, etc. **John agreed to discuss it with CAG and SHCHC.**

9. Update on 160 Lees Parking Proposal – John Dance

- Given the positive news about an alternative location, John thanked all involved in the effort to save 160 Lees. He also noted that this effort has focused attention on the importance of that land and the impact of the AVTC.

10. Proposed new board member – John Dance

- A motion was put forward to add Gabrielle Schaeffer to the OECA Board as CCC representative. Moved – Jaime Girard, 2nd – Bill Baldwin. Carried.

11. Organization of BBQ at Main Event – John Dance

- Wendy McRae volunteered to take the lead; several others volunteered their assistance.

12. Committee and Representatives Reports

10.1 Planning Committee – Stephen Pope

- 99 Greenfield is a focus again; several meetings upcoming; OECA continuing to object that the project is too big for the site.
- No news on 73/75 Harvey.

11.2 Sustainable Living Ottawa East – Ian McRae for Vicki Davis

- The Children’s Garden and the Main Street Farmer’s Market have expressed the hope that the Main St. redevelopment can be conducted in a way to minimize adverse impacts on their operations. Access to the Market should be maintained; the Children’s Garden should also remain accessible and should be protected to the extent possible from dust and noise by the construction of temporary barriers or other measures.
- SLOE met on January 21 to further discuss the potential for engagement of post-secondary research and community mentorship in a project called Community First: Impacts of Community Engagement (CF: ICE). SLOE is a partner in the Community Environmental Sustainability Hub of this project and has selected four broad areas for possible research: energy options and opportunities; stormwater management and ecological restoration; pedestrian connectivity and neighbourliness; and affordability and senior’s housing.

11.3 Transportation – Ron Rose

- Ron noted that the Councillor has bought a “speedboard” and is looking for suggested sites. Main St, Lees and Greenfield were proposed.
- Waiting for revised schedule for meetings for Advisory Committee on Main St. redevelopment. Coherence between McIlraith Bridge and Main St. projects continues to be a concern.

10.4 City Centre Coalition – Gabrielle Schaeffer

- Issues at discussed at Jan. 30 CCC meeting included:
 - Transportation Master Plan: Policy on public input will be provided in the next coming weeks; two delegates from the FCA has been chosen to represent all community associations throughout this process. All associations should provide their input to FCA.
 - Neighbourhood Walkability Study by Dalhousie Community Association was

completed and may be useful for the Main Street Renewal project.

- It was noted that there was a 5% reduction in transit ridership in Q2 and Q3 2012. A 2% reduction was expected, but not 5%.
- 160 Lees parking lot is greatly opposed.
- Downtown Moves final report - lots of conceptual drawings but no commitments to any changes downtown.
- Ongoing uncertainty whether a new east end bridge will lead to any significant solution to the downtown truck problem or even the possibility that it could displace a lot of additional trucks to the Chaudiere bridge.

11.5 Federation of Citizens' Associations – Jim Strang

- Key topics of interest from the latest FCA meeting included:
 - presentation by former Ottawa Citizen reporter Ken Gray about the shortcomings of Ottawa planning with respect to transit (particularly the light rail project), zoning, and other planning matters affecting our “unwieldy” city.
 - Two members of the FCA have been chosen to represent citizens groups on the eight member panel reviewing and recommending changes to the city’s “Official Plan”. It was noted that there is no representation on the Official Plan panel from citizens groups in the centre of the City.
 - The meeting was made aware of the problem we have in Old Ottawa East with the proposed parking area at 160 Lees.

11.6 Communications – Catherine Pacella

- Input for the website is encouraged.

11.7 Community Safety – Jaime Girard

- Centretown Community Policing Meeting on held on Feb. 4. Representatives from the Councillors (Diane Holmes & David Chernushenko) were present, as well as from the Centretown CHC and various community associations. Topics discussed were the Traffic Stop Race Data Collection, Selective Traffic Enforcement Program for 2013, Graffiti Management and Noise Response.
- On Noise Response, officers have proactively been going door to door to student houses to speak with students. Officers are aware that students in the Sandy Hill area have been ‘pre-warned’ and will issue fines.
- Constable Hoang is doing research on Graffiti Management and will be putting together a plan; he is looking for ideas.
- Constable Hoang is returning to patrol; a new community police officer will be named.

11. Community Activities Group (CAG) – Carol Workun

- Natalie Fletcher will be the CAG representative going forward
- The Valentine’s Skate was a success. Spring programming opens on March 6.

12. Other Business

- The recent death of community member Judy Delaute was noted.

13. Date of Next Meeting – March 12, 2013

14. Adjournment at 9:15 pm

- Moved – Bill Baldwin, 2nd – Catherine Pacella