



**Meeting of the Ottawa East Community Association  
Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at 7:15 p.m.  
Old Town Hall, 61 Main Street**

Board Members

Jamie Brougham, FCA Rep  
John Dance, President  
Vicki Davis, SLOE Rep  
Don Fugler, Treasurer  
Jaime Girard, Vice-President  
Barbara Hicks, Membership  
Leslie Kirk, CCC  
Catherine Pacella, CAG Rep and  
Communications  
Stephen Pope, Planning  
Ron Rose, Transportation  
Jim Strang, Member at large  
Jill Wherrett, Secretary  
Regrets: Nick Masciantonio, John Baglow

Other attendees:

Sylvain Briand  
David Chernushenko  
Jan D'Arcy  
Steve Furr  
Maciej Karpinski  
Wendy McRae  
Maryna Nowosielski  
Christian Pupp

**1. Call to Order @ 7:15 – John Dance**

**2. Approval of Agenda**

- With addition of membership report  
Moved – Vicki Davis, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Wendy McRae. Carried

**3. Approval of October 11, 2011 Meeting Minutes**

- As amended (corrections to item 6)  
Moved – Don Fugler, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jamie Brougham. Carried.

**4. Chair's Report – John Dance**

- Thanks to out-going board.
- Would like to streamline meetings, while ensuring time for good discussion of issues. Have instituted process of requesting and distributing committee reports prior to meetings; reports at meetings should be limited to new or major points.
- At meeting in January, would like to discuss the board's objectives for the next two years.

**5. Treasurer's Report – Don Fugler**

- Bank account is lower (still over \$10,000), as unused funds from Lees community garden had to be returned.

## 6. Ottawa Convention Centre digital screens proposal – Steve Furr

- Steve Furr gave a presentation that addressed the size, scale, and potential impacts of the proposed digital screens, and requested that the association take a position opposed to the screens.
- Discussion addressed Mr. Furr's interest in the proposal [resident and canal user who will be affected], whether OECA is the only association he has approached [he will be approaching Sandy Hill and Centretown], comparison to Lansdowne scoreboard.
- ***The following motion was proposed: "Be it resolved that the Ottawa East Community Association objects to any approval of the installation of the proposed digital screens at the Ottawa Convention Centre."***  
Moved – Vicki Davis, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jim Strang. Carried

## 7. Councillor's Report – David Chernushenko

- CDPs: while mayor has spoken about taking CDPs seriously, still seems to be a work in progress in terms of the City following CDPs
- Redmond Place lane closure: Planning Department has approved the request. Two King's Landing residents have objected, so it will go to Planning Committee on January 24<sup>th</sup>. Developer will then have to go to Committee of Adjustment.
- Ottawa U soccer dome: open house at the site in January (16<sup>th</sup>?). Many positives to having sports facility and community access, but want to ensure good cycling through site and not impede pathway along river.
- OTranspo route #16: OTranspo has committed to 4 runs (2 each way) across McIlraith bridge to hospitals.

## 8. Committee and Representatives Reports

### 8.1. Planning Committee – Stephen Pope

- In transition from Paul to Stephen.
- City housing infill study is ongoing. City is working on guidelines – hopefully will be coordinated for approval in January.
- Attended meeting on s. 37 of the Planning Act (allows city to authorize increases in the height and density of development above the levels otherwise permitted by the zoning by-law in return for the provision of community benefits). Noted that benefits may not be significant, given that range is \$100,00-\$300,000.
- Discussion addressed: Springhurst sidewalk construction, front-yard parking, and 99 Greenfield development (Jim Strang noted that councillors's office has been helpful, while city has not been helpful).

### 8.2. Sustainable Living Ottawa East – Vicki Davis

- Main Farmers' Market: 2011 vendor numbers, and revenues to vendors from market sales, were comparable to 2010: another successful year
- Lees Avenue Community Gardens: deferred until Spring 2012; may receive funding from Community Garden Network
- Rideau River Nature Trail: \$2000 received from Evergreen Foundation partnered with Fido for Brantwood Park trail design charette. 16 people participated in the November 20 Brantwood trail walkabout. Next public event in February to show our ideas so far and ask for public input. Possible landscape architect to do design has been identified but not contacted.

- University of Ottawa Sustainable Development Committee: 2 SLOE representatives: Michael Osler and Cynthia Dwyer.
- SLOE website: improvements being made by Scott Mellon using Joomla
- 2 items were noted in discussion: lots of debris issues associated with 170 Lees construction; whether Rideau River trail will be accessible to dogs in Brantwood Park section.

### 8.3. Traffic – Ron Rose

- OCTranspo: announced yesterday that there will be several special runs of the #5 bus from Chapel St. and Wiggins Private to the hospitals. Ron proposed a motion seeking funds for a campaign to restore the service to the hospitals previously provided by route #16.

***Motion: “That the OECA approve a sum of \$300 for a campaign to have the Transpo service previously provided by route 16 through Old Ottawa East to the hospitals and back reinstated. The funds would be used for the preparation of petitions, presentations and awareness raising programs, such as post card drop-ins, Facebook page, etc.”***

Moved – Ron Rose, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Don Fugler. Carried.

- AVTC: Councillors Chernushenko and Holmes spearheading an effort to have AVTC removed from official Transportation Plan. They met with a number of community associations in November to discuss options. Information on traffic flows was requested and is being analyzed. It appears that forecast increase in traffic over key bridges and through key intersections from the south of the city has not materialized.
- Midtown Footbridge: Second open house held last month at Glebe CC. Very positive response from those attending. Attendees appreciated steps taken by the city and consultants to address concerns raised at first open house. Most people impressed with the suggested design. Environmental assessment for proposed pedestrian/cycle bridge over the Rideau River at Donald and Somerset was approved by the Transportation Committee with only one dissenting member. Councillors that opposed the Corktown Bridge have strongly supported this one. However, parking with Old Ottawa East for Lansdowne events still a major concern for some residents. Meeting was held at the Glebe CC two weeks ago to discuss monitoring of traffic and parking in the Glebe and Old Ottawa South. We raised the point that previous studies had identified potential parking impacts in OOE and therefore any monitoring programs should also include OOE. We were assured by our councillor that this would be done, and have subsequently written to him to determine how we can input to the monitoring process.
- Hawthorne Ave East traffic: City is proceeding to mount a speed board that will tell motorists how fast they are going. This does not respond to the residents’ demands for traffic calming measures and a reduction in the speed limit. The City’s budget for traffic calming measures that been substantially increased for 2012, so we are optimistic that the \$15,000 required for speed bumps and bulb-outs will be found.
- Discussion focused on Hawthorne and area (e.g., Lees) traffic issues.

### 8.4. City Centre Coalition – Leslie Kirk

- Proposed lobbyist by-law: did not include exemption for community associations. City is reviewing proposal, given concerns about it being overly broad.

- Traffic impact studies: such studies are part of every development proposal. CCC is looking at the accountability of that process.
- Bronson Ave redesign: lessons for future Main St. redesign. Lots of input from community, but ignored by the city.

#### **8.5. Federation of Citizens' Associations – Jamie Brougham**

- Lobbyist by-law also discussed at FCA.
- FCA wants to form a registry of “talent” on community issues (e.g. planning) to tap into resources between community associations.
- Some discussion of lobbyist registry – Leslie noted that while it may not pose a problem for OECA to registry, paperwork associated with reporting on meetings may make city officials less inclined to meet with us.

#### **8.6 Membership - Barbara Hicks and Wendy McRae**

- One file left to come in; 614 households to date.
- Items raised by members included: on-street parking permits, footbridge, traffic issues on Main St., long wait for pedestrian crossing at Beckwith, speeding on Main St., future of Oblates land, OCTranspo route #16.

***ACTION: Wendy to send list of input to John D; Ron to follow-up with members who expressed concern about route #16.***

### **9. Community Activities Group (CAG) and OECA Website Report – Catherine Pacella**

#### **CAG:**

- Winter programming online registration begins on December 6 at 9 p.m.
- Full programming guide is available online or in Mainstreeter
- Winter Party in Brantwood Park scheduled for January 22
- Full details about how you can volunteer available on our website under the “volunteer” section
- Details also available on volunteering with the Valentine’s skate in February
- Noted that CAG is supportive of bike-ramps/skateboard park in neighbourhood

#### **Website/communications**

- Discussed flyer with OECA information – could be article in Mainstreeter, could give flyer to new residents
- Website: have sent draft to some board members. Hopefully new site will be up for the new year. Discussed idea of a more collaborative space: first step is to get site up and running, then will consider how it can evolve.

***ACTION: Send photos of neighbourhood (especially in winter) to Catherine for website.***

### **10. New Business**

- Nil

### **11. Date of Next Meeting – January 10, 2012**

**12. Adjournment @ 9:03 pm**

Moved – Ron Rose, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Stephen Pope