



**Meeting of the Ottawa East Community Association Board
Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at 7:15 p.m.
Old Town Hall, 61 Main Street**

Board Members

John Dance
Jaime Girard
Stephen Pope
Ron Rose
Vicki Davis
Bill Baldwin
Catherine Pacella
John Baglow
Jim Strang
Don Fugler
Jamie Brougham

Regrets: Jill Wherrett, Nick Masciantonio,
Leslie Kirk, Barbara Hicks

Other attendees:

Paul Goodkey
Marina Nowosielski
Wendy McRae
Christian Pupp
David Chernushenko

1. Call to Order @ 7:15 – John Dance

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved – John Baglow, 2nd – Wendy McRae. Carried

3. Approval of January 10, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Moved – John Baglow, 2nd – Jamie Brougham. Carried

4. Chair's Report – John Dance

- Community associations met with David Chernushenko (Ward Council). No details on Bronson reconstruction. 1 lane of Bank Street may close for Lansdowne reconstruction. Heron Park CDP will soon go to City Council. Within two months hope to conclude discussions with City and the Glebe concerning the closure of the extension of Elgin Street beside TD Bank.
- Old Town Hall has new t.v.
- Feasibility study for wheelchair ramp access to Old Town Hall will be done by City
- Ottawa East Hosers won Capital Ward Cup against the Glebe on February 11.

5. Treasurer's Report – Don Fugler

- No report this time.

6. Main Street/McIlraith Bridge reconstruction – Ron Rose

- Work on Main from Echo Drive to McIlraith Bridge to begin in 2013
- Full reconstruction, digging up street, replacement of sewers, replacing sidewalks involved.
- Consultation needed with community in 2012

- Ron proposed the following motion: **That a working group be struck to serve as a focal point of the Community Association's participation in the redesign of Main Street and McIlraith Bridge.** Moved – Ron Rose; 2nd – Stephen Pope. Carried.
- At least 5 are needed for the committee. Ron Rose, Stephen Pope, Helen Weaver and Catherine Pacella volunteered. The first meeting will be held in the Councillor's office before the next Board meeting.

7. Constitution – Jaime Girard

- A committee of the Board was struck in 2011 to review, update and modify the OECA constitution.
- Structure of OECA, electronic communications, bylaws and clarity were addressed.
- Who votes at which meetings was clarified. Board meetings are the monthly Tuesday meetings (only Board members can vote). Special General Meetings are called to address specific issues (members can vote). Annual General meetings held in November (members can vote).
- Relationship between OECA, Community Activities Group (CAG) and the Mainstreeter newspaper were discussed. CAG and the Mainstreeter were once part of OECA, but now are independent and separately incorporated.
- OECA must retain existing name to be covered by the City's insurance for special events (grandfathered name on insurance)
- Ron proposed the following motion: **That Bylaw #7 [pertaining to the Mainstreeter] be deleted.** Moved – Ron Rose, 2nd – John Baglow. Carried.
- Catherine Pacella abstained.
- Ron proposed the following motion: **That the draft constitution 2.3 as amended be adopted by the Board and voted on at a Special General Meeting on or before the November 2012 Annual General Meeting.** Moved – Ron Rose, 2nd – Jamie Brougham. Carried.
- There was discussion that the Special General Meeting could be held on the same day as the Annual General Meeting.

8. Cash-in-lieu of Parkland – John Dance

- Councillor and community associations met to discuss
- OECA had the only detailed proposals: Brantwood Park amenities, open air shelter in Children's Garden, possible community notice boards needed near Lees Avenue and other locations on City property.
- Heron Park Community Association needs money for renovation of community centre.
- Water for Springhurst Park, Ballantyne Park skateboard/cycle park, and additional community centre facilities will be sought in subsequent years.

9. Councillor's Report – David Chernushenko

- Cash-in-lieu of parkland is to be used for small and medium items
- Hawthorne traffic calming radar done in November. Speed bumps should be installed this year.
- Redmond Place lane closures discussed February 14. Road will be closed, who owns land will be discussed. Lawyers now involved.
- Ottawa U sports stadium, Lees Avenue campus—Councillor agrees the trail should be not be impeded. U of Ottawa biologists have written to Allan Rock about protecting wildlife along river. Queensway widening may create temporary path along the river.
- Main Street reconstruction discussions to be held in 2012.

10. Committee and Representative Reports

10.1 Planning – Stephen Pope

- There is nothing coming up at Committee of Adjustment.
- The discussions with the City regarding closure of Redmond Place (adjacent to King's Landing Private) are ongoing and OECA supports the argument that in disposing of City land, while there is no longer a legal requirement to make portions of the land available to all adjacent neighbours, a continuation of this policy by the City would represent the most equitable scenario. OECA supports the argument that the Kings Landing Co-tenancy should be given equal treatment to the owner of 99 Greenfield.
- Proposal for a new sports field and dome at 200 Lees: Members of the planning committee and other interested community members attended an open house for the proposal on January 17. There are two areas of difficulty in continuing the Rideau River Nature Trail around the site. The first is at the Transitway bridge where there is a significant change in grade, and the second is at the south east corner of the playing field where a retaining wall must be built on the river bank to stabilize the corner. OECA members made clear their preference for maintaining the RRNT along the river edge. The project needs to include two areas of built work to support this objective. One (the SE field corner) is already being planned and the matter would be enlarging the retaining wall to permit the trail to pass. OECA is in discussion with Councillor Chernushenko's office, City staff, and University of Ottawa to encourage all parties to uphold the conditions identified in the Old Ottawa East CDP (continuous RRNT along the river bank).
- 157 Drummond being severed for 2 townhouses (northeast corner with Herridge)

10.2 SLOE – Vicki Davis

10.2.1. Children's Garden

- Katie Breen will replace Aamina Badran as co-chair of the Children's Garden to work with Sue McKee. Aamina was thanked for her 2 years in this role. She will continue to be active in programming.
- Children's Garden is applying through Sandy Hill Community Health Care Centre for Canada Summer Jobs grant for 2012 seasonal coordinator
- Board will fundraise with users and community to meet more operating costs.

10.2.2. Rideau River Nature Trail

- University of Ottawa held public meeting January 17 to show plans for proposed stadium at Lees Avenue campus.
- RRNT volunteers and other community members attended (in miserable weather) to voice concerns that the plans would prevent the trail extending along the river through the property. This has been in our plans for a number of years and is part of the City's pathway plans as well.

10.2.3. Summit on Environmental Sustainability

- SLOE will host one of four salons associated with 3iSummit on Environmental Sustainability on February 25 at Nepean Centrepoint library.

10.2.4. Community Forum on Environmental Sustainability

- SLOE will host the next semi-annual meeting of this group in May or June.

10.3 Traffic and Transportation – Ron Rose

- Highway 417 widening to Nicholas St: Lees Ave. ramp will be closed for 3 years while Queensway is widened and LRT component for Ottawa U is constructed. Traffic will increase on Main and Lees. Work will commence late 2012.
- Elgin Street/Pretoria 'parkette' (beside TD Bank): met with representative of Glebe to discuss. Glebe supports the closure and would like a park in its place.
- Bus route #16: request to appear before City Transit Commission was refused, but will continue to lobby for full or partial reinstatement of the #16 run. #5x runs twice a day from Chapel/Mann to hospitals on Smyth. Some press reports on impact of elimination of route #16 to hospitals.
- Midtown footbridge. Our community has written to City officially expressing support for the footbridge as has Heron Park CA. Third and final open house will be in June this year.

10.4 Federation of Citizens' Associations – Jamie Brougham

- Land across from Brantwood Park across the river is scheduled for development (part of our ward)
- FCA could use volunteers who have special knowledge for their meetings

10.5 Communications- Catherine Pacella

- Feedback on the website is welcome. Suggestions to add programs at Sunnyside library or link to them.

11. CAG – Catherine Pacella

- Winter party was held at the field house in January. Weather was great, lots of participation. Sleigh ride is definitely a big draw to the event and the ice was in great condition. Thanks to our "hosers" who do so much for the rink. Free hot dogs and hot chocolate was served inside the field house. Donations were collected and we raised approximately \$215. That money will help to pay toward the event, as well as future CAG events.
- Valentine Skate to be held on February 10
- Please look for the spring programming guide in the next issue of the Mainstreeter

12. New Business – nil

13. Adjournment @ 9:05 pm

Moved – John Baglow 2nd – Jamie Brougham

OOE Ideas for Use of Cash-in-lieu of Parkland Funding

A. Community Centre

- Remediation of lot north of OTH (how much?)
- Expansion of OTH / community centre / building a new one elsewhere

B. Nature Trail

- innovative shoreline seating (e.g., boulders),
- durable artist-designed chess table/seating arrangement,
- a wildlife viewing structure (e.g., the willow-camouflaged path and blind idea).

C. Springhurst / Lees

- Lees Ave community garden: a bicycle-powered pump for filling rain-barrels from the river." (OECA: what would be cost, susceptibility to vandalism?)
- More picnic tables and waste bins in Springhurst Park (At OECA it was noted that the City had refused more waste bins because of the operational costs of emptying them)
- Community notice boards in a few locations in OOE. The CILP \$ could cover one near the bus stop at 170 Lees (somewhere on the sliver of City park immediately to the West of 170 Lees) and one in Brantwood (Brantwood Park one now exists).
- Water supply to Springhurst. Not with a drain/sewer infrastructure, or power hook-up, etc., but a potable water source for people, as well as potential "sprinkler days" (low-tech splash pad:), skating possibilities (Lady Evelyn may be interested in this) and future development of community gardens closer toward the river.

D. Ballantyne Park

- Fence around green space on Hawthorne
- Creation of skateboard /BMX cycling park

E. Brantwood Rink / Park

- Leveling the surface and possibility of low mounds to keep the water in for base flooding when there are thaws.
- Re-surface Brantwood basketball courts
- Install new climbing structure in Brantwood