



Meeting of the Old Ottawa East Community Association Board

Tuesday, Feb 10, 2015, 7 p.m.

Old Town Hall, 61 Main Street

MINUTES

Attendees

Board Members

John Dance, President
Caroline Hyslop, Secretary
Phyllis Odenbach Sutton, Member at Large
Don Fugler, Treasurer
Stephen Pope, Planning
Catherine Pacella, Communications
Jill Wherrett, Member at Large
Ian McRae, SLOE rep
Bill Baldwin, Lees Apartments Rep
Katherine Simonds, Member at Large
Jim Strang, FCA Rep

Others present

Bob Parkins
Carenacia Rouse
Wendy McRae
John Jarrett
Heather Jarrett
Eddie Gillis
Jessica Palacios
Gord Lorimer
Bonnie Wheppler
Christian Pupp
Paul Goodkey
Jan D'Arcy
Khaled Salam

1. Call to Order – John Dance
Called to order at 7:04 PM
2. Approval of Agenda
Moved: Phyllis Odenbach Sutton; 2nd Don Fugler; Carried.
3. Approval of Feb 10, 2015 Minutes
Moved: Don Fugler; 2nd: Phyllis Odenbach Sutton; Carried.
4. Park development on Oblates Land - Louise Cerveny, City of Ottawa
 - Since September the City of Ottawa has a new process for the construction of parks. In the past when a subdivision was approved, the City would develop and implement a parks plan. Now, the new process is that the land is conveyed to the City but the developer actually constructs the park with City input and approval.
 - For this particular park in the Regional development, the City does not yet know which consultant Regional will be hiring to develop the plan for the park. Once a consultant is hired, they will produce a proposal with a budget for City approval.

- Once the park is built, the land, which is conveyed to the City is a public park maintained by the City in perpetuity.
 - All aspects of the park have to be accessible to people of all ages and people with disabilities.
 - Ms. Cerveny indicated there may be a recreational winter rink, although members noted there is already an excellent unboarded rink at Brantwood Park.
5. Update on the Aids Committee of Ottawa – Heather Jarrett and Khaled Salem
- Services operate out of the building include HIV AIDS awareness raising, and a support team working in the drop in centre called the Living Room.
 - On a daily basis approximately 30 to 40 people are likely to be using the drop in centre. Friday afternoon is food bank day.
 - The area of concern to the community is the needle exchange element of the harm reduction program. Clients who come to the needle exchange also have access to counselling and information that is made available to encourage harm reduction.
 - So far, since the ACO has moved to the new location on Main Street, there has been a reduction in the number of clients using the needle exchange, and those that do use it are typically also clients of the Living Room.
 - ACO will be included in Doors Open Ottawa this year.
 - Khaled explained that clients are not allowed to use drugs on site, and the needles are not allowed to be used at the facility. The idea is that they take the materials away with them and use them privately at home. Clients are provided with appropriate materials that would discourage them from discarding dirty needles in public places, or discarding their needles in an unsafe manner.
6. Chair's Report – John Dance [see report, appendix 1]
- March 3 is the City's first public meeting for the Greystone site plan application. This will be at Saint Paul University in the amphitheatre.
 - There will be a public meeting here in Old Town Hall to discuss flood preparations on March 2.
 - Eddie Gillis has offered to chair a standing committee on park creation and expansion. Proposal to establish the committee with Eddie at the lead approved unanimously.
7. Treasurer's Report – no report
8. Councillor's Report – no report. Notes were submitted by email [see appendix 2]
9. Committee Reports
- 9.1 Planning - Stephen Pope

- At the Committee of adjustment there is a proposal coming up for 178 Main – to be another single.
- News on 2014 zoning study: the suggestion has been made that there will be a chance to introduce new elements to the zoning. Staff have said they will not object to a proposed four storey height restriction on Hawthorne.

Motion: that the Association authorize the expenditure of \$125 for the launching of an appeal to the OMB for the City of Ottawa 2014 zoning study.

Moved, Stephen Pope; Second Jim Strang.

A discussion ensued. It was clarified that \$125 is the fee for filing the appeal. The purpose of the motion is to have the money available in case the appeal becomes necessary. It is possible that an appeal will not be necessary, particularly if the issue goes to mediation rather than the appeal process.

Motion carried.

9.2 SLOE – Ian McRae [see report, appendix 3]

- There will be a meeting on March 10 at 6:30 to talk about the children's garden. It will be an orientation meeting and a time to say good bye to a few people who are leaving.
- Work is continuing with the developer in an attempt to ensure that affordable housing and seniors' housing is included in the new development in the Oblate lands.
- There was a meeting to discuss the Rideau River Nature Trail and there is some concern about ensuring that the shoreline habitat is preserved during the construction time and with respect to the park that is to be developed.
- SLOE is looking forward to working with Eddie on the parks plan.

9.1 Transportation – no report

9.4 City Centre Coalition

- We still need someone willing to take this on.

9.5 Federation of Citizens' Associations - Jim Strang

- The issue of banning corporate and union donations to municipal election campaigns is ongoing at FCA. Tomorrow night's meeting will be on whether the FCA supports or opposes banning corporate and union donations to municipal election campaigns. Jim prefers to abstain from the vote, as we do not have complete unanimity here at OECA as to how strongly we support the motion. Some people have some concerns about the wording of the proposed FCA motion.

9.6 Communications

- There has been a discussion about whether we want to create a separate listserv for OECA membership. We would send out an email at least once a month with a link to the agenda. There was some discussion about this, and whether it really was worth it to duplicate the efforts of the e-update. It was decided that it was not really useful to duplicate the e-update.

9.7 Community Safety – no report

9.8 Membership – no report

10 Community Activities Group

- CAG supports the installation of a concrete ping pong table at Springhurst Park as one of the community's cash-in-lieu of parkland proposals.

11 Association Goals

- Motion to approve the goals as circulated by email. [See appendix 4] Moved: Don Fugler. 2nd Jim Strang. Carried.

12 New Business – none.

Motion to adjourn: Jill Wherrett. 2nd Stephen Pope. Carried.

Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday March 10, 2015

APPENDIX 1: CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair's Report – February 2015

1. **Greystone Village Proposal Public Meeting, March 3, 2015:** The city will hold a public open house so Regional Group's proposed plans can be viewed and commented on. The proposals are consistent with the approved OOE community design plan and with what was presented at the June 10, 2015 public session at Church of the Ascension. The meeting will be held in Saint Paul University's amphitheatre, Tuesday, March 3, 2015, 7 – 9:00 p.m.
2. **Rideau River Flooding Public Meeting, March 2, 2015:** As a follow-up to the discussion at last month's board meeting, a meeting will be held with – it's hoped – city and RVCA staff to discuss flood preparedness. The meeting will be held on the second floor of Old Town Hall, 61 Main Street, Monday, March 2, 2015, 7 – 9:00 p.m.
3. **Human Scale Documentary:** It was a remarkable effort by Sandy Hill Community Health Centre (supported by OOECA and SLOE), January 29th: a full and engaged house on a snowy evening ... but I wonder what follow-up can be done.

The documentary certainly speaks to the need for sound, well-consulted-on, enforceable community design plans. But it also suggests that some of the city's current policies need to be changed. I speak specifically of a lack of a goal to limit / freeze the number of cars in the centre. (Indeed, it seems the city plans on increasing car access to downtown.) And then there is the lack of a real plan for keeping much of the inter-provincial traffic out of the centre (i.e., King Edward). Finally, the presentation casts doubt on the city's continued push for "tall buildings" (this was never something that had real consultation - it just happened through the rather superficial consultation of the large "planning" session at the EY Centre a couple of years ago.)

The Christchurch, New Zealand segment of the film was intriguing: six storeys should be, as they were recommending, the limit in most parts of the city. One specific Old Ottawa East take-away that I have is that new development - such as the Lees transit-oriented development - must be accompanied by clear and ambitious plans for ensuring there is adequate green, recreational and amenity space. (Lees TOD will add another 20,000 people.) This did not happen with the Lees TOD approval but it should have. Time has come to convert all of the Alta Vista Transportation Corridor (save for NE quadrant) in OOE to green/ recreation space.

Interestingly, panelists spoke positively of the Corktown Footbridge and the city's complete streets policy and initiatives.

4. **TD Sign on Veil at Lansdowne:** OSCA has written Mayor Watson, criticizing the new TD signage on the stadium's veil and elsewhere. (Attached)
5. **Proposed City Budget, 2015:** Councillor David Chernushenko has spoken with senior managers, parks staff etc., flagging the key priorities raised by the OOECA: the Rideau River Western Pathway / Nature

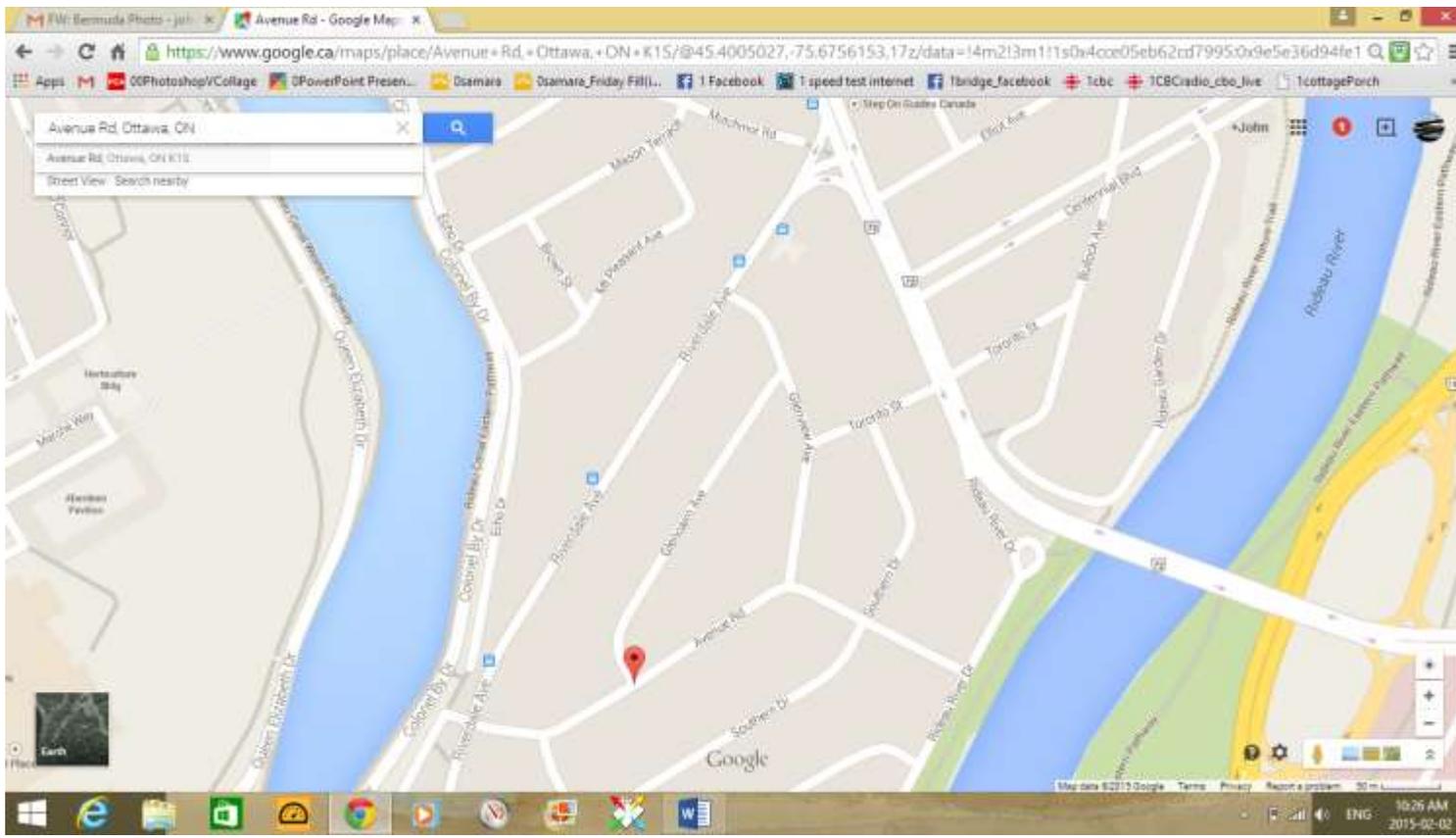
Trail work being done iteratively and in concert with Regional Group's site work; considering the new riverfront park for "citywide" Cash in Lieu of Parkland; setting aside city money for affordable housing and a community centre on the site; assisting with "low impact development" stormwater management projects, etc. "I will emphasize several of these in my budget discussions with the mayor's office (keeping in mind that I have been asked to come with only 1-3 initiatives for the entire ward, and that we have also been asked to look for savings). Then the struggle begins to try and get a couple of wins in the 2015 budget, when the purse strings are tight," Councillor Chernushenko noted in an email.

6. **OOE Hosers Lose in Overtime:** The Hosers lost the Councillor's Cup in overtime at the shinny tournament that the Glebe graciously hosted and David Chernushenko organized and officiated. The Hosers had tied the Ottawa South Moose in the round robin, with both teams making the final. With a minute left in the final and the score 6-5 for the Hosers, OOS scored a disputed goal but Hoser captain Andrew Matsukubo said it should count, sending the game to overtime. Then the Moose won. OOE has now won the cup four times, OOS thrice, the Glebe once and Heron Park retains its perfect winless record.
7. **99 Greenfield OMB Appeal:** A number of King's Landing residents appealed a city decision to allow multiple "minor variances" at 99 Greenfield. At the city's planning committee OOECA had earlier objected to the proposal but to no avail. I was a witness for the KL appeal and I used the extensive analysis Stephen Pope and Paul Goodkey had prepared. It's not known when the OMB decision will be made.
8. **Parks Formation/Expansion Standing Committee:** To focus the association's efforts, I'm suggesting that the Board approve the creation of a Parks Formation/Expansion Standing Committee, as allowed by the constitution (section 5.7). Such a standing committee would focus on participating in the planning of the three new parks in Greystone Village and further expanding Springhurst and Rideau River Trail (166 Lees) parks. If the Board approves such a committee then I would recommend that Eddie Gillis, a Drummond Street resident, be appointed the chair of this standing committee. Before the AGM, Eddie had expressed an interest in becoming a member of the Board but all the vacancies had nominations. Caroline advises that, according to the constitution, Eddie cannot become an actual member of the Board until the election on the new Board in November,
9. **Sesquicentennial Brainstorming Session:** Once the weather gets warmer I'll organize an informal evening when residents can talk about their ideas on how the community might celebrate the sesquicentennial year. CAG is interested in participating in this effort.
10. **OOECA Rep on City-Centre Coalition (CCC):** Board member Devin O'Grady would appreciate it if another Board member could become the association's rep on the City Centre Coalition. Devin would like to remain as a Board member at-large. CCC Chair John Verbaas says the CCC agenda is quiet at the moment so there isn't a pressing need to have a rep. The CCC is a network of representatives from several downtown Ottawa community associations as well as a students' association and a safe cycling group focused on transportation issues affecting the downtown.
11. **OOS-OOE Boundary - the Disputed Territory:** Once again the question of just what constitutes the boundary between OOS and OOE has arisen. This time it is significant because of proposed zoning changes that would affect those in the "disputed territory" and the desire of having either OSCA or OOECA representing them. The issue is that Avenue Road from Echo-Riverdale "traffic circle" to Rideau

River is the boundary according to both community association constitutions / bylaws yet the OOE CDP shows the boundary as being Riverdale to Main and it's my sense that people living within the disputed territory – save perhaps those living near Main – view themselves as OOS residents.

Both community associations have said that people in the area have the option of joining either community association but for defining the boundary I've suggested that it may be time to ask the residents of the area which CA they'd like to belong to. If there is a strong majority one way or another we declare that to be the case and any future related zoning / planning applications would be dealt with by the decided upon CA. Alternatively, more easily, we could simply check the associations' membership rolls: I don't think there are any OOECA members from the disputed territory while I suspect OSCA has many - anybody know? If it's clearly the case that residents have "voted" membership-wise to be part of OSCA then I'd suggest OOECA should "cede" the territory to OSCA/OOS with the clear understanding that forever after Main- Riverdale (to the Echo "traffic circle") would be the clear and simple boundary. Every year or so there is discussion on the "disputed territory" so it mightn't be bad to resolve this once and for all.

In a related matter, Paul Goodkey has pointed out that the city's geoOttawa site shows the boundary being Clegg Street! I've asked the councillor's office to please have this changed.



APPENDIX 2 – NOTES FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID CHERNUSHENKO

Old Ottawa East Community Association

February 2015 Board Meeting

Information from Capital Ward Councillor, David Chernushenko

NEW INFILL HOUSING RULES

A proposed set of zoning changes to guide the scale of new low-rise housing development in the neighbourhoods inside the Greenbelt is now available for comment. Comments received before February 27, 2015 will be considered in the final recommendations by City staff to Planning Committee and City Council this spring.

In response to community concerns about intensive new development changing neighbourhoods, City Council approved an initial package of guidelines for low-rise residential development in the downtown wards in 2012. Known as Infill 1, this package included rules about front yards, location of main entrances, parking and driveways, and generally required that new houses fit the character of the neighbourhood.

Council then approved a second study, now known as Infill 2, that would look at all of the wards inside the Greenbelt and address issues, including the size of new houses, building heights and the requirements for setbacks and rear yards, while exploring opportunities for discreet intensification on larger residential lots. Again, the goal is to allow infill housing development, which is endorsed in the City's Official Plan, while ensuring the protection of neighbourhood character.

Details of the extensive consultation process, [Frequently Asked Questions](#) and the set of proposed zoning changes under Infill 2 are available for view on ottawa.ca/infill. The proposed zoning changes will be before Planning Committee and City Council in the spring.

UPDATE TO THE WILDLIFE CONSTRUCTION PROTOCOL NOW AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW

The [2013 Wildlife Strategy](#) identified the need to update and revise the City's current wildlife construction protocol, previously approved by the former Region of Ottawa-Carleton, prior to amalgamation.

During summer, 2014, City staff consulted with key stakeholders to obtain their feedback on what changes are needed to the protocol. These stakeholders include:

- Regulatory agencies
- Wildlife experts
- Representatives from the development industry, and
- Environmental consultants

[Comments were received](#) from the Canadian Wildlife Service (Environment Canada), the Ottawa-Carleton Wildlife Centre and the Rideau Valley Wildlife Sanctuary.

Have your say on the new draft before March 6, 2015 (extended)

As a result of the comments received and staff review, a [revised draft protocol is now available for public review and feedback](#).

The new draft protocol addresses sensitive timing windows for clearing, pre-stressing, site clearing, construction site management, wildlife encounters, and wildlife-proofing. It also provides guidance to developers on how they can help reduce post-construction conflicts between residents and wildlife, using wildlife-proofing measures and owner awareness packages.

Under this protocol, all plans of subdivision, site plans, and plans of condominium that could impact areas of wildlife habitat will be required to prepare a Wildlife Mitigation Plan as a condition of approval. The Wildlife Mitigation Plan will demonstrate how potential impacts to wildlife will be avoided or reduced.

In 2015, staff will recommend the final wildlife construction protocol to Planning Committee and City Council. Once approved, the protocol will be implemented as part of the City's development review process.

Please send your questions and feedback to:

Amy MacPherson, Planner II
Planning and Growth Management
613-580-2424 ext. 14873
E-mail: amy.macpherson@ottawa.ca

Related links:

For more information about the Wildlife Strategy recommendation, or the current wildlife construction protocol, please consult the following links:

- [Wildlife Strategy \(Section 6 – Wildlife Construction Protocol\)](#)
- [Region of Ottawa-Carleton Construction Protocol for Wildlife](#)

NATIONAL ANTHEM PERFORMERS FOR CITY COUNCIL

Ward 17 residents are invited to apply to perform the National Anthem (bi-lingual version) at the May 27th City Council meeting.

If you know of an individual or group that would be interested in this opportunity, please contact Joanna at Joanna.linsangan@ottawa.ca. The councillor will select the performer by March 15th, 2015.

AN EXCERPT FROM THE FEBRUARY 9TH CAPITAL WARD NEWSLETTER – THE COUNCILLOR'S THOUGHTS ON THE 2015 DRAFT BUDGET

Draft Budget 2015: "Steady as she goes"

Media have described the City of Ottawa's [Draft Budget 2015](#), released last week, as "steady as she goes." That's a pretty good description. It differs little from the past four budgets: no major tax, rate or fee increases, and no significant service cuts.

Council's approval of a 2% cap on residential property tax increases means we can do little more than continue to provide existing services, complete existing projects or at least hold to existing priorities, with only a few modest exceptions.

For most citizens, this seems like a good thing. Council is keeping increases as close to the rate of inflation as possible, while dealing with such realities as annual wage increases and long-term collective agreements, provincially mandated health and safety standards, and a public expectation that the city will remain well managed.

Quick summary

- 2% increase on the municipal portion of the property tax bill, which translates into an average of \$67 per year for an urban home assessed at \$355,000, but more for the typical Capital Ward homeowner
- Increase to OC Transpo fares of no more than 2.5%, depending on type of user and whether you pay a cash fare or use a Presto card
- Freeze on garbage collection fees, resulting from the shift to weekly green bin and recycling collection, and bi-weekly residual waste collection.
- Recreation fees rising by 2% after a four-year freeze
- Rates for water and sewer services rising by 6%, as decided in the last term, in order for the City to maintain existing infrastructure and keep pace with capacity needs in growth areas of the city.
- City staffing reduced by 20 full-time equivalents (FTEs).

With these targets, the City would have the funds necessary to:

- Continue expansion of Light Rail Transit
- Implement the 2013 Cycling Plan and Pedestrian Plan
- Move forward with a key remaining element of the Ottawa River Action Plan
- Invest \$19 million in affordable housing (a modest increase)
- Fund an enhanced strategy for crime prevention and gang activity
- Increase funding for the School Guard Crossing Program
- Increase funding for tree planting by \$125,000

New, one-time projects or programs can be funded from the "Strategic Initiatives" budget envelope. Most years, those initiatives are presented at budget time and heavily influenced by the Term of Council Strategic Priorities established by Council at the start of the term. In a year following an election, Council will not yet have established these priorities in time for the Draft Budget. That exercise will take place this spring, shortly after the budget is approved.

Council will determine at that time how best to spend the \$32 million proposed in this draft budget for Strategic Initiatives. Naturally, I will look carefully at what is being proposed, and I will present a number of initiatives that I consider particularly important to the city as a whole or to the ward in particular.

Capital Ward highlights

After several days of making my way through the 500-page draft budget binder, I am able to highlight some specific items funded for 2015:

- Improved weekend bus service along Bank Street (routes 1 and 7) will help make transit a more attractive option, thus reducing congestion and parking difficulties, notably in the Glebe and Old Ottawa South streets closest to Bank Street and Lansdowne
- A 13% improvement to the frequency of route 6, providing better east-west service through Old Ottawa East and the Glebe, and connections for the Dow's Lake and Glebe Annex areas
- Road resurfacing on Chamberlain Avenue and the much-battered Holmwood Avenue adjacent to Lansdowne
- Approved traffic calming projects will be installed along Riverdale Avenue and Sunnyside (east of Bank) in time for the reconstruction of Main Street and the resulting traffic diversion.

Glebe Avenue reconstruction will also include approved traffic calming and cycling improvements.

- "Transitway"-type bus improvements along Baseline-Heron extended eastward to improve connection for Heron Park residents

The budget includes many Works in Progress (WIPs) of great importance to Capital Ward and the city at large. I am glad to report that none of the significant transit improvements, road renewal, cycling and pedestrian links and safety initiatives has been demoted in this budget. 2015 will continue to see work advance on:

- The approved Main Street and McIlraith Bridge renewal and "complete street" conversion
- Completion of the multi-use pathway connecting the separated sections of Brookfield
- Avenue, providing Heron Park residents with better and safer pedestrian and cycling access to schools, the growing cycling network and improved O-Train service set to open in March
- Completion of such Bronson Avenue safety initiatives as a signalized pedestrian/cycliing crossing just south of the Rideau Canal, safer ramps connecting to Colonel By Drive, and new, separated bike paths and tracks on this section of Bronson
- Installation of the Glebe Bike Plan initiatives, and ongoing work on the O'Connor segregated bike lane
- Planned replacement of underground water/sewer infrastructure with accompanying road and sidewalk renewal on streets like Aylmer, Fulton, Carlyle, Rosedale, Renfrew, Wilton Cres., Wilton Lane, Concord, Echo, Greenfield and Lakeview Terrace. These projects are rarely popular when they are happening, but they do have to happen.

What do you think?

So, is "steady as she goes" good enough?

At budget time, my job is not just to fight for new initiatives and infrastructure. It is just as important to ensure that previous funding commitments are maintained, and to keep my eyes open for some that may no longer make sense or that could be delayed in favour of higher priorities.

If you provide me with input that is as specific as possible, I will be able to give it careful thought or add it to the broader debate. With that in mind, I welcome your feedback and comments on the following budget questions:

- Is the 2% target appropriate?
- If not, what would be your target?

APPENDIX 3 – SUSTAINABLE LIVING OTTAWA EAST

SLOE report to OOECA for February, 2015

Children's Garden: There will be a meeting on March 10 at 6.30 for those who are or may be interested in being on the new steering committee for the Children's Garden. Coming to the Children's Garden meeting on the 10th is not a commitment to join the steering committee. It is a chance to hear what's starting to shape up, and to consider getting involved in further defining and helping to implement the vision. It will be an orientation meeting, and a meeting to say farewell and thank you to Rebecca and Aamina - two founding members of the Garden. If you would like to attend or know of others who would be interested please contact Sue McKee -- sue.mckee@gmail.com. With a new partnership with CAG and elements of a revised vision emerging, this is an important and exciting transition time for the Garden. Please consider getting involved. The committee could definitely benefit from the participation of a few more folks.

SLOE and SHCHC held a first public session to provide information about the potential for an innovative housing project within Greystone Village. The goals are to ensure that the new development is a place where people can age well in community, and have some innovative choices in their housing and in how they meet the need for services. SLOE and SHCHC also want to see at least some of that housing be affordable for older people of limited means. The developer is already working with CCOC towards affordable housing in one of the 6 storey buildings, so this initiative is in addition to that. The intention is to arrange innovative financing mechanisms that do not involve a further financial ask of the developer. Participants at the meeting expressed interest in a diverse community that intentionally includes and supports seniors, versus a seniors-only development. Cohousing was of particular interest. The next step will be a meeting of residents who would like to take the next step of holding a design meeting to clarify interests and options. SLOE and SHCHC will continue to support the process in a variety of ways but it will be led by those interested in living in or investing in the project. The Community Foundation of Ottawa has provided a grant to help with the workshops and initial expert advice to move the process forward.

Rideau River Nature Trail volunteers met to discuss the Trail within the 30 metre setback in the former Oblates property. We are interested in trying to incorporate consideration of the views, protection and enhancement of the riparian habitat in conjunction with drainage and pathway excavations near the shoreline. We will be looking to maximize benefits and minimize impacts from excavation work at southeast end of property. Issues related to improved public access to the water for recreation should be considered. We advocate extensive planting to protect the shoreline with native or adapted species. The diversity of tree and shrub species for the entire site was discussed. There will be a call-out to members of the Ottawa Eco Talent Network for possible advice or facilitation services. We will be looking to talk to City forestry and parks staff, Rideau River Conservation Authority, volunteers, Regional Group consultants, and others. If you are interested in RRNT work please contact Ian McRae at ian_mcrae@rogers.com.

SLOE is also continuing to work with Regional Group towards a workshop to explore LID potential for the site, and the Councillor is also working to ensure City staff members are engaged.

If a proposed a committee is established with Eddie Gillis as chair to consider the new parks in Greystone Village and further expansion of Springhurst and Rideau River Trail Parks, SLOE will participate on this committee to represent environmental and ecological considerations.

A meeting is scheduled for February 17 to allow SLOE, OECA, CAG and SHCHC reps to share information about our respective work with Regional Group.

SLOE and OECA reps are scheduled to meet with MPP Yasir Naqvi on February 20 to brief him regarding the potential for deep sustainability approaches in the development of Greystone Village and allow him to consider what role he and the province could play in supporting the potential for innovation in this development.

Compiled by Ian McRae

APPENDIX 4 – OECA GOALS 2015

OOECA Goals 2015

A. Lees/Springhurst Park

A.1 Convert Portions of AVTC Lands to Parkland:

- joint project with Community Activities Group and Sandy Hill Community Health Association
- work with city to have lands identified by Transit Oriented Development – Lees Station as open space / parkland added to Springhurst Park and Rideau River Trail Park (aka 166 Lees)
- use cash in lieu of parkland funding to add features / trees etc. that will physically join the new parkland to existing parkland
- explore the possibility of having a proper soccer pitch / playing field on the parkland
- key CA members: Ron Rose, Nick Masciantonio

A.2 Greater Lees Avenue apartment residents' participation/engagement in community + better integration of the east end of Lees Avenue into the community of Old Ottawa East

- joint project with CAG and SHCHC
- the various OOE community organizations (activities group, community association, community paper, etc.) have few members from the five large apartment towers on Lees Avenue despite the fact that about half the population of OOE lives in the towers.
- the proposed Transit Oriented Development at the Lees LRT station will result in many more people living in the area and enhancing the community environment for new and existing residents will improve their quality of living as well as strengthening the overall OOE community.
- As the TOD gets underway and uOttawa expands more on that location, there will be a tendency to view it as part of Sandy Hill so that OOE risks losing a key constituency that contributes to justifying better facilities and services.
- Lees Garden, that there are more people from the apartments participating in the Lees community garden so it has the potential to be part of the outreach to apartment residents.

- The issue of “inadequate community facilities” (below) and conversion of AVTC lands tie into this goal

- key CA members: Syed Zaffar, Ron Rose

B. Transportation

B.1 Main Street Renewal Planning

- The working group for Main Street renewal and Lees Avenue reconstruction meets periodically and community members (including Paul Goodkey, and Board members Don Fugler, Ron Rose, Stephen Pope and John Dance) are well-represented.

- In 2015, the challenge will be to ensure planning details get due consideration; traffic impacts during the construction are mitigated; schools and businesses’ operations and residents’ quality of life and do not suffer; and there is sound communication between the city/councillor’s office and the community/residents

- a further area of community pursuit is the ongoing care of certain aspects of the new Main Street, including nurturing the proposed parkette at Riverdale-Main, and the restoration and care of trees along Main Street.

- key community association (CA) members: Ron Rose, Stephen Pope, Paul Goodkey, Nick Masciantonio, Don Fugler, John Dance, Catherine Pacella)

B.2 Accelerate Canal Footbridge Construction

- The recently approved Transportation Master Plan calls for the construction of the proposed Clegg-Fifth canal footbridge sometime during the 2020-2025 period, i.e., at least five years from now. The community along with sister communities and many others throughout the city have been advocating the bridge for more than six years – we don’t want to wait another six or more for that this critical means of accessibility to be completed.

- During the 2014 election both Mayor Watson and Councillor Chernushenko spoke of the desirability of accelerating the construction. OOECA will work with the city to explore / support means of doing this including seeking additional funding sources. Councillor Chernushenko has spoken of the footbridge as being a possible sesquicentennial project.

- key CA members: Ron Rose, John Dance

B.3 Responding to Other Transportation Issues

- this ongoing work addresses continuing and emerging transportation issues that are key to wellbeing of the community. Specific issues include seeking improved bus service and the implementation of improved cycling facilities (including east-west connectivity between Pretoria Bridge and the Rideau River (old railway) footbridge).

C. Development

C.1 Community Participation with Oblates/Sisters Developments

- Participating in the planning for and ongoing monitoring of the Sisters / Oblate developments has the potential of making the developments more sustainable and complementary to the existing Old Ottawa East community

- Key CA members: Stephen Pope, Rebecca Aird, Paul Goodkey, Phyllis Odenbach Sutton, Ron Rose, John Dance, Ian McRae

C.2 Responding to Other Development and City Planning Proposals

- this ongoing, technical and difficult work is managed by Planning Chair Stephen Pope with the Planning Committee composed of members representing the distinct neighbourhoods of OOE

- key CA members: Stephen Pope, Paul Goodkey, Phyllis Odenbach Sutton

- planned milestones: ongoing.

C.3 New Community Centre / Hub for Old Ottawa East (CAG lead)

- Given the growing and cross-cutting importance of community recreation and meeting space, CAG has taken the lead for exploring options for planning a new community centre / hub. The inadequacy and poor accessibility of Old Town Hall (61 Main Street) coupled with the considerable development on the horizon mean that facilities supporting a community population of more than 10,000 are required.

-Various options, including collaborating with Saint Paul University, will be explored. CAG's Don Stephenson has the lead for the project and two OOECA board members are part of the working group.

- Community members have long felt that OOE has inadequate community facilities – particularly interior recreation and meeting space and the sense is that with the building on the institutional lands and the Lees TOD development the inadequacy will become much worse. Indeed, one suggestion is that the northeast quadrant of the AVTC lands could be an excellent location for a community centre. Other suggestions have been creating a community centre on the Oblate lands (e.g., within the Deschatelets building), in one of the underused schools on or near Main Street or expanding Old Town Hall. There is also the possibility of a partnership with Saint Paul University and others (Oblate developer, City, SHCHC) to bring athletic/community centre facilities to OOE in tandem with the Oblate land development.

C.4 Plan for the three new public parks on the Oblates lands

- Three new public parks will be created on the Oblates-regional lands: the 30m linear park + multi-use pathway along the river; the Grande Allée; the Deschatelets forecourt.

- These are very important for the new development, the OOE community and the city as a whole.

- We'll need lots of creative thinking to come up with ideas and to work with the city and regional to make these parks a reality.

D. Other

D.1 More parties and celebrations

- There's much to celebrate but we spend little time doing so ...

D.2 Branding, community name and logo

- It may be time to improve our branding, including the community logo and name. If we come up with reasonable options they'd have to be presented to the AGM or to a separate "general meeting." OOECA would work with CAG on this goal, given that CAG is undertaking a similar exercise.

D.3 Influencing RRWP/Nature Trail Design/Construction

- SLOE has worked very hard on the Rideau River Nature Trail over the last seven years and wants to ensure that the work and its intentions are not jeopardized by the city's plan to build a multi-use pathway (the Rideau River Western Pathway) parallel to the OOE shoreline of the Rideau River. Also, nearby residents want to ensure the pathway and its construction have minimal impact on them.

- Key CA member: Ian McRae.

D.4 Mitigate Adverse Impacts of Lansdowne Park / Maximize Benefits

- Ron Rose's ongoing role with the city's Lansdowne Transportation Management and Operations Committee is key but the association also should be involved in such activities as setting restrictions on sound levels and hours for concerts / festivals at Lansdowne.

D.5 Sesquicentennial Projects/Events

- Working with sister organizations like CAG, OOECA would select and plan projects and events to celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary. One specific activity that has been suggested is a "reading club" meeting monthly leading up to July 1st to discuss Canada's 22 prime ministers (who knows, by then there could even be a new one). Councillor Chernushenko has suggested that the Clegg-Fifth

footbridge could be a good centennial project if provincial and federal funding were to supplement the city's investment.

D.6 Rideau River Flooding – Emergency Preparedness

- This work, already started by several devoted Brantwood Park area residents, would set the framework to assist residents in their working with the city, the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority and others to mitigate impacts of flooding of the Rideau River, something that is a growing danger given climate change and the extent of the river's flood plain in Old Ottawa East.

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