



## Meeting of the Old Ottawa East Community Association Board

Tuesday, 14 March 2017, 7p.m.

Old Town Hall, 61 Main Street

### Minutes

#### Attendees

##### Board Members

Bill Baldwin  
John Dance  
Don Fugler  
Paul Goodkey  
Bob Parkins  
Mark Seebaren  
Phyllis Odenbach Sutton  
Katherine Simonds

##### Others Present

Jamie Brougham  
Mackenzie Buchanan  
Amanda Cliff  
James Fiorlomi  
Ian Grabina  
Denise Inglis  
Don Stephenson  
Scott McAnsh  
Ian McRae  
Wendy McRae  
Andrwe Power  
Ron Rose  
Jim Strang  
Bonnie Wepler

1. Call to Order - 7pm Phyllis Odenbach Sutton
2. Approval of Agenda
  - Moved: John Dance; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Don Fugler; Carried.
3. Approval of February 2017 Minutes
  - Moved: Mark Seebaren; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Paul Goodkey; Carried.
4. Councillor's Report – David Chernushenko
  - OOE Community Centre – internal discussions are ongoing with a view to eventually move towards formal negotiations at City Council in about 6-8 weeks
  - 30 m corridor – many believe it should be under the City's umbrella. RCVA has officially declined the land for the same reason the City is hesitant – largely the potential remediation costs.
  - The Councillor's goal is to have it designated as park land
  - June 10-11 is the planned closure between Clegg and Riverdale.
  - Weekend of June 24<sup>th</sup> may be the Main St. re-opening event. Details still being finalized.
5. Chair's Report – Phyllis Odenbach Sutton
  - Report distributed by email. See Appendix 1.
  - Items not included in Appendix – letter from Margaret Van Erve (SLOE volunteer) – will be caring for perennial garden at Riverdale and Main. OECA has provided a letter of support for the project.

- Erin O'Connor was unable to attend the meeting but provided the following updates through Phyllis: a spruce tree that was initially meant to be protected throughout construction is going to be cut down at 140 Springhurst due to remediation work. A new tree will be planted in its place.
- Residents living in an R4 zone are invited to respond to an R4 review.
- Coachhouse amendments are underway. Can be found online. Only one application received to date.
- St. Paul's may be co-hosting PM book club Sesquicentennial event, subject to approval by their Board.

#### 6. Treasurer's Report - Don Fugler

- No report.

#### 7. Committee Reports

- Planning
  - No report.
- SLOE – John Dance
  - Some members of SLOE will be meeting with Regional representatives for a review of how successful Regional has been in implementing the “Deep Green” initiative.
  - SLOE's Sesqui-tree Canada 150 project will see the potting of tree seedlings and offer for sale potentially at the Main Farmers market and elsewhere– and offer advice on how to grow, what variety to plant etc.
  - John moved the following motion: *That the Board provide \$200 towards the Sesqui-tree Project for the purpose of purchasing 100 trees as part of a SLOE Sesquicentennial Project.* 2<sup>nd</sup>: Paul Goodkey; Carried.
  - Motion subsequently amended by John to seek \$300 to purchase 150 trees. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mark Seebaran; Carried.
- Transportation – Ed Janes
  - No report.
  - Jim Strang raised the issue of noise pollution on the 417 Highway, particularly for residents north of the Queensway. Suggested installing “no engine breaking” signs to reduce disturbances. A letter will be written to the Councillor.
- Federation of Citizens' Associations – Bob Parkins
  - Meeting recently held – a summary of the existing Transportation Master Plan was provided. Ottawa now has 500,000 cars on the road. Possible adjustments to the TMP – 36 sections proposed down from 90 in the current plan. Could be examined by City Council in the future.
- City Centre Coalition - Kate Martin
  - No report
- Communications - Catherine Pacella
  - No report
- Community Safety – Mark Seebaran
  - Report distributed by email. See Appendix 2.
  - Ottawa City site has updated crimes by neighbourhood with data from Ottawa City Police. Residents south of Clegg included in Old Ottawa South according to data. Most recent statistics are from 2011-2015.
- Membership – Suzanne Johnston
  - No report

#### 8. Community Activities Group – Don Stephenson

- Ontario Childcare Act changes requiring the presence of certain number of qualified caretakers has resulted in the removal of activities for 3 year olds from CAG programming – issue will be discussed during CAG's April meeting to determine whether CAG can meet provincial requirements and continue providing such programming.

9. New Business

- Ron Rose - February minutes should be corrected to indicate that the returning of \$100,000 is for a community centre and not the Grand Allee.
- Phyllis – inquired about interest in having St. Paul's make a presentation at an upcoming board meeting regarding their future plans and objectives. The notion was well-received. St. Paul's has been made aware of upcoming OECA Meeting dates and will reply with their availability.

10. Motion to Adjourn: Moved;; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Carried.

- Date of Next Meeting: 11 April 2017

## Chair's report March 14, 2017

### Main Street

- I am happy to report that concerns re limited street lighting south of Clegg have now been resolved; my understanding is that the bus stops just south of Clegg on Main are now well lit and it is much brighter on the sidewalks
- thanks to the concerned residents who raised the issue as well as the City for responding so quickly

### PM Sesquicentennial project

- I am pleased to report that we now have 9 confirmed speakers; see our OOECA web-site for our tentative schedule and other information <https://ottawaeast.ca/pm150> (thanks Catherine)
- our format will be a 1 hour presentation followed by Q&A / discussion session of 1 hour; our moderator will be Bob Parkins
- our locale will initially be the Old Town Hall
- we have been focusing our publicity thus far on our community and have used the e-update to promote our March 28 first speaker on Sir Wilfrid Laurier; John is following up with our neighbours in the Glebe and Old Ottawa South as well as media outlets
- He has also drafted an article on our proposed series for the next Mainstreeter (MS)
- if we could get agreement from the MS, we think it would also be a good idea to have an article on each of the presentations - volunteers to write the articles would be greatly appreciated
- John and I met with Saint Paul University (SPU) on Friday, March 10 and raised the possibility of SPU co-hosting this series and allowing us to use their campus facilities; we received very positive feedback and Rector Beauvais will be seeking SPU Board approval
- we are also exploring the idea of trying to tape the proceedings
- ***we hope to see as many Board members and members of the community as possible register and attend these evenings*** - please register by sending an e-mail to [info@ottawaeast.ca](mailto:info@ottawaeast.ca)

### SPU presentation at upcoming OOECA Board meeting

- we are exploring possible dates with SPU for a presentation by Rector Chantal Beauvais to our CA on their strategic plan
- there are many exciting plans that are in the works for SPU, including extensive renovations for their new school of social innovation, as well as landscaping on the north side of the university and the enhancement of the student and community space (which will include a new area for Cafe Urban that includes an accessible heated courtyard)

### Circumnavigation of Rideau Island sesquicentennial project

- our Councillor has offered to make a contribution of \$100 to help in defraying the costs of our post-paddle celebration
- John is still looking for some additional help to ensure this event is a big success

### **"Sesqui-Tree" Project - Proposed SLOE OOECA effort**

- the objective of this initiative is to encourage tree planting in Old Ottawa East by providing tree seedlings and planting / care advice to residents at a nominal cost - this item will be discussed at our March Board meeting

### **Regional's Greystone Village**

- the zoning amendment for the North Village (D02-02-16-0057) was approved by the City's Planning Committee on February 28. It will go to Council for approval on March 8, 2017
- the primary concern of the OOECA was the potential for future encroachment into the 10 metre corridor which accommodates the multi-use pathway (MUP) on the eastern edge of the property
- following a discussion at the last Board meeting, the CA indicated to the City and Regional, we would not oppose the zoning amendment (which includes a limited encroachment on this corridor by 2 units) if we received an assurance that future changes could not be made with respect to incursions in this 10 metre corridor.
- a representative from Regional subsequently provided us with the following assurance:

"Regional has agreed and will be conditioned by the City to place a legal restrictive covenant over the full length of the area which makes up the 10m buffer along the 30m river corridor. This will occur when the subdivision is registered and before permits are issued and will be placed on units 48 & 49 land titles for in perpetuity. This covenant will prevent anyone from building a shed, place any fencing or building a new home in this area regardless of what the setbacks are. The fencing proposed around unit 49 side yard respects this boundary as it wraps around."

- while the OOECA did not raise any issues with respect to the zoning amendment at the February 28 Planning Committee meeting, John Dance was allowed to make a presentation on the desirability of the creation of a New Rideau River Park on the eastern 30m corridor along the River zoned Open Space of Regional's development.
- note the recent news, the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority has recently declined to accept this land, while the City continues to resist taking ownership
- watch for John's article in the next Mainstreeter on this issue
- Construction progress: Regional is moving ahead with soil remediation of Phase 2 & 3 starting April 1. This includes the lands adjacent to residents of Springhurst Ave. This work is estimated to take 3 months, at which time Regional anticipates starting the construction of the sewers and future roads in Phase 2 including the expansion of Oblats Avenue. In preparation for this work, Regional has applied for a tree removal permit and anticipate the removal of select trees starting in two weeks. Tree protection fencing will be installed to protect trees that are to be preserved.

- Demolition of the Lacombe building and garage (attached to the north side of the Deschâtelets) is targeted to begin April 1 as well. Careful attention will be made to ensure there is no impact on the heritage portion of the Deschâtelets building

### **Greenfield Ave**

- we have received concerns from north of the Queensway residents about engine braking on large diesel trucks (Jacobs Brakes or Jake Brakes) as they rapidly decelerate while on the Nicholas access route behind Kings Landing, to and from the city core. (The use of Jacobs Braking system causes a very loud rapid machine gun like noise which can be clearly heard by homeowners in this northern sector of OOE.)

- the issue of sound barriers (or a lack thereof) also remains a concern

- there is also an ongoing issue with stormwater surface drainage; residents feel they are not getting cooperation from the Province and only very slow and incomplete feedback from the City

### **OOECA Planning Committee**

- the February planning committee discussion considered the recent coach house bylaw proposed revisions, the status of a number of developments north of the Queensway (47 Havelock, 41 Concord St North, 99 Greenfield), and the Regional zoning amendment for the North Village (discussed above)

- the committee intends to note its concern with the proposed change to the recently approved by-law regulations to allow more height (with the potential for a second storey) for coach houses

- we also discussed the proposed patio right of way rules which were approved at the City Transportation Committee meeting on March 1

### **Community electronic information**

- the idea of having a better sharing / coherence of the community's various electronic faces (I.e., the Mainstreeter site and its Facebook page; CAG's weekly e-updates, Facebook page and web-site; and the OOECA web-site) has come up in the discussion of the difficulty of community members to readily get a clear picture of what's new

- it will probably be difficult to get a discussion going right now as the Mainstreeter is in the midst of searching for a new editor, but I think the idea has a lot of merit

- if anyone is interested in getting involved in a discussion on this topic later this year, please let me know

## **Appendix 2 – Community Safety Report**

### **Mark Seebaran**

Improved local crime statistics are now available on the Ottawa Neighbourhood Study site. Data are accessible by maps:

[http://neighbourhoodstudy.ca/maps-2/#~%20Crime|Total%20Criminal%20Code%20Offences|#%20Total%20Criminal%20Code%20of%20Canada%20Offences%20\(Excl.%20Traffic\)|](http://neighbourhoodstudy.ca/maps-2/#~%20Crime|Total%20Criminal%20Code%20Offences|#%20Total%20Criminal%20Code%20of%20Canada%20Offences%20(Excl.%20Traffic)|)

and by spreadsheets of crimes reported:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-lbSvHoM4WtVC1QeHh3d3dIS1k/view>

Apparently, these are incidents that the police have determined to be well-founded. I interpret that to mean that calls which do not result in a criminal investigation are not reported. Conversely, these numbers would not reflect proven crimes, or even charges necessarily, but simply calls where police found enough credible evidence to investigate further.

Thanks to Jan-François Grabowiecki and Thierry Harris of the Federation of Citizen's Associations (FCA) for spearheading this initiative. Jan prepared the attached presentation last year. It highlights the FCA's quest to get the police to release this data, and how to use the site (see last slide).

Mark Seebaran