



**Joint Annual General Meeting
Old Ottawa East Community Association (OOECA) and
Community Activities Group (CAG)
Tuesday, November 13, 2018
Church of the Ascension, 253 Echo Drive**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order – 7:15 pm

- Welcome by Co-Chairs Phyllis Odenbach Sutton and Don Stephenson
- Welcome by Rev. Rhonda Waters
- Community “thank yous” to John Dance and Ron Rose
- Greetings from Councillor David Chernushenko
- Motion to formally thank, on behalf of the community, Councillor Chernushenko and staff:
Moved: Jan D’Arcy; Second: Camrose Burdon; Carried.

2. Approval of Agenda

- Motion to approve the proposed agenda: Moved: Kim Farrow; Second: Tom Scott; Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes, 2017 OOECA/CAG Annual General Meeting

- Motion to approve the minutes of the 2017 OOECA/CAG AGM: Moved: Ian Grabina;
Second: Jamie Girard; Carried.

4. CAG President’s and Treasurer’s Reports – Don Stephenson

- Don Stephenson provided a presentation on the past year’s activities of CAG. Report and financial statements form Appendix A to these minutes and can also be found on the CAG website.
- Motion to concur in CAG Financial Report: Moved: Peter Tobin; Second: Melanie Gilbert; Carried.

6. OOECA President’s and Treasurer’s Report – Phyllis Odenbach Sutton

- Phyllis Odenbach Sutton provided an overview of past activities of the Old Ottawa East Community Association. President’s and Treasurer’s Reports form Appendix B to these minutes and are also available on the website of the Old Ottawa East Community Association.

- Motion to concur in Treasurer's Report: Moved: Jocelyne Caloz; Second: Heather Jarrett; Carried.

10. Mainstreeter Co-Chairs' Report – Bonnie Wepler and Scott McAnsh

- The Old Ottawa East Mainstreeter community newspaper is a volunteer-run, not-for-profit organization, overseen by a volunteer board of directors from the Old Ottawa East neighbourhood. The paper provides a platform for independent community voices.
- Lorne Abugov has been the editor of four issues this year, and is currently working on a fifth. Three inter-related principles guide Lorne's approach: engagement, relevance and accessibility.
- The paper is always looking for new story ideas and photos from the community.
- Thanks to everyone involved in publishing the paper. The paper continues to need volunteers and residents of Old Ottawa East are encouraged get involved.

11. Introduction of Incoming Councillor

- Phyllis Odenbach Sutton introduced Shawn Menard as the recently-elected city councillor for Capital Ward.

12. Open Forum

- Jamie Girard moderated the question and answer forum.
- *Request for an update with respect to affordable housing at the Greystone Development.* No update available at this time and the Regional representative was unable to attend meeting due to a conflict. This item will be followed up on at the next board meeting.
- *Suggestion that CAG and OOECA need to be at the table to discussions with the City and Regional regarding a community centre at the site.* CAG continues to pursue discussions with the City in this regard. Once the financial model is determined (by the City and Regional), discussions with the community will resume.
- *Query regarding bicycle safety on Springhurst between Main and Rosemere.* Rules are not being enforced due to constrained police/by-law resources. Best option is to call 311 to document the problem.
- *Reminder that there is an ongoing parking problem on Rosemere Avenue due to worker vehicles.*
- *Query regarding Airbnbs and the parking challenges they are creating.* OOECA will continue to insist that our councillor lobby for better regulations on Airbnb.
- *Suggestion that communities need to band together to lobby for better planning legislation to eliminate ambiguity (e.g., "minor variance" is undefined).* Joel Harden could not attend this meeting but the board intends to raise this issue with him at a future board meeting.
- *Request for update on the Alta Vista Transit Corridor.* Although there's no project for it in the master plan (or funding), it continues to be a threat to Springhurst Park. However, the environmental assessment will expire in the next year; whether the City decides to fund its renewal will be very telling.

- *Request for info about commercial development on Main Street. Corners on Main is in negotiations but nothing has been finalized yet. They did request input from the OOECA and will try to follow our recommendations. Regional wants to put a small grocer in Blocks 2A or 2B at Greystone but this is many years out.*
- *Suggestion that we need to hold Regional to affordable housing commitments given that affordability is becoming a significant issue in our city. The OOECA also needs to be open to intensification if we want to remain a diverse and vibrant community.*
- *Suggestion that the OOECA should be advocating for affordable housing along the LRT.*

11. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn at 9:05 PM. Moved: Richard Cundall; Second: Stephen Pope; Carried.

APPENDIX A – COMMUNITY ACTIVITES GROUP PRESIDENT’S REPORT AND FINANCIAL REPORT

APPENDIX B – OLD OTTAWA EAST COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CHAIR’S REPORT