

## **Planning Committee – Ron Rose**

The Planning Committee has acquired two new members. Paul Bannerjee, who lives on Hawthorne Avenue and volunteered during the AGM; as well as Oliver Basset, who lives on Glenora.

Individual members have maintained watching briefs for ongoing issues; such as the various planning discussions surrounding the evolution of the Deschaelet building, possible developments at the old Royal Canadian legion building at 99 Greenfield, and proposed parking changes at the rear of the condo building at 140 Springhurst. As John Dance has reported, Developments at Lansdowne, while not within the Planning Committee's responsibilities, have, as John Dance reported, consumed a considerable amount of our time. The committee will be meeting on December 15th to review recent developments in the evolution of Ottawa's new Official Plan. One aspect of the OP that has concerned members of the community is the fact that the City has split our community at the 417 highway, with the area north of the highway included in a "Downtown Transect" while the area south of the highway are included within the "Inner Urban Transect. (Transects are specific areas within the City of Ottawa which will be used for planning purposes under the new OP). Consequently, it is possible that our community will be subject to two separate types of zoning. A second development arising from the proposed OP is that the City has unilaterally changed the Old Ottawa East Secondary Plan, the plan that consumed so many community resources only 10-15 years ago.