

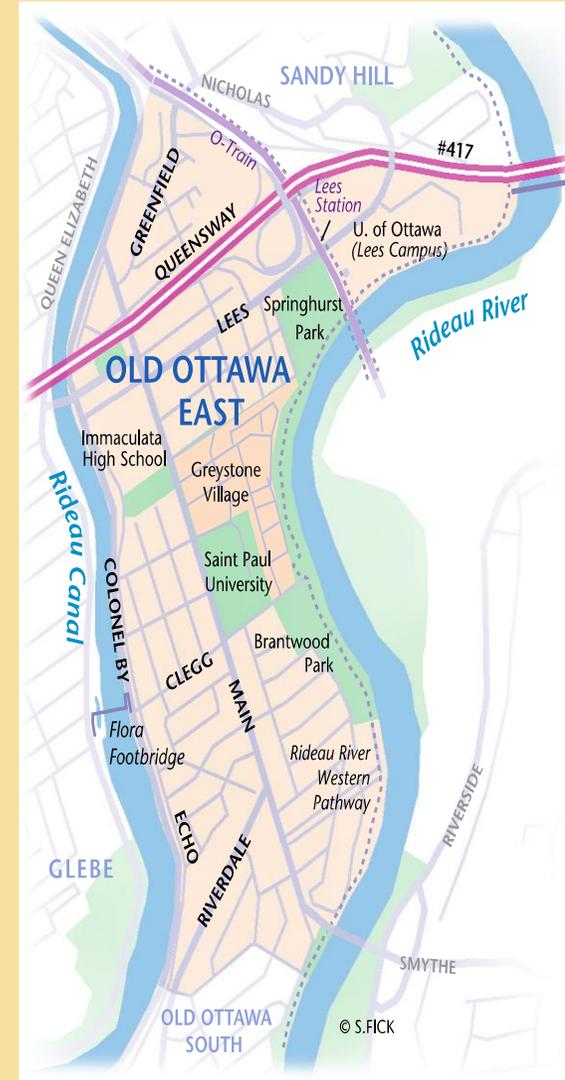
# Old Ottawa East Community Association

Chair's Report 2020  
Annual General Meeting  
November 10, 2020

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# Overview

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# Current OOECA Board Members

- A/President: Bob Gordon
- VP: vacant
- Communications: vacant
- Past-president: Phyllis Odenbach Sutton
- Treasurer: Don Fugler
- Secretary: Catherine Pacella
- Transportation: Tom Scott
- A/Planning: Ron Rose
- Lees apartments: vacant
- FCA: Ron Rose
- Membership: Suzanne Johnston
- TCOM/Greystone: Peter Tobin
- SLOE: Jayson MacLean
- Parks & green space: Alexandra Gruca-Macaulay
- At large: John Dance, Richard Cundall (Lansdowne), Brendan O'Kelly, Courtenay Beauregard (Health & safety), Jaime Girard

# Transportation – 2020 Highlights

## Street Safety

- Main Street Safety Audit follow-up; buses into Greystone Village
- Traffic calming measures & 30 km gateway speed limit in west-side of Main neighbourhoods
- 40 km speed limit on Greenfield; pedestrian crosswalk an ongoing concern

## Capital Projects

- Ministry of Transportation Ontario (MTO) Nicholas interchange with 417; noise and vibration
- City of Ottawa Greenfield/Main/Hawthorne Public Advisory Committee; burying hydro lines
- MTO's upcoming 417 downtown bridges projects (Main to Bank)

## Transportation Master Plan Update

- Focus on active transportation: cycling, pedestrians, for fifteen-minute walkable neighbourhoods
- Stated OOECA position on removal of AVTC from TMP and preservation of Lees Avenue greenspace

# Planning

- OOE Planning Committee impacted by COVID as several members stepped down due to challenges of at-home working/ schooling
- We now have 5 members, with some neighbourhoods lacking representation
- It was a different year than most due to focus on resolving LPAT appeals on Building 2B
  - After approach by Regional for a negotiated settlement, & with assistance of our lawyer, we reached an agreement with Regional & were thus able to avoid a full LPAT hearing
- Proposed demolition of chapel wing of Deschâtelets building also an important issue
  - Comments to city Heritage & Planning Committees prepared/ presented
- The Committee also:
  - Reviewed/ commented on a number of City-wide planning documents relating to: Infill II, R4 zoning review, the new Official Plan for Ottawa, Ward Boundary Review and expanding the urban boundary, as well as three minor variance applications to the Committee of Adjustment
- Immaculata field
  - MPAC ruling that sports field will be subject to property tax
- If you have an interest in participating or have concerns, contact us at [ottawaeastplanning@ottawaeast.ca](mailto:ottawaeastplanning@ottawaeast.ca)

# LPAT Appeals: some perspective

What did we achieve?

- A reduction in height of Building 2B to 8 storeys (from 9)
- Certainty in terms of specific height restrictions in area surrounding the Deschâtelets building &
- Preservation of viewscape of Deschâtelets from Main Street

What did we learn & why is this important?

- It made us understand the importance of clarity in secondary plans & the need for vigilance to urban development matters
- We know now that we can raise funds for a just cause &
- The case signaled that a strong community can work together & speak forcefully about issues we care deeply about

# Update on The Corners on Main & Greystone Village

## The Corners on Main

- Two Boards now in place for phases 1 & 2 - working collaboratively
  - Joint Use Management Agreement will oversee, among other issues, screening of gas pipes on Springhurst
  - Pumpkin Fiesta in courtyard at Halloween yielded 24 creative pumpkins
- Phase 2 commercial / retail businesses now open except for 2 units

## Sisters' property

- Domicile completed acquisition of convent lands on July 30 but for sale

## Greystone Village Retirement Residence

- Planned arrival of first residents in April halted by COVID
- Plans to open 120 alternate level of care beds being developed

## Deschâtelets Building

- Conseil des écoles catholiques du Centre-Est (CECCE) has commenced remediation
- Demolition of chapel wing could start by year end

# Greystone Village

Milieu Apartments (Building 2A) - First occupancy July/August 2021

Ballantyne Apartments (Building 2B) - First occupancy early 2022

River Terrace 1 (Building 1A) – First board elected this summer

River Terrace 2 (Building 1B)

- Construction ongoing - first occupancy June 2021

The Spencer (Building 1C) – site of current OC Transpo loop

- Virtual sales launch in October
- Site preparation to start in December with excavation to begin in early 2021

OC Transpo service

- Buses to start exiting Greystone Village via des Oblats December 20

# Environment / Sustainable Living Ottawa East (SLOE)

## Advocacy

- through participation in CAFES (Community Associations for Environmental Sustainability), an Ottawa-wide group

## Gardens/Trees/Parks

- Perennial Garden (Main and Riverdale): only expense this year was for watering; thank you to Margaret Vant Erve & volunteers
- Nature Trail: ongoing maintenance / battle against invasive plants (Please help Vicki's weed brigade & Ian's invasive tree removers)
- Brantwood Guided Tree Walk for the Main Event in August
- Tree-planting event in September to honour Vicki and Barry Davis

# Environment / Sustainable Living Ottawa East (SLOE)

## Community Gardens

- Lees Avenue and Saint Paul community gardens
- Children's Garden

## Bird-Friendly OOE

- A small group in place; still welcoming others interested in bird-related projects
- COVID-19 halted some interesting new initiatives

# Parks & Green Space

## Brantwood Park

- Tennis court cracks re-appeared in the spring
- Courts due for replacement in 2022

## Springhurst Park

- Youth playground, beach volleyball court, ping-pong table, fitness stations and basketball court bench expected to go to tender Jan. 2021 for spring installation
- Continued advocacy for enlarging park boundaries into AVTC greenspace

## Spring & Fall Clean Up the Capital

- Spring clean-up cancelled due to Covid-19, fall clean-ups took place

# Financial Report

## October 21, 2019 – October 15, 2020

### **Carryover**

(From October 20, 2019)

**\$22,129\***

### **Revenues**

- Memberships sold \$2,958
- Miscellaneous 35

*Total revenues* \$2,993

- Does not include donations for LPAT appeal

### **Expenses**

- Main Street Plaque \$1,311
  - Rentals/supplies 452
  - Support to other orgs 170
  - Photocopying/printing/  
supplies 113
  - Riverdale perennial garden 102
- Total expenses* \$2,148

### **Balance**

**\$22,915**

# Upcoming Financial Expenditures

## LPAT Appeals

- Special General Meeting on August 27, 2019 approval of up to \$5000 of CA funds for appeals expenses
- Donations of just over \$10,890 received to date
- Legal bill of approximately \$17,000 received on October 13, 2020

## Welcome Brochure printing costs

- Community association commitment of up to \$1000

## Online capability/ Web-site redesign / rebranding

- Need to upgrade capacity for online meetings / presentations
- Desire to update our platform & logo; to the extent that costs exceed \$1000, additional funds will need to be sought at a SGM (original plan was to begin this update over the last year but that was not possible)

## *Proposed Actions:*

- *Motion: That members of the OOECA agree to commit an additional amount of up to \$1,100 for legal bill*
- *Motion: That members of the OOECA confirm an increase in the annual dues to \$5 / household*

# The year 2019/20 in brief

- COVID-19
  - Impacts on residents/ businesses/ schools/ where & how we work/ how we socialize/ do fitness/ maintain mental health & physical well-being
- LPAT appeals resolution
- More new neighbours at Greystone Village
- New retail / commercial at TCOM
- Plaque erected by OOE CA to honour key people involved in Main Street redesign & build
- Another Main Farmers Market successful season
- Main Event transformed to mainly on-line event with SLOE tree guide / BBQ cancelled due to COVID
- Springhurst Park youth playground replacement/ beach volleyball court/ ping-pong table, more fitness stations, bench for basketball players all delayed

# Next Year

- Community centre / gym progress (hopefully)
- Opening of Au Coeur d'Ottawa school at new location in Deschâtelets building
- Phase 3 approvals for Greystone Village
- Reconstruction of Greenfield/ Main (north of Harvey)/ Hawthorne Avenue to begin
- Playground equipment replacement at Springhurst Park
- Cash-in lieu of parkland investments in OOE: beach volleyball court/fitness equipment/ping pong table/ bench by basketball court

# Proposed OOECA Board / Vacancies

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- Parks & green space: Brendan O'Kelly \*
- Lansdowne: John Dance \*
- Health & safety: Courtenay Beauregard
- At large: Jaime Girard
- Vacant positions:
  - VP
  - Communications
  - Planning
  - Lees apartments rep

\* Nominees requiring confirmation at AGM