



**Annual General Meeting of the
Old Ottawa East Community Association and Community Activities Group**

Tuesday, November 12, 2013

Saint Paul University, Ottawa

1. Call to Order @ 7:20 pm

- John Dance, President, Old Ottawa East Community Association (OOECA) and Nick Masciantonio, Chair, Community Activities Group (CAG), opened the meeting and welcomed participants.
- Councillor David Chernushenko and MP Paul Dewar each provided greetings and highlighted developments over the past year and ongoing issues, including the pedestrian bridge, Main St. renewal, and infill projects.

2. Approval of Agenda

- Moved Jaime Girard; 2nd Vicki Davis. Carried

3. Approval of Minutes, 2012 OOECA/CAG Annual General Meeting

- Moved Don Fugler; 2nd Ron Rose. Carried

4. CAG President's and Treasurer's Reports

- See Annex 1

5. Elections – CAG Executive

- The following slate for the CAG executive was proposed:

Officers:

Nick Masciantonio, Chair
Bonnie Wepler, Treasurer
Cynthia Mayville, Secretary

Directors:

Claire Farid, Past-Chair
Melanie Gilbert, Events Director
Kevin Farrell, Communications Director
Natalie Fletcher, Director
Don Stephenson, Director

- Motion to approve the slate: Moved Julia Sneyd; 2nd Ron Rose. Carried

6. Mainstreeter Update – Joe Paraskevas

- The recently-appointed new editor of the *Mainstreeter* provided an overview of his vision for the paper.

7. OOECA President's Report

- See Annex 2

8. OOECA Treasurer's Report

- See Annex 3
- Adoption of Treasurer's Report: Moved Carol Workun; 2nd Stephen Pope. Carried.

9. Elections – OOECA Board

- The following slate for the OOECA Board of Directors 2014-2016 was proposed:
President: John Dance
Vice-President: Jaime Girard
Secretary: Caroline Hyslop*
Treasurer: Don Fugler
Past President: Nick Masciantonio
Communications: Catherine Pacella
Transportation: Ron Rose
Planning Committee Chair: Stephen Pope
SLOE Rep: To be determined*
Membership Chair: Suzanne Johnston*
Lees Ave Rep: Bill Baldwin
Federation of Community Associations: Jim Strang
City Centre Coalition: Devin O'Grady
Member at large: Christine Loth-Bown*
Member at large: Jill Wherrett
Member at large: Phyllis Odenbach-Sutton*
**new member*
- Motion to adopt slate: Moved Jan D'Arcy; 2nd Maureen Ward. Carried

10. Study on "Deep Green" Development of the Oblate Lands – Rebecca Aird

- Rebecca Aird reported on activities undertaken by Sustainable Living Ottawa East (e.g., Children's Garden, community gardens, Rideau River Nature Trail) and provided an overview of the research being done with Carleton University on the potential for "deep green" development of the Oblate lands in Old Ottawa East.

11. Open Forum

- The work of past *Mainstreeter* editors was recognized
- Questions were raised about the impact of Oblate lands development, including effects on traffic on neighbouring streets (e.g. access from Clegg)
- The development of the Rideau River Western pathway was also briefly discussed

12. Adjournment @ 9:22 pm

Moved: Stephen Pope, 2nd: Vicki Davis. Carried

2013 Chair's Report: Community Activities Group

Successful Year of Programming:

- 746 people registered for one or more programs last year in 1675 program spots
- CAG runs 30-35 programs each session (Fall, Winter, Spring); about 15 in the summer
- CAG programs are at Old Town Hall Community Centre, Brantwood Park field house, Brantwood Park, Lady Evelyn School, Immaculata High School, Brantwood rink
- After School at Brantwood continues to grow
- Increased participation from French board; hope to build on the bilingual nature of the program as we move into the new school year in 2014
- Bilingual preschool program at field house selling out each session
- CAG nimble enough to provide strike day programming last year
- Summer camps continue to thrive; in response to community interest and CAG strategic priorities, will be looking to add kayak/canoe based camp in 2014
- Partnered with SHCHC to offer two successful New Canadian Learn to Skate lessons
Success not possible without the support and professionalism of Board and Staff

Goals for the Year Ahead:

- In April, the Board undertook a planning session and set goals for the next year
- CAG has identified:
 - Develop more activities and interaction with Rideau River, including natural linkages provided by the Rideau River Nature Trail.
 - Develop more activities in Springhurst Park and complementary activities with Brantwood Park and fieldhouse
 - Encourage increased participation by residents of Lees Ave apartment buildings
 - Offer more to our new Canadian population
 - increase teen involvement in activities/opportunities for community engagement
- CAG reaffirms its commitment to provide programming that is accessible to all and that cost should not be a barrier to participation.

Special Events:

- CAG reinvests in the community by providing these events free of charge, including: Winter Party, Valentine Skate, Movie Nights, weekly BBQ and Picnics, Main Event
- The first movie night in Brantwood early September was a great success
- 2014 will be the 10th Annual Main Event

Survey:

- CAG is conducting a survey to get community feedback on community priorities for recreation going forward
- More recreation space will be required as the community grows – Led by past-pres. Claire Farid, as our representative to the SLOE Oblates Lands Green Plan studies with Carleton University. We hope to demonstrate the need for current and future programmable community spaces as evidence to the City and other funding bodies

Strengthening our organization

- Considerable effort made to strengthen CAG's financial position to ensure a strong sustainable future:
 - Transition to QuickBooks is complete
 - Will look at a review engagement similar to an audit on 2012-2013 Fiscal Year
 - Establishment of a contingency fund
 - Increased website activity and utility, FB, eUpdates

CAG Financial Report: Highlights

- Report is for year ending 31 August 2013
- Revenues and expenses are similar to last year
- Financial statements posted to the CAG website
- Operating Revenues: \$117,490
- Operating Expenses: \$115,828
- Operating Surplus: \$1662 or approx. 1.5%
- Overall surplus for the year of \$1662 compared to loss of \$2551 last year
- Proposed Contingency Fund of \$18,900 will be established from current net position at year end (of \$31,606)
- QuickBooks in use for all financial reporting, payroll and tracking
- Board decision taken to carry out a Review Engagement for this year end.

OOECA President's Report

The OOECA president introduced the OOECA board and made a presentation highlighting major issues for past and coming year. A summary is provided below.

Transportation (Ron Rose)

- Improving bus service
- Improving / defending neighbourhoods (Hawthorne speed bumps; closure of 417 eastbound ramp; Closure of pathways near 417)
- Renewing Main Street
- Pursuing “active transportation infrastructure”
- Improving city's Transportation Master Plan
- Fighting Alta Vista Transportation Corridor (AVTC) roadway

Main Street Renewal

- City Council approved “complete street” design in July. Detailed design underway
 - Also McIlraith Bridge rebuild: with bike lanes & connectivity
 - Construction in 2015 and 2016
 - Community involvement required for: working group; public art choice; care of new “parkette” at Riverdale-Main; Greening of corridor
- Vibrant but quieter and fewer vibrations; less and slower traffic; safe walking and cycling; an environment for successful businesses

Canal Footbridge

- Council approved design funding but was the only part of budget opposed by some councillors
- Preliminary design wins awards
- Environmental assessment approved by province
- Geotechnical and design work underway
- Included in TMP → but not until 2020-2025

Rideau River Western Pathway (Nature Trail)

- Functional design work underway
- “Multi-use pathway:” Belmont Ave to Sandy Hill

OOECA position

- Divert fast bikes to roadway at delicate sections
- Create soft surface
- Ensure wide and naturalized buffer between river and path
- Eliminate barriers (e.g., Brantwood Park)

Transportation Master Plan (2014 – 2031)

- Emphasis on transit, cycling and pedestrians
- Proposed expansions of the LRT/BRT and O-train network
- Support for complete streets
- Emphasis on building what is affordable.
- AVTC (except Phase 1) removed from “affordable road network”

TMP: OOECA Recommendations - Short Term

- Cancel the Hospital Link (Phase 1 of AVTC) → use the \$70 million for TMP priorities
- Delay the Prince of Wales bridge project → accelerate the canal footbridge
- Build Rideau River Western Pathway respecting “nature trail”

- Continue the Lees bike lanes to Main Street

TMP: OOECA Recommendations - Medium Term

- Build bike lanes on Smyth between McIlraith Bridge and Alta Vista
- Ensure cyclist safety on the Bank Street bridges.
- Create a “cross-town bikeway” going through the Glebe / OOE
- Add footbridge over the Rideau River at the eastern end of Clegg Street to the long term cycling network
- Make canal pathways and parkways safer for pedestrians and cyclists

Planning (Stephen Pope)

- Domicile proposal for Sisters Property: celebration of the first building responding to the CDP
- Ensure Main Street renewal supports CDP
- Fight for “undergrounding” of hydro wires on central Main
- Specific “minor variance” proposals challenged and improved
- Extensive participation on city’s “Infill Design”
- Respond to “Transit-oriented development” for Lees LRT station
→Need more planning committee members

Sale of Institutional Lands

- Context: CDP/Secondary Plan: zoning & 1,400+ units on Oblate’s, Sister’s and USP properties;
- Sisters property: Domicile bought Main Street half;
→ proposal presented to community: consistent with CDP
→ city reviewing
- Oblates lands: offers under review: 2 competing consortia;
- SLOE conducting sustainability research w/ Carleton U.

City’s Infill Bylaw

- Focus on defining “neighbourhood character” so it can be protected by zoning
- Phase 1: Streetscape: front yard setbacks, parking patterns, location of front door
 - Direction from OMB has permitted an extensive re-write of initial bylaw
 - CA & Builder’s focus group has commented on “work in progress”
 - Due to Council 31 March 2014.
- Phase 2: Mass & Scale: rear & side yard setbacks, height, projections
 - Due to Council 31 March 2014
 - Conversions study: inappropriate student housing / rooming houses
 - Due to Council 31 March 2014
- Extensive effort by CA’s w/ strong participation of OOECA.

Planning – TOD at Lees LRT

- 28,000 residents
- Tall building emphasis

OOECA Position

- Intensification at LRT station makes sense but:
- Adjacent AVTC roadway would be absurd
- Inadequate community facilities / services for growth
- AVTC greenspace needed for recreation
- Emphasis on tall buildings misguided
- Proposal incompatible with “active transportation”
- Street-level design poor

Communications (Catherine Pacella)

- Website address and twitter account: www.ottawaeast.ca
- Twitter: @ottawaeast
- Email: info@ottawaeast.ca
→ much enhanced electronic presence

Greenspace Saved ... so far

- Proposal for massive parking lot beside Springhurst Park
- Community rallied - many actively engaged, effective media campaign, meetings with key city officials.
- Alliance of neighbours, field users and others (e.g., SHCHC)
- Ensured facts known & alternatives explored
- Result: modified proposal then totally removed from greenspace
→ New location better for all parties
→ Demonstration of utility of consultation
→ Yes, we can – successfully – fight (or work with!) city hall

Community Achievements 2013

- “Save our Greenspace” – huge parking lot proposal killed
- AVTC removed from “affordable roadways” TMP list
- Main Street “complete street” design approved
- Footbridge EA approved, detailed design begun, included in TMP
- Functional design of RRNT/WP begun and in TMP
- Pathway opened behind uOttawa stadium
- Influencing the City: new infill bylaw, development proposals, Lansdowne Transportation Advisory Committee, Main Street Renewal
- Communications: lovely & informative website, posting agenda and reports before meetings, community notice board
- Community safety committee established
- Ongoing community enterprises: Mainstreeter, Farmers’ Market, Brantwood rink, community gardens, nature trail, children’s garden, Springhurst improvements

Next Year

- Main Street renewal
- Coping with construction (Main, 417, LRT, institutional lands, ...)
- Sale and development of institutional lands – community response
- Active transportation connectivity – footbridge and nature trail
- Excessive / inappropriate intensification
- Making Isabella-Elgin-Pretoia safe
- Lees Transit Oriented Development (TOD)
- Inadequate services, facilities and amenities
- Greater participation / more representation
- Lansdowne Park opening

OOECA Treasurer's Report

All OECA banking takes place at the TD-Canada Trust branch at Pretoria Bridge. There were four sub-accounts included in the OECA account, where the OECA takes care of banking for subgroups or committees within the Association. Figures are valid as of 19 October 2013 (but include one cheque re-issued on October 19).

A) The Ottawa East Community Garden at Saint Paul started this fiscal year with a balance of \$854.72 and ended with a balance of \$268.71. Their revenue was derived from membership fees. Expenses included garden supplies and a gift to USP in appreciation of the use of their land.

B) The Lees Avenue Community Garden spent \$1738.35 in supplies and returned \$392.75 to Just Foods. Their income was from grants from Just Foods and the Sandy Hill Community Health Centre, and from memberships. They have \$1446.27 currently in the account.

C) Citizens for Healthy Communities (CHC) is a multi-community group which coordinated resistance to the Alta Vista Parkway. There was no movement in this account during the past year. The residual amount for the CHC is \$35.27.

D) Ottawa East Community Association – 2012/13

For the OECA, there was an income of \$1850.00 from the sale of OECA memberships. The Main Event made a net profit this year of \$955.77, up from the total last year. The other major OECA expenses were the costs of web hosting and other internet expenses, rental costs and food for various events, and photocopying and supplies for event publicity and the membership drive. The OECA started with a total of \$10422.66 in October 2012 and ended in October 2013 with a balance of \$12,459.18. The money collected from the sale of memberships covered the day-to-day expenses of the OECA (rentals, supplies, and web costs). See the table.

Item	Income (\$)	Expenses (\$)	Totals (\$)
OECA account October 2011			10422.66
Memberships sold	1850.00		
CDs sold	100.00		
Repayment of meeting expenses by others	195.52		
Room rentals/meeting supplies		552.96	
Bank charges		0	
Web expenses		302.22	
FCA membership		30.00	
Main Event revenue	\$1557.50		
Main Event expenses		601.73	
Photocopying and supplies		179.59	
Total (as of 19 October 2013)	3703.02	1666.50	12459.18

Annex 4**OOECA CAG AGM 2013 – Attendance List**

Jill Merritt	Suzanne Gagnon	Ron Rose
Ellen Ramsey	Claire Farid	Caroline Hyslop
Mary O'Donnell	David Chernushenko	Brian Bell
Michael Oster	Anthony Leaning	John Douwes
Kristian Ewan	Ian Kirk	M. Karpinski
Gloria Fox	Barbara Kirk	Kaeli Van Regan
Bob Parkins	Toni Forsythe	Joe Paraskevas
Maureen Ward	Sharon Pickle	Christian Pupp
Jan D'Arcy	Carol Alette	Kevin Farrell
Barry Davis	N. Graham	Cindy Courtemanche
Jennifer Johnson	Stephen Pope	Leslie Swartman
Paul Dewar	Barbara Hicks	James Kicksen
Christiane Zufferey	Wendy McRae	Paul Bernier
Laurie Smith	Don Fugler	Christine Loth Bown
Chris Oster	John Williams	Yvonne Williams
Heather Jarrett	Vivienne Magalhaes	A. Fraser
Jim Strang	Marcos Magalhaes	M. Collis
Sue Cavanaugh	Christine Honsl	Ellen Ramger
Michael Dawson	Paul Goodkey	Greg Gauld
Jennifer McKenzie	Kevin Sampson	Shelly McQuillen
Jill Wherrett	Cynthia Nayville	Jerzy Jurewicz
Simon Hanmer	Jamie Brougham	Maryna Nowosielski
Heather Moxley	Mary Zalatan	Tony Glynn
M. Moriarty	Vicki Davis	Alan Barnes
Ryan Power	Eric Baxton	Janet Barnes
Rick McEachran	Julia Sneyd	Suzanne Johnson
B. Johnson	David Haddon	John Dance
Don Stephenson	Rebecca Aird	Yvonne Williams
Phyllis Odenbach Sutton	Theresa Wallace	Carol Workun
Nick Masciantonio	Elizabeth Bolton	
Stewart Grenzowski	John Jarrett	
Doug Woolidge	Katherine Hunter	
Eveline Lemieux	Peter Roberts	
	Jaime Girard	