



**Joint Annual General Meeting  
Old Ottawa East Community Association (OOECA) and  
Community Activities Group (CAG)**

**Tuesday, November 11, 2014**

**Church of the Ascension, 253 Echo Drive**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order – 7:15 pm**

Welcome by Co-Chairs John Dance and Nick Masciantonio  
Greetings from Councillor David Chernushenko; Yasir Naqvi, MPP, and Paul Dewar, MP

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Moved: Don Fugler; Second: Stephen Pope; Carried.

**3. Approval of Minutes, 2013 OOECA/CAG Annual General Meeting**

Moved: Ron Rose; Second: Jim Strang; Carried.

**4. CAG President's and Treasurer's Reports – Nick Masciantonio**

Nick Masciantonio provided a presentation on the past year's activities of CAG. Note that the financial statements are posted on the CAG website, and copies are available in print format to attendees.

Motion to concur in CAG Financial Report: Moved: Melanie Gilbert. Second: Bonnie Weppler. Carried.

**5. Elections – Community Activities Group Executive**

**Proposed Executive for CAG 2014-2015:**

Chair: Melanie Gilbert  
Past Chair: Nick Masciantonio  
Treasurer: Ian Grabina  
Secretary: Bonnie Weppler  
Volunteer / Events coordinator – Lisa Dunnett  
Communications – Kevin Farrell  
Member at Large – Don Stephenson

Motion to approve the Executive as proposed: Moved: Melanie Gilbert; Second: Lisa Dennett; Carried.

## **6. OOECA President's and Treasurer's Report – John Dance**

Motion to concur in treasurer's report: No objections, and so deemed concurred.

## **7. Interim Elections – OOECA Board**

### **Continuing Board Members:**

President: John Dance  
Past President: Nick Masciantonio  
Vice President and Community Safety: Jaime Girard  
Secretary: Caroline Hyslop  
Treasurer: Don Fugler  
Planning: Stephen Pope  
Communications: Catherine Pacella  
Lees Apartments rep: Bill Baldwin  
Membership Coordinator: Suzanne Johnston  
Federation of Citizens' Association rep: Jim Strang  
CCC: Devin O'Grady  
Ian McRae – SLOE rep  
Transportation: Ron Rose  
Member at Large: Phyllis Odenbach Sutton  
Member at Large: Jill Wherrett

### **New Board Members:**

Syed (Joe) Zaffar – Member at Large  
Katherine Simonds – Member at Large

Motion to approve board as proposed: Moved: Stephen Pope; Second: Don Fugler; Carried.

## **8. Sustainable Living Ottawa East Report – Rebecca Aird**

## **9. *Mainstreeter* Update – Joe Paraskevas**

## **10. Open Forum**

Chris Osler moderated the question and answer forum. A number of issues were raised. See Appendix 6.

## **11. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 8:47 PM. Moved: Don Fugler Second: Phyllis Odenbach Sutton. Carried.

## **APPENDIX 1 – COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES GROUP PRESIDENT’S REPORT**



CAG Chairs Report - AGM 2014 .pdf

## **APPENDIX 2 – COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES GROUP FINANCIAL REPORT**



CAG 2013-14 FYE Balance Sheet Summary.pdf



CAG Profit & Loss Report FYE 2013-14 for AGM.pdf

## **APPENDIX 3 – OLD OTTAWA EAST COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CHAIR’S REPORT**



OECA Chairs Report - AGM 2014.pdf

## APPENDIX 4 – OLD OTTAWA EAST COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL REPORT

### OLD OTTAWA EAST COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION TREASURER'S REPORT 11 NOVEMBER 2014

This is the Treasurer's report for the OOECA presented at the Annual General Meeting, 11 November 2014. All OOECA banking takes place at the TD-Canada Trust branch at Pretoria Bridge. There were four sub-accounts included in the OOECA account, where the OOECA takes care of banking for subgroups or committees within the Association. Figures are valid as of 14 October 2014.

**A) The Ottawa East Community Garden at Saint Paul** started this fiscal year with a balance of \$268.71 and ended with a balance of \$43.68. Their revenue was derived from membership fees and a grant from Just Food. Expenses included materials for more garden plots, loads of soil, and general supplies.

**B) The Lees Avenue Community Garden** started the year with \$1446.27 in their account and ended with a balance of \$1156.78. Their income was from grants from Just Foods and memberships. Their expenses included the construction of more garden boxes.

**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) Old Ottawa East Community Association – 2013/14**

For the OOECA, there was an income of \$2127.40 from the sale of OOECA memberships. The Main Event made a net profit this year of \$764.00. The OOECA ran a naming contest for the Oblate lands for the Regional group. The expenses for that campaign were \$742.05 for advertising and copying, and Regional reimbursed the Association that amount, plus paid OOECA \$5,000.00 for running the contest. The SLOE Forum on the Oblate lands development had \$500 in support from OOECA. Another major expense, which will be ongoing, was the cost of the directors' liability insurance to protect the association board members against claims. The association paid for a one-time delivery of the Mainstreeter to the Lees Avenue apartments, which cost \$550.00. The other major OOECA 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 OOECA started with a total of \$12,459.18 in October 2013 and ended in October 2014 with a balance of \$17,583.51. The money collected from the sale of memberships covered the day-to-day expenses of the OOECA (rentals, supplies, and web costs). See the table.

Item	Income (\$)	Expenses (\$)	Totals (\$)
OOECA account October 2013			12,459.18
Memberships sold	2,127.40		
CDs sold	10.00		
Repayment of meeting expenses by others	267.09		
Room rentals/meeting supplies		552.85	
Bank charges		2.20	
Web expenses		302.22	
FCA membership		30.00	
Main Event revenue	1,164.00		
Main Event expenses		400.00	
Photocopying and supplies		401.09	
Regional naming contest expenses		742.05	
Regional naming contest honorarium + expenses repaid	5,742.05		
Mainstreeter delivery costs		550.00	
Incorporation expenses		155.00	
Directors' insurance		550.80	
Support for expenses of SLOE Forum		500.00	
<b>Totals (as of 14 October 2014)</b>	<b>9,310.54</b>	<b>4,186.21</b>	
OOECA account 14 October 2014			<b>17,583.51</b>

## **APPENDIX 5 – SUSTAINABLE LIVING OTTAWA EAST REPORT**

### **SUSTAINABLE LIVING OTTAWA EAST**

**Report to the Annual General Meeting of the**

**Old Ottawa East Community Association**

**November 11 2014**

#### **BACKGROUND**

SLOE is a committee of the OOECA, founded in 2007. SLOE works to establish projects and programs that contribute to community sustainability. We are a fairly loose knit committee, with different configurations of people coming together around specific opportunities.

SLOE played the founding role in several ongoing projects including the Main Farmers Market, the Children's Garden, the Ottawa East Community Garden at Saint Paul, and the Rideau River Nature Trail. The Lees Avenue Community Garden also became a SLOE project following its creation. Most projects involve collaborations with multiple partners. SLOE has also organized many other programs and events over the years. In addition, for the past two years, a major project that has preoccupied a core group of SLOE members has been research and collaboration building related to sustainable development of the Oblate lands.

Successful projects quickly develop their own identity and advisory group, and attract their own volunteers. But the projects remain part of the SLOE family and are linked back to the OOECA through monthly reports from SLOE.

Following is a brief update on what has happened on key projects over the past year. For further information, please visit our website – [www.sustainablelivingottawaeast.ca](http://www.sustainablelivingottawaeast.ca).

#### **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE OBLATE LANDS (the Deep Green Project)**

This has been a major SLOE initiative over the past two years. This initiative builds on the excellent foundations laid by the OOECA through the CDP/Secondary Plan and the site demonstration plan for the Oblate lands. The project involves four theme areas:

1. Community amenities and connectivity
2. Stormwater management and shoreline restoration
3. Affordability and senior's housing
4. Energy sustainability

SLOE's work has led to a unique and encouraging collaborative relationship with the developer (Regional Group) to further pursue options and opportunities in all of these areas. OOECA and SLOE representatives have participated in pre-application consultations at the City, and have met numerous times with senior Regional Group representatives and their consultants to discuss how to advance thinking in the various theme areas. As recent examples of the responsiveness of Regional Group to SLOE's input, they have committed to substantial assistance for purpose-build affordable housing, have hired one of the experts from our March 2014 forum to prepare a business case on district energy and other sustainable energy options, and have agreed to sponsor a workshop/charrette in January to explore low impact development options (green infrastructure for stormwater management).

Since September 2012, the Deep Green work has been supported by:

- A dedicated core group of seven SLOE volunteers (Martin Adelaar, Rebecca Aird, John Dance, Ian McRae, Michael Oster, Mary Trudeau, Steve Pope) and a rep from Sandy Hill Community Health Centre (Geri Blinick)
- Carleton University, through a community sustainability research initiative led by professor Patricia Ballamingie with funding from the federal Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, which among other things has allowed us to engage two PhD candidates as primary research assistants (Gary Martin in the first year, and Magda Goemans since September 2013)
- Numerous Carleton staff members most notably Lisa Meyer (for the engineering and the video contributions) and Ben Gianni (whose studio class in architecture and urbanism produced a number of development design concepts taking into account SLOE's sustainability goals)
- Additional project advisors and student mentors including Michael Wiggin (district energy expert who mentored 2 engineering classes in their research on district energy), Aileen Larkin (instructional design consultant, who mentored multimedia students in the production of videos) and Sven Reimer (a sustainability management consultant who helped us through a strategic planning exercise)
- Sponsors of the March 2014 experts forum: Sandy Hill Community Health Centre, the Ottawa Community Loan Fund, CAG, the OOECA, Councillor Chernushenko and the two developers (Domicile and Regional Group)

One area that SLOE would like to continue to explore and develop with interested current and possible future OOE residents is the opportunity to shape approaches to innovative older adult housing and servicing, with an affordability dimension. The potential to influence is significant especially if SLOE can help to mobilize potential purchasers and investors, and innovative financing approaches. SLOE has already carried out some research on innovative financing options via a student in the Masters of Philanthropy program at Carleton, and is involved in further investigation via participation in a City-wide collaborative initiative on affordable housing.

## **UPDATE ON OTHER PROJECTS OVER THE PAST YEAR**

### **Main Farmers Market**

The Market is separately incorporated, and therefore does not fall under the responsibility of the OECA. But through its statement of purpose it remains closely allied with SLOE. As far as we know, the MFM remains the only community-run farmers market in Ontario.

This was 7<sup>th</sup> full season for the Market, which is dedicated to local foods (all vendors, except for Warner's fruits, within 100 miles). This year, most vendors reported moderate sales, though many have noted some decline in recent years, probably partly because of the increase in numbers of farmers markets. This year we benefitted from a Canada Summer Jobs grant which allowed us to hire an assistant for the market manager, who also did some great work on communications and social media, and a grant from the City's Rural Association Partnership Program which allowed us to run some harvest festivals.

The big issue is where the Market will land for 2015 and 2016 while Main St is under construction. If we don't keep the Market going over those two years, we risk not being able to draw sufficient numbers of vendors back in 2017. Board members Sue Cavanaugh and Susan Young spent many hours exploring a wide range of options. Our only hot prospect at this point is the Museum of Nature. We're grateful to Saint Paul for confirming that the Market can return to its current location in 2017. But the anticipated eventual home of the Market is the Grand Allee and/or the Deschatelets forecourt.

Board: Rebecca Aird (Chair), Susan Young (Vice-Chair), Jamie Brougham (Secretary), Cynthia Dwyer (Treasurer), Sue Cavanaugh, Christine McIntyre, Christine Irvine, Dave Coyne

### **The Children's Garden**

Most years, the Garden has had a seasonal coordinator paid via a Canada Summer Jobs grant often topped up with a contribution from the Main Farmers Market. We've had years where this has been a great success, and other years where it hasn't gelled. This year the advisory board agreed to see how things could work without a paid coordinator. It was worth trying, but revealed that the extent of work required is beyond the current level of volunteer support. At the same time, after another year of being the sustaining energy and key creative force in the Garden, Aamina Badran is anticipating a less intensive level of involvement next season. Two other long standing advisory board members, Mike Shahin and Katie Breen, have shifted volunteer focus to other activities. Finally, as successful as the Garden has been, the advisory board recognizes that its potential to engage and inform a broader community of users is much greater than has been tapped.

Given all these factors, and after seven years of operation, steps are being taken to broaden the circle of engagement and renew the vision and for the Garden. A first visioning session has just been held. There is some good potential for expanded and new partnerships, and also for organizations to shape their own programs and activities in the Garden. If you can help engage local churches, community centres and other potential partner organizations, or would like to run your own activities in the garden or contribute in other ways, please get in touch.

Advisory board is: Aamina Badran, Sue McKee, Cynthia Ralickas, Rebecca Aird. In addition, Bia Salles is a key volunteer who does important spade work in the garden, shares her bounty of ecological knowledge in delightful ways and has created a beta version of a new website. Sophie Raymond provided great help running playgroup this season. And Pein Pein has served as diligent caretaker for the compost for several years running.

## **Ottawa East Community Garden**

In the late winter of 2014 the OECG received notice that the plots on the Oblate lands would no longer be available due to the sale of the land. Saint Paul University generously stepped in to offer additional land located adjacent to the original garden. A more formalized contract with the University is now being developed.

Margaret Vant Erve (OECG coordinator) and Linda Rankin report that this has been the best year yet for the Garden. The work done to expand and to better define the beds has made the gardens much more attractive. The addition of flowers in each of the plots also added much appeal. With the cooler summer and lots of rain, plus new soil, the crops were bountiful. And there were no significant problems with insects, ground hogs or theft. The University's Urban Café had its own plot in the Garden this year. The Garden also has an allotment run by garden volunteers and local students that is dedicated to growing fresh vegetables for the Centre Town Emergency Food Centre.

Next year the plan is to further enrich the garden surrounds. Also, due to lack of space and aesthetic considerations, Garden members are looking into the purchase of a shredder/chipper to create compost from the garden refuse to reapply back into the gardens, further enhancing the soil. This will be a costly purchase so will likely involve an application for funding.

## **Lees Community Garden**

Kristal Harding reports that it has also been a great summer for the LCG. Highlights include the 5 new raised beds built at the beginning of the season. Two boxes were planted for the table program at St. Luke's church on Somerset Street, which serves healthy meals. A water meter was purchased and installed this year to monitor how much water is being used. Water is generously supplied by the 170 Lees apartment building. A little more theft was experienced this year, but overall not too significant.

The last work day was held on October 18<sup>th</sup> in combination with the AGM.

Garden members are interested in the possibility of using some CILP funding to replace the original benches, which have deteriorated to the point of not being useable. One has already been removed. The benches are more heavily used by community members other than gardeners. The Garden is also looking at replacing some trees on the site.

## **Rideau River Nature Trail**

The purpose of SLOE's work along the shoreline is to enhance the ecological integrity of the shoreline, maintain the existing sense of tranquility, improve amenities, and provide better connectivity. Over the years, RRNT volunteers have helped establish a more naturalized riparian buffer via extensive planting; done ongoing battle with invasive plant species; run the semi-annual clean-ups; conducted ecological and bio-inventory work; installed interpretive panels and other signage; worked for the installation of some other amenities including the dock at Clegg and the sitting boulders; influenced the design of the pathway through Springhurst to the transitway bridge; and engaged the community and a professional landscape architect in a pathway design for the Brantwood section.



This year, as they have for many years now, Ian McRae and Vicki and Barry Davis continued their dedicated stewardship of the shoreline, including extensive invasives removal. Carleton students contributed some labour via Carleton Serves. With respect to the signage, given deterioration of the original interpretive panels, SLOE is currently arranging for their replacement.

But the big news in 2014, and the focus of major efforts by Ian and others, has been the evolving plans for the Rideau River Western Pathway, a multi-use pathway (MUP) that will run the length of the shoreline in OOE and complete the connection from Sandy Hill through to Old Ottawa South. This improved connectivity is of course good news. The disappointing news, from SLOE's perspective, is that the City has not been receptive to various arguments presented against further hardening the shoreline with a paved path. SLOE's preference is for a stonedust path, which would accommodate accessibility and support cycling, while at the same time calming cycling speeds through this pedestrian-oriented and tranquil stretch of shoreline. On the other hand, SLOE and other OOECA members have exerted important influence over some aspects of the MUP, including the decision to pull it away from the shoreline onto the street in the Rideau Gardens section. The City is also giving consideration to SLOE's proposal to take a similar approach in Brantwood Park, using Onslow.

## APPENDIX 6 – OPEN FORUM NOTES

Chris Osler moderated the question and answer forum. A number of issues were raised:

- Lees Avenue resident commented that he has experienced cracks in the foundation and in the walls due to the construction. What is the community association's position on potential damage to residential properties that might occur during the main street reconstruction, and the developments on Main Street. Stephen Pope commented that any construction in this area is being done over leda clay, and the shaking of the ground is an inevitable consequence. He does not know of any case-law in which a homeowner was compensated for this sort of damage.
- Ian Hayhow, Concord Street. 99 Greenfield and the Portuguese church – do we know what is happening at 19 main street? Stephen Pope commented that 19 Main is being rented to the AIDS committee of Ottawa and a question is being raised as to whether the purpose is appropriate to this space and its zoning. At this stage we are not sure precisely what the use of this entity is or will be. The Portuguese church property has been purchased by Uniform Development but the developer is not currently pursuing a development on that property. The omd hearing for 99 Greenfield is scheduled for some time in January.
- A resident updated that the Mainstreeter that the aids community of Ottawa has been interviewed for the Mainstreeter and a story will be coming out in the next Mainstreeter.
- Plan from regional includes building a number of residences facing Brantwood Park. A concern was raised about potential parking problems. It was suggested that putting driveways along Clegg could be problematic in terms of maintaining suitable parking at Brantwood Park. Stephen Pope noted that it is true that parking issues may inconvenience people in this area.
- A follow-up comment – it was raised that it may indeed be a reasonable use of the community association's energy to advocate for a widening of Clegg to better accommodate the parking. Stephen Pope commented that widening Clegg would not likely be helpful.
- Echo Drive and Colonel By Drive review? John dance noted that the NCC will be conducting a review of the traffic patterns and use along Colonel By Drive. The main point is that we want to be involved with the NCC to try and improve Colonel By particularly for the purposes of improving the experience for pedestrians and cyclists.
- A resident raised a concern about pedestrian safety. It was very treacherous for pedestrians around the Main and Lees, Evelyn area during the Lees construction. Concern is raised that there may be further problems with regard to pedestrian safety during the Main Street construction, when we expect traffic to be backed up and motorists to be frustrated and impatient. Ron Rose commented that the Association will be keeping pedestrian safety as a primary concern and area to work on going forward.
- One resident noticed that a number of developments are getting permission to build developments without parking. The concern is that street parking may be insufficient to accommodate all the parking that will inevitably be necessary to accommodate residents, visitors and retail customers. Stephen pope answered

that the developments will come in little by little over time rather than all right away.

- One resident commented that he is a frequent user of Echo Drive. It is a bit of a sandbox for a lot of the community. Wondering if the community association is going to alert the city that Echo Drive is a bunch of segmented part of a street that has motor vehicles on it that are often illegally parked or driving the wrong way down the street. Wondering what the best is and whether the city can define it for the residents. John Dance says we will pursue it. We have a tendency to use it almost like a large pedestrian-cycle path but then it becomes dangerous when cars come along in an aggressive manner.
- What does the City provide in terms of financing for CAG? CAG uses the facility at Old Town Hall, which is owned and maintained by the City. CAG obtains revenue from donations, fundraising, registration fees on courses and activities. It does not obtain money from the City, but benefits from the use at no charge of the City building at Old Town Hall and Brantwood Park.
- CAG is always looking for volunteers. In particular, the special events such as the Winter Party, Valentines Skate etc. so please fill in the signup sheet at the back of the room and check out the website and facebook page. The OECA planning committee is seeking people willing to come to the table to learn about planning issues and zoning bylaws in order to be able to comment knowledgeably to the City on planning issues. The committee meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Royal Oak at 7:15. SLOE would be happy to have volunteers for the children's garden. The Mainstreeter needs someone to be a central distributor of the Mainstreeter – to receive the Mainstreeter from the printer and distribute it to the delivery captains.