



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

Tuesday, November 8, 2016

Church of the Ascension, 253 Echo Drive

MINUTES

1. Call to Order – 7:15 pm

Welcome by Co-Chairs Phyllis Odenbach Sutton and Mélanie Gilbert
Welcome by Reverend Rhonda Waters
Greetings from Councilor David Chernushenko

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved: Ed Janes Second: Eddie Gillis; Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes, 2015 OOECA/CAG Annual General Meeting

Moved: Katherine Simonds Second: Christiane Zufferey; Carried.

4. CAG President's and Treasurer's Reports – Mélanie Gilbert

Mélanie Gilbert provided a presentation on the past year's activities of CAG. Please note that the report and financial statements are posted on the CAG website.

Motion to concur in CAG Financial Report: Moved: Don Stephenson Second: Lisa Dunnett
Carried.

5. Elections – Community Activities Group Executive

Proposed Executive for CAG 2016-2017:

Chair - Don Stephenson
Past-Chair – Melanie Gilbert
Treasurer – Lynne Byford
Secretary – Stacey Wowchuk
Communications – Tina Raymond
Volunteer/Events Coordinator – Lisa Dunnett

Motion to approve the Executive as proposed: Moved: Lisa Dunnett; Second: Jim Gibson;
Carried.

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

Phyllis Odenbach Sutton provided an overview of OOECA activities for 2016-2017. Please note that the President's Report and Treasurer's Report are available on the website of the Old Ottawa East Community Association.

Motion to concur in treasurer's report: Moved: Jocelyn Kearney; Second: Stephen Pope; Carried.

7. Address by the Honourable Catherine McKenna, M.P.

Member of Parliament, the Honourable Catherine McKenna, addressed the membership of the AGM and spoke to recent developments in the community, particularly in terms of the Rideau Canal access point at Clegg, waste water management issues, civic hospital expansion, social housing, and other transportation issues. A brief question and answer period moderated by Ed Janes took place.

Question: Will the types of project such as the dock at Clegg be expanded?

Response: M.P. McKenna said she is hopeful that the project could be broadened and thought overall the project was successful.

8. Sustainable Living Ottawa East Report – Ian McRae

9. *Mainstreeter* Update – Steven Begg

10. Open Forum

Ed Janes moderated the question and answer forum. See Appendix 6 for details.

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:50 PM. Moved: Ron Rose Second: John Dance; Carried.

APPENDIX 1 – COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES GROUP PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Report provided in a separate document.

Community Activities Group of Old Ottawa East
2015-2016 CAG AGM Report Annual General Meeting November 8, 2016
Mélanie Gilbert CAG Chair 2014-2016

2015-2016 CAG Highlights

About us...

CAG is a not-for-profit community-based organization that provides the residents of Old Ottawa East with high-quality local and affordable programming, recreation, and special events.

Volunteer run board. 100% of income come from programming, sponsorships, events, and community partnerships.

CAG programs are offered at

- Old Town Hall Community Center
- Brantwood Park (field house, park, rink)
- Lady Evelyn School
- Children’s Garden
- Rideau River.

2015-2016 CAG Highlights

2016 CAG Community Survey - 198 residents

Helps us align the community’s priorities with our programming resulting in higher-quality and affordable programming to serve.

-What do you love about OOE?

1. Proximity to downtown, the canal, parks & the Rideau River
2. The community feel of OOE – small town feel

-What leisure activities do you participate in?

2015-2016 CAG Highlights

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-If there were facilities in OOE which allowed for expanded programs and services, how likely would you be to use them?

2015-2016 CAG Highlights

AWARD NOMINATION!

Employment Ontario Ottawa Network has nominated CAG for an excellence of employment award.

-The Inspiring young workers award is for employers who have shown outstanding abilities to hire, train, support and to retain young workers.

-CAG invests in our youth

-Congratulations to Carol Workun, Isobel Smith, Megan Shoemaker and to all of our amazing staff that make this program such a success!

2015-2016 CAG Highlights

CAG has taken responsibility for all programming at the Old Town Hall.

- Increased enrollment in the After School Program at the Old Town Hall from 22 children registered to 30 with a wait list.
- CAG ran 45 programs with over 1408 program spots filled this year over 1293 the year before.
- Room rentals also available
- Investing in replacing old equipment

2015-2016 CAG Highlights

CAG and Community Programming for Children

Focus on high-quality and affordable programming to better serve our community.

- Success of the After School Program at Brantwood Field House at capacity with 24 children registered & the Old Town Hall with 30 children. Both programs have wait lists.
- CAG Children camps continue to be successful
 - The summer Paddling Camps in partnership with the Rideau Canoe Club,
 - The Children's Garden summer camp
 - Camp Brantwood
 - New this year the very popular March Break camp at the Old Town Hall.

2015-2016 CAG Highlights

CAG and Community Programming for Adults

Focus on high-quality and affordable programming to better serve our community.

- The Adult Fitness programming continues to be popular. In particular: Boot camp, yoga, and pilates.
- NEW this year: Women's Ultimate Frisbee
- We continue to offer great Creative Courses such as cooking classes
- CAG continued partnership with SHCHC for the free New Canadian "Learn to Skate"

2015-2016 CAG Highlights

Community Events

- CAG strives to host a number of free events
 - Winter Party, Valentine Skate, NEW Thanksgiving Festival and Pumpkin sale, Movie Nights, weekly summer BBQ and Picnics, Shakespeare in the Park, and The Main Event
 - Annual Main Event was moved to Brantwood park due to Main street reconstruction. Once again very well attended.

2015-2016 CAG Highlights

We NEED YOU! Volunteers are the heart of OOE

- Special Events Team which organizes and supports free special events which include: Winter Party, Valentine's Skate & the Main Event
- THANK YOU to committee members and many community volunteers for another great year of successful events!
- We NEED YOU to get involved, please sign up!

CAG EVENTS

2015-2016 CAG Highlights

Winter Party in the Park – Saturday, January 22nd 2017

Valentine's Skate – Friday, February 10th 2017

We need:

- Decorators
- Foodies
- Games coordinators
- Fire pit masters
- WE NEED YOU!

2015-2016 CAG Highlights

CAG thanks our Community Partners for year round support including Gold level Main Event sponsors

- City of Ottawa
- Sandy Hill Community Health Centre (SHCHC),
- Watson's Pharmacy and Wellness Centre,
- The Green Door,
- Diane & Jen Realty
- The Regional Group – Greystone Village
- Bank of Montreal - Lansdowne
- Domicile – Corners on Main

2015-2016 CAG Highlights

CAG thanks Gold level sponsors of the Main Event:

- The Royal Oak
- Sue Raven Physiotherapy
- Councilor David Chernushenko
- Revelstoke

CAG thanks silver level sponsors of the Main Event:

- Scotia McLeod
- Kirk Law Office
- Old Ottawa East Community Association

2015-2016 CAG Highlights

Community Facilities Planning is a priority

What is the initiative?:

- Community Working Group to investigate new facilities and partners

Why is this important?

- OOE needs a new facility to support our growing neighborhood
 - Projected 2016-2017 32% overall growth in overall programming
 - Projected 50% year over year growth for children's programming
 - This growth is a testament to the demand for high quality affordable programming
 - High demand even before residents move into Greystone Village and Domicile developments

2015-2016 CAG Highlights

2015-2016

CAG Executive Board and Staff

- Chair – Melanie Gilbert
- Past-Chair – Nick Masciantono
- Treasurer – Lynne Byford
- Volunteer/Events Coordinator – Lisa Dunnett
- Communications – Tina Raymond
- Member at Large – Don Stephenson
- Secretary – Bonnie Wepler
- Executive Director – Carol Workun
- Programming Assistant – Megan Shoemaker & Isobel Smith

2015-2016 CAG Highlights

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2015-2016 CAG Highlights

More information

-www.ottawaeastcag.ca

-Facebook:

- Community Activities Group of Old Ottawa East (CAG)
 - Community Activities Group of Old Ottawa East - Community Noticeboard
- E-Update newsletter – email sign-up! (over 900 of your neighbours are on the mailing list)
OttawaEastCAG.ca

APPENDIX 2 – COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES GROUP FINANCIAL REPORT

2015-2016 CAG Highlights

Financial Report : Highlights

- CAG continues to emphasize transparency and stability for a growing organization.
 - Through CAG's bookkeeping services, CAG continues to adopt Generally Accepted Accounting Practices (GAAP) with a formal review engagement scheduled every 7 years.
- Reports year ending 31 August 2016. Full statements posted at OttawaEastcag.ca

2015-2016 CAG Highlights

Financial Report Highlights

- For the year ending 31 August 2016, CAG is reporting a surplus of \$4,890.
- Surplus is reinvested into the organization to improve equipment and facilities, recreation, events and outreach.
- CAG experienced growth in programming over fiscal 2014- 2015. We attribute this growth in demand to the new programs being offered and CAG's dedication to high- quality programming at an affordable cost.
- As our community continues to grow, we are expecting increased demand for these programming services.
- Projected 2016-2017 32% overall growth in overall programming
- Projected 2016-2017 50% year over year growth for children's programming

APPENDIX 3 – OLD OTTAWA EAST COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CHAIR'S REPORT OOECA

Annual Report 2016

Annual General Meeting

November 8, 2016

Website: www.ottawaeast.ca

info@ottawaeast.ca

- Overview
- Board Members
- Financial Report

- Transportation
 - Main Street Renewal
- Planning
 - Greystone Village & Corners on Main
- Highlights 2016
 - Next Year
 - Sesquicentennial projects
 - OOECA Board Members

Current

- President: Phyllis Odenbach Sutton
- VP/Transportation: Ed Janes
- Treasurer: Don Fugler
- Secretary: Katherine Simonds
- Communications: Catherine Pacella
- Lees Apts: Bill Baldwin
- Membership: Suzanne Johnston
- Community Safety: Mark Seebaran
- Fed. Of Citizens Ass'ns: Eddie Gillis
- City Centre Coalition: Kate Martin
- At large: Paul Goodkey, Jocelyn Kearney
- Past-president: John Dance

Retiring

- Glen Linder
- Stephen Pope
- Ian McRae

Vacant

- Planning
- SLOE

- Financial Report

Expenses (\$)

- Rentals/supplies	641
- Insurance	551
- Photocopying	311
- Miscellaneous	459

Revenues (\$)

- Memberships	2,439
- Main Event BBQ	807

Carryover (2015) \$18,770

Balance \$20,054

- Transportation
 - Main Street / McIlraith bridge reconstruction (2/3 done)
 - Fifth-Clegg footbridge acceleration
 - Rideau Canal canoe/kayak access (at Clegg)
 - Rideau River Western Pathway
 - Sound barriers north of Queensway
 - Member of Lansdowne Transportation Committee
 - Elgin Street & Hawthorne Avenue functional design study
 - Main Street Renewal
 - Major investment: \$41 + \$15 = \$56M (2014 – 2017) [check]
 - “Complete street” between Clegg & Harvey (with a few exceptions); with both north and southbound traffic
 - Trees and shrubs planted
 - Sidewalks mainly completed
 - Markings and paint on bike lanes + bike traffic signals

- Benches / bike racks / recycling units
- Different cut-through problems in 2016 (e.g., Toronto & Bullock)
- Reopening of Northbound traffic south of Clegg in December[?]
- Final road surfacing south of Clegg next year + reopening of McIlraith Bridge [check timing]
- Planning
- Participation in new pre-consultation transparency pilot
- 10(?) requests for minor variances reviewed and comments provided
- Site Plan Approval review and comments of 176 Greenfield
- Review of development application & discussions with neighbours of 41 Concord St North
- Review of zoning bylaw amendments
 - Regional Group Greystone Village
 - 113-115 Echo Drive
- Discussion of minimum parking changes with City
- Aid to concerned neighbours in OMB appeal of 43 Chestnut St
- Infill 2 - Launch of OMB appeal regarding height of triplexes in R3 neighbourhoods; reached compromise with builders
- New Coach houses by-laws
 - Active engagement through special meetings, multiple changes/improvements proposed (with limited success)
- Recent City launch of R4 review
- Planning committee has most neighbourhoods represented
 - Still need more eyes on the street
 - Contact us at planning@ottawaeast.ca
- Former Institutional Lands

Domicile's Corners on Main (Sisters property)

- Presentation centre opened in March
- Construction began in May
- First occupancy expected in Fall 2017

Regional Group's Greystone Village (Oblates)

- Zoning application approved by City in December 2015
- 916 (?) dwelling units: singles, towns, condos, rental
- "Brownfield" clean-up of Phase 1 (north of Clegg) complete
- Phase 1 construction start in XXX with first occupancy planned in Fall 2017
- Phase 2 (south of Springhurst) soil clean-up to commence in xxx
- Grande Allee / Forecourt park plan (status ?)
- River open space - RVCA Trust: considering
- Letter of intent with CADHCO signed re conversion Deschatelets to mixed use facility
 - Potentially with new community centre
- SLOE input re Low Impact Development (LID) options
- Highlights 2016
- Community survey
- Canoe & kayak access on the Canal
- Main Street as a destination
 - Wide sidewalks, comfortable benches, safe cycling
- Rideau River Western Pathway design in place
- Main Event BBQ
- Accessible Old Town Hall
- Complete plan for Grande Allée / Forecourt park
 - Limestone blocks from sisters row houses kept for future installation
- Church of the Ascension Archville concert series (classical & jazz)
- Springhurst Park Action
 - Volunteers who provided mini soccer nets / hula hoops/ badminton table
- Next Year

- Main Street “complete street” should be finished
- Creation of perennial garden at Riverdale / Main
- Rideau River Western Pathway
 - Multi-use pathway (MUP) along river in Greystone Village
 - MUP will link to pathway through northern end of Brantwood Park, including switch back at Clegg
 - Link to Ottawa U
- Complete plan for Grande Allée/Forecourt park
- Influence Greystone’s river “open space”
- Fifth-Clegg footbridge construction
 - Shovels in ground by end of 2017
- Community centre progress: CAG/SHCHC
- Sesquicentennial projects
 - OOECA: trees, PM book club, circumnavigation
 - Saint Paul University: possible new medicine wheel garden
- New neighbours in Greystone Village & the Corners on Main
- Return of the Farmers Market (to parking lot by Green Door)

APPENDIX 4 – OLD OTTAWA EAST COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL REPORT

OLD OTTAWA EAST COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION TREASURER’S REPORT 8 NOVEMBER 2016 This is the Treasurer’s report for the OOECA presented at the Annual General Meeting, 8 November 2016. All OOECA banking takes place at the TD-Canada Trust branch at Pretoria Bridge. There were now two 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 19 October 2016. A) The Ottawa East Community Garden at Saint Paul started this fiscal year with a balance of \$614.13. They had membership fees totaling \$740. In April 2016, they withdrew all their portion of the bank account - \$1354.13 – and opened their own account. The OOECA no longer does banking for this garden. Their current balance is 0. B) The Lees Avenue Community Garden started the year with \$1156.78 in their account. They had cash deposits of \$285.95 and purchased a trimmer for \$137.51. Their current balance is \$1305.22. C) Citizens for Healthy Communities (CHC) is a multi-community group that 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 – 2015/16 For the OOECA, there was an income of \$2439.25 from the sale of OOECA memberships. The Main Event made a net profit this year of \$806.86. The OOECA paid the cost of the directors’ liability insurance to protect the association board members against claims to a total of \$550.80. The other major OOECA expenses were rental costs and food for various events, plus photocopying and supplies for event publicity and the membership drive. The OOECA started with a total of \$18,770.29 in October 2015 (incorrectly stated in 2015 report as \$18,795.29 as a \$25 cheque cleared only on that day after the balance was taken) and ended in October 2016 with a balance of \$20,054.40.

Item Income (\$) Expenses (\$) Totals (\$)

OOECA account October 2015 (see note above) 18,770.29

Memberships sold 2,439.25
Main Event revenue 1721.60
Greystone contribution to Main Event 200.00
Room rentals/meeting supplies 640.99
FCA membership 30.00
Main Event expenses 1114.74
Photocopying and supplies (\$75 cheque yet to be cashed) 311.58
Directors' insurance 550.80
Contribution to CAG survey expenses 114.00
CAG security deposit (yet to be cashed) 300.00
Web expenses 14.63
Totals (as of 13 October 2015) 4360.85 3076.74
OOECA account 13 October 2015 (assuming the outstanding \$375 in cheques will be cashed)
20,054.40

APPENDIX 5 – SUSTAINABLE LIVING OTTAWA EAST REPORT SLOE report to the AGM of the Old Ottawa East Community Association

November, 8, 2016

Sustainable Living Ottawa East (SLOE) is an informal environmental committee of the Old Ottawa East Community Association. SLOE encourages community members to identify and cooperate in creating practical “green” projects to achieve social and environmental sustainability.

Achievements for 2016

- Held focus groups on possibilities for SLOE renewal and new projects. John Dance wrote an article on the proposals for publication in the Mainstreeter.
- Collaborated with Ottawa University Graduate class examining the effectiveness of the Deep Green project - community engagement in the development of sustainable options in the development of the Oblates Land.
- Provided input to a Riverfront Awareness Handbook for residents of the Greystone Village development.
- Lobbied for improved approvals by provincial and municipal governments for LID stormwater trials that are supplemental to mandated stormwater infrastructure.
- Met with Regional Group to discuss progress on stormwater and shoreline governance issues. We are happy with the proposed LID measures and with measures for trees in the new development including enhanced soil volumes and the larger than usual number of trees proposed. Regional Group has again proved to be a committed partner in community development.
- Provided input to consultation on the Ottawa Urban Forest Management Plan through our association with the “Urban Core Community Associations.”
- Participated in discussions and provided feedback on the proposed pathway and characteristics of the Rideau River Western Pathway, the planned multi-use pathway along the shoreline.
- Applied for a grant for sesquicentennial circumnavigation of the island surrounded by the Rideau Canal, Rideau and Ottawa Rivers.
- Participated in discussions on the design of the Clegg - Fifth Avenue foot bridge.

- Joined with Margaret Vant Erve and other local residents in the official adoption of a new perennial garden at the Main Riverdale intersection.
- Preserved some large dressed stones from Main Street for possible use in the park to be built in Greystone Village.
- Continued to remove invasive plants from shoreline and park areas thanks largely to Vicki Davis.
- Followed up on park adoptions, performed park clean-ups.

Challenges for 2017 and beyond

In 2017 SLOE will pursue both current and new opportunities. Among other things SLOE will foster appropriate tree planting to develop the urban forest in our community. SLOE will work with Regional Group, government and regulatory bodies to ensure sound and sensitive creation of the 30 metre linear feature along Greystone Village's river frontage.

SLOE operates informally on the basis of supporting those who will contribute or lead in making OOE sustainable. As SLOE founding member Rebecca Aird has said, "The more OOE residents who join in on this work, the more of these initiatives will be implemented."

Please contact sloe@sustainablelivingottawaeast.ca if you are interested in joining any SLOE initiative or if you have other suggestions you would like to pursue.

Compiled by Ian McRae

Garden Reports:

Report for 2016 Garden Season from the Old Ottawa East Community Garden

November 4, 2016

The OOECG once again enjoyed a very successful season. All the vegetables and flowers did very well despite the lack of rain. The only crop that did suffer was the carrots which had an unusually small yield. More than 50 families were involved the garden this year. Regular weekly deliveries were made to an emergency food bank from the "Grow in a Row" program and from plots dedicated to food production for donation.

Garden members meet next week to plan the 2017 season. It is anticipated that a new compost system is on the horizon. Hopefully there will be enough turnover in members that gardeners on the waiting list can be accommodated.

For further information please visit the Garden's website.

Submitted by Connie Copps

Children's Garden at Legget Park - Report of the 2016 season

2016 was another great year at the garden! Steady streams of children and youth participating in all garden activities – from seeding, planting and harvesting to Fairy Summer parties make the garden a deeply appreciated and engaging staple in the Old Ottawa East community.

As is now tradition, the students at *Lady Evelyn Alternative Public School* in partnership with *Let's Talk Science* prepared seedlings to get 2016 season going. The garden continues to be an integral part of the Lady E curriculum, as it has been since the garden's inception.

Main Street construction has had its impact on the garden (intermittent access issues, noise, dust), but did not deter the activities throughout the season lead by the inspired and energetic Garden Coordinator, Katelin Kooyman (a position made possible through the Federal Summer Student program). Katelin engaged children and youth every day as the on-site gardener in general garden care and maintenance, teaching by doing about food security, environmental issues and the importance of pollinators. As for scheduled events – aside from the twice weekly Children's playgroup (in partnership with CAG) – the garden held:

- Picnic in the garden
- Rock painting
- Clay creations
- Fairy/pirate garden party
- Compost workshop
- Foraging workshop

Visit <https://m.facebook.com/Childrens-Garden-114055375352100/> for photo documentation of the 2016 season.

Between spring set up and fall clean-up day over 100 community volunteers came out to help in the garden.

We'd like to thank Greta Kryger from Greta's Organic Garden for her generous donation of seedlings, as well as Massine's Independent Grocer (formerly Hartman's) for donating about \$200 worth of seeds to the Children's Garden.

Looking forward to getting ready for 2017 the garden is seeking funds to renovate the picket fence, which took quite the beating during Main Street construction, as well as getting some badly needed arborist work done

Submitted by Children's Garden Steering Committee, (Sue McKee, Catherine Hooker, Annette Hegel)
November 8, 2016

Report on the Lees Community Garden

It's been a pretty quiet year. With the hot weather a lot of the gardens did very well, and we are still very thankful for the apartment (170) who continues to let us use their water! Our shed has seen better days but we had a workday and have made some repairs that should help extend it for a little while longer. We are still on the lookout for some benches for the site. We are also keeping our eyes open for ideas to compost better. We had our final workday today where we prepped the site for winter, such as removing any structures from the gardens, emptying the remaining water from the tank, and putting the tools and any other garden equipment in the shed for the winter.

Submitted by Kristal Harding

APPENDIX 6 – OPEN FORUM NOTES

Question: What is the area classified as “brownfield” and how much does it cover?

Response (Ed & Stephen): Ed clarified the parameters of the area defined as brownfield. Stephen responded that a “Brownfield” grant was provided by the government with some provincial money as well, but that Greystone themselves are paying for a significant portion of costs associated with Brownfield remediation.

Question: An Echo Drive resident noted that he received a letter from Parks Canada saying that construction of the Fifth Clegg pedestrian bridge will involve the corridor between Bank St. and Clegg. Concerns about related traffic issues were raised. He inquired whether special measures would be put in place to deal with increased levels of cyclist and pedestrian traffic as a result of the construction.

Response (Ian Grabina): No additional measures will be taken along Echo Drive.

Question: Will there be a perennial garden at the corner of Main and Riverdale and who will maintain it?

Response (Phyllis): A dedicated group of volunteers will maintain in perpetuity.

Question: The area in front of the Subway is problematic as is the area where the two lanes of traffic converge into one lane just before Immaculata.

Answer: The problematic area will be reduced so that it is not so extreme. Will lose one parking spot. It should be complete by the end of winter 2017.

Question (Rebecca Aird): A drift towards editorial approach in the Mainstreeter has been noted. Feels less community newspaper reporting on community activities. Many people have written articles that haven't been published. Wondering what the role of the community is within the Mainstreeter and perhaps it's time to explore what the community sees as its role within the Mainstreeter.

Response (Steven Begg, Mainstreeter): The Board tries to keep the operation of the paper and the activities of the board separate. The content side is driven by contributors and the community. Joe, the editor, tries to provide a balance between interesting and informative “newspaper” approach and community updates and related content. Community residents are encouraged to submit their comments to the Mainstreeter editor, general address, or to board members.

Question: What is the process for selecting the pieces in the Mainstreeter?

Response (Steven Begg): Editorial discretion.

Comment: Would be useful for the community to see the Mainstreeter's editorial policy.

Response: has recently moved to an incorporated entity as opposed to volunteer-run paper. An editorial policy was recently established this past summer, and can be made available.

Comment: A resident thought a mural under the bridge would be a neat project for Main St. Renewal's project.

Response (Ed Janes): Ed has examined this option, but funding has already been set aside for murals under the Queensway. The intent is to have the underpasses painted, but others ahead of Main St.

Comment: Concern about commercial space that will be featured in the new development will not be readily viable.

Response (Stephen Pope): Retail space part of the original community design plan. Optimistic that new opportunities for retailers will be found. Hope that developers will make retail space affordable. "Pop-Up" space is one option in the short-term. May need an OOE economic development committee to address these types of issues.

Question: Would OECA consider re-engaging the City about taking ownership of the land along the river area behind the Greystone? RCVA and regional said that this ownership would come at no additional costs or risks, but the City used risk as a reason to not take ownership.

Response (Phyllis): Consultation is ongoing between Regional and the RVCA. Cannot make a statement on behalf of the Board with regards to this issue.

Question: Plans have been approved for the Grand Allee park. Do the plans reflect community consultations?

Response (Eddie Gillis): Final design is not approved, but the working concept document has been developed. The document created by the landscape architect largely reflects community input – demonstrative of a successful community input exercise.