

## Chair's report April 10, 2018

### Main Street / Corners-on-Main / Greystone Village

- as a result of construction of Phase 2 of the Domicile Corners-on-Main development, pedestrian scaffolding passageways have been installed on the eastern side of Main near Springhurst as well as on the southern side of Springhurst near Main
- this has resulted in a shared pathway for bikes & pedestrians on Main St; hopefully the City will soon provide signage markings to make this area safer for both sets of users
- also for those who missed it in the Saturday, March 30 Ottawa Citizen I am providing a link to an article on the new complete street on Main and the new developments of Domicile and eQHomes  
[http://ottawacitizen.com/life/homes/neighbourhood-under-construction-new-energy-developing-in-old-ottawa-east-neighbourhood?utm\\_campaign=Echobox&utm\\_medium=Social&utm\\_source=Facebook](http://ottawacitizen.com/life/homes/neighbourhood-under-construction-new-energy-developing-in-old-ottawa-east-neighbourhood?utm_campaign=Echobox&utm_medium=Social&utm_source=Facebook)

### Immaculata field

- since our last Board meeting, there have been a number of developments on this issue:
  1. On **March 23**, I sent a letter to the Chair of the Ottawa Catholic School Board (OCSB) on behalf of the CA Board; this letter was subsequently circulated to all members of our CA Board & is also available on our website [ottawaeast.ca](http://ottawaeast.ca)  
The key messages in this letter are:
    - The Community Association is definitely not opposed to the field being improved; the students would benefit greatly from having an improved facility;
    - some continued free public access, at a minimum for the track, would be greatly appreciated by the community;
    - it is really important to consult with the community when such big changes are proposed; and
    - it would be useful for the school and the Catholic Board to have an open forum for the community where the plans could be reviewed in more detail.

I think it is also important to consider there could be some gains to the neighbourhood from this proposal in terms of the ability of our community adult soccer players to be able to join a league and then simply walk to a field; and if children's programs are going to be offered, then there may be even more beneficial impacts.

2. on **March 27**, a large number of residents of OOE (primarily those who live close to the field) presented their concerns at the OCSB meeting [note that the CAG e-update of **March 23** included a link to the presentation made by Joanne Lostracco at the Catholic Board meeting]

3. On **March 28** our Councillor's office provided us with a copy of the letter sent by David on this issue to the OCSB before their March 27 meeting

4. On **March 29**, Thomas D'Amico, the Associate Director of Education for the OCSB sent an e-mail to Joanne Lostracco responding to some of the issues raised.

Of particular relevance to our CA:

- Mr D'Amico proposed that the Old Ottawa East Community Association have an assigned representative to attend each of the meetings of a joint facilities management review team (with representatives from the Ottawa Footy Sevens and the OCSB) that will likely meet on a quarterly or as needed basis between mid-April and mid-October; the representative would participate in discussions on the topics of scheduling and community input on operational concerns
- the OCSB is open to looking at the feasibility of adding more trees or shrubs on either Board property or on resident property if this does not impact the field & results in improved noise or privacy barriers for neighbouring residents
- note that the complete letter is available via a link in the **April 3** CAG e-update and on our website
- on **April 12**, there will be an information drop-in session at the school library between 4:00-6:00pm; representatives from the OCSB, the school principal and the Footy Sevens will be present; available sketches & photos will be shared and technical questions can be answered regarding the selected turf, lights, etc

5. The next meeting of the Ottawa Catholic School Board is scheduled for Tuesday, **April 10**. I believe that a number of OOE residents that live close to the Immaculata field intend to make some additional representations.

### **Dogs in parks**

- after the discussion at our March 13 Board meeting, we (the Board) were asked to make a request to the City to initiate a consultative process to consider a change in the current rules for dogs in parks within OOE (Springhurst & Brantwood); such a request was sent to the Councillor on April 5
- note that this request for consultation does not imply specific support for / or against any of the proposals
- my understanding of next steps is as follows:
  - the Councillor's office and City staff (by-law) will work with the dog owner's group on any refinements that may be deemed necessary; these changes will be shared with the Community Association prior to posting
  - signs will then be posted at each of the parks; the signs typically advise of a change in designation at that particular park. [The Councillor's office will request that a link be provided on all signs that will take users to a joint consultative web address where all proposals will be provided.]
  - the standard consultation period is 30 days
  - it is still not yet certain whether people will be asked to provide comments and/or to vote on the various options; the Councillor's office would prefer both options but this is still to be determined and will be based on what approach by-law recommends
- After a decision, dog/ no dog signs, and where applicable, seasonal and time-of-day restrictions signs, will be posted. Permanent over-head view maps of the parks identifying the go/ no-go zones for the various user groups will also be in place, although depending on timing these maps may or may not be available for initial implementation.

### **PM Sesquicentennial Speaker series**

- we hosted our last event on Monday, March 26
- and thanks to the generosity of our last speaker, Bob Plamondon, all attendees received a free copy of his book Blue Thunder
- it was a great series, for which we had a lot of positive feedback