

## Chair's report October 9, 2018

### **Domicile Phase 2 topping off**

- note that Domicile celebrated the Topping Off of their Phase 2 building on September 19; this is an important construction milestone & hopefully we will soon be able to welcome more new neighbours to our community (my understanding is that completion is planned for spring 2019)

### **30m River corridor east of Greystone Village**

- for those of you who regularly walk on the foot path along the river, you may recall the signs first posted several months ago to indicate that snapping turtles had laid eggs in a number of spots

- I am very happy to report that at least 2 snapping turtle hatchlings were spotted & moved closer to the river

- FYI there is an average survival rate of 23% for the eggs to make it to hatchling stage and it would have only taken a few hours for them to have made it to the River (this info courtesy of the biologist engaged by Regional)

- and since turtle hatching season is now over, Regional will be finishing up the landscaping in this area shortly

### **Sugar maples at Greystone Village**

- I received a message from our Councillor on September 25, indicating that Regional appears to have found a way to avoid the critical root zone of the 2 large maples whose future had been in doubt. A wonderful win for the tree canopy of our community!

### **All candidates meeting of September 27**

- I hope many of you were able to attend this event; I understand there was a very big crowd (just under 300 people) and lots of questions were posed; I am very sad to have missed it since I was out of town

- thanks again to Ron & Jaime from our CA & the representatives from the other CAs in Capital Ward for organizing this event

### **Other municipal debates / meetings**

- for those of you who may have missed the September 27 event, Rogers also hosted a Capital Ward debate in September, which can be seen on YouTube via this link:

<http://youtu.be/WskEKbj7Jvo>

- I also have heard of another upcoming debate of Capital Ward Councillors, focused on the environment, The Politics of Plastics, which will be held on Monday, October 15 at St Giles Church, 729 Bank St; the meet & greet with the candidates starts at 7:00pm & the debate will start at 7:30pm; this event is organized by the Glebe Community Association & Our Glebe is Green

- Also note that there is a mayoralty debate next Tuesday, October 9th at the Tom Brown Arena, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. (It is unfortunately the same night as our Board meeting.)

### **Immaculata field**

- the Ottawa Catholic School Board has appealed the City of Ottawa Planning Committee decision of August 28 which limited the hours of lighting at this field; while the appeal process proceeds, the special restrictions approved by the Committee will not be applied to the Footy 7s operations
- an issue has arisen with respect to the noise generated during the games & the inability of neighbouring residents to have bylaw officers respond to their complaints; I have been copied on correspondence by a number of neighbours
- several people also raised concerns about safety with respect to the significant increase in traffic from Footy Sevens games; I am pleased to report that a representative of the Footy Sevens responded to our concerns by sending a reminder to all players to ensure that they respect the right of way of cyclists on the bike paths and pedestrians at the crosswalks; they also reminded their patrons that all entry, exit & drop-offs are to be from the Main Street main entrance (by the Subway shop)

### **Update on derelict building at 24/26 Concord St N**

- in my last Chair's report, I noted that a concern had been communicated about several buildings in the Archville Triangle area north of the Queensway
- the Councillor's office provided some further information re one of these buildings on October 3: the City's Fire Services has issued a demolition order, with a 30 day compliance deadline; such an order does not require that a building permit for a new structure be in place; a failure to comply will result in a fine to the property owner.

### **Update on Archville vandalism incident in OOE**

- the most recent information that I have received is the following update from our community policing officer (from October 3):  
"It appears they are looking at a resolution of community service hours. The Crown is aware that residents have paid out of pocket, as Detective Hull scanned in some of the receipts and indicated to the Crown that she hopes financial restitution would be a part of this. This could take months in the courts before there is any resolution and there is no guarantee of financial restitution."

### **Donation to CAG from Main Event Barbeque profits**

- as a result of our very successful barbeque at the Main Event, the executive of the Board took the decision to provide \$200 of sponsorship for this event to CAG (it is our intention to specifically help to pay for their wonderful new barbeque that we were able to use)

### **AIDS Committee update**

- Khaled Salam, the Executive Director of the AIDS Committee of Ottawa (located at 19 Main Street) will be attending our October Board meeting; Khaled has been asked to

talk about the impact of the facility on the neighbourhood/ community if possible and the usage of the facility

- Khaled has indicated he would be happy to respond to questions from residents as well

### **Children's Garden**

- one of the items on our agenda will be a motion to support the garden through the provision of funds for the purchase of perennial plants, fruit trees and shrubs; the plants which had been in the garden were all lost during the remediation work undertaken by the City

- the plantings would be along the outside walls of the entire garden and would provide berries as well as flowers to attract the bees and butterflies to help pollinate vegetables etc. There is also a plan to plant some ivy along the chain link fence to try to provide more privacy to the neighbours, and to make that part of the garden green again.

- note that The Mainstreeter has already agreed to provide some funds to support this proposal

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

- another reminder to hold the date for our AGM: Tuesday, November 13 @ 7:00pm at The Church of the Ascension