



Meeting of the Old Ottawa East Community Association Board

Tuesday, 13 March 2018, 7p.m.

Old Town Hall, 61 Main Street

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Attendees

Board Members

Phyllis Odenbach Sutton
Cam Vidler
Bob Gordon
Heather Jarrett
Dog Fugler
Mark Seebaran
Tom Scott
Ron Rose
John Dance
Jocelyn Kearney
Richard Cundall
Anne-Raphael Audouin

Others present

Erin O'Connor
Margaret Vant Erve
John Jarrett
Jeanie Cassidy
Peter Tobin
Lorna Kingston
Wendy McRae
Joan Haire
Eileen Woodside
Daniel Gmitenek
Bill Baldwin
Paul Goodkey
Bonnie Weppler
Jamie Broughan
Sheila Scott
Elizabeth Marasse
Christine McAllister
Mitch Vlad
Bob Parkins
Stephen Dale

1. Call to Order – Phyllis Odenbach Sutton
2. Approval of Agenda
 - Moved: Bob Gordon; Second: Ron Rose; Carried
3. Approval of January 2018 Minutes
 - Moved: Don Fugler; Second: Bob; Carried
4. Chair's Report – Phyllis Odenbach Sutton
 - Report attached as Appendix A (it is also available on the OOECA website).
 - Andy Power will be organizing the Main Event BBQ again.
 - Key environmental concerns in community were forwarded to Ecology Ottawa.
 - Biking safety – dangerous intersections were discussed at last meeting; City has agreed to do a traffic study of Main Street traffic flows.
 - o A number of OOE parents are concerned parents about mis-use of bike paths – this should be added to Main Street review.

- The final installment of the Prime Ministers Book Club will take place on March 26; the theme will be “Blue Thunder” – about conservative prime ministers post-WWI.
- On February 26 the OCSB posted on its website its plans to partner with the “Footy 7s” Soccer Club to install artificial turf at the Immaculata sports field, along with new fencing and lighting.
 - The new fencing would block the pathway at Glenora to stop people from cutting across field.
 - Members of the community have raised a number of concerns with this proposal:
 - Drainage impact (though City will require a drainage plan)
 - Lighting (City lighting rules will also apply)
 - Parking
 - Elimination of free public access to field and track
 - Use of public lands
 - Available greenspace in the community
 - From school’s perspective, not only would they get an extra six weeks on the field in both spring and fall under this plan, it will also help to curb use of the field by dog owners who don’t pick up after their pets, as well as unwanted cut-through traffic.
 - In Q&A, various other concerns were raised, including the following:
 - Limited access to field (only at the school)
 - Lack of transparency
 - Traffic on Echo Drive
 - Off-gassing & other environmental impacts
 - Field maintenance
 - In Q&A, there was some discussion of the benefits of the proposal as well (e.g., safety).

5. Councillor’s Report – David Chernushenko

- The Councillor instructed the Immaculata principal, OCSB and Footy 7s to engage with the community ASAP as soon as he heard of the proposal; in addition to the lack of transparency, the Councillor is concerned with the off-gassing issue.
- Main Street study – comments suggest that it is working well.
- City Transportation Committee – due to the Nicholas street bridge replacement, over a couple of evenings and a weekend, there will be a significant detour through OOE.
- The Councillor would like the City to study green space/park access, looking at typical amounts in similar urban areas.
- In Q&A the Councillor indicated that the traffic study for Main Street would consider the timing of the lights at Main and Hawthorne vis-à-vis Lees traffic flow; and that the Immaculata proposal does not constitute a change of use requiring City approval, but he will look into whether greater scrutiny for these types of changes should be required in the future.

6. Dogs in parks – Margaret Vant Erve

- Presentation attached as Appendix B.

- OOE dog owners used to use field behind the Oblates for dog-walking but with the Greystone development of that land, dog owners are now looking for other green space to use.
- “Responsible Dogs of Canada” is a group of dog owners that has formed to advocate for a dog-friendly society.
- Seeking new by-laws that will support the presence of dogs in the community.
- OOE has a dearth of dog parks as compared to Glebe, OOS and Sandy Hill.
- Working on proposal with Ian Grabina for dogs in Springhurst and Brantwood Parks, which will be posted for community consultation in April.
 - o Proposed Springhurst Park designation:
 - Dogs on leash on River Pathway
 - Field at 160 Lees: off-leash Nov 1 – May 15 and 9pm-9am May 16 – October 31 (and, potentially, whenever field is not being by sports teams)
 - o Proposed Brantwood Park designation:
 - Dogs on leash on the pathway from Clegg to end of park
 - Brantwood sports area: same rules as proposed for 160 Lees field
- Designated waste bins for dog waste are needed.
- In Q&A, concerns were expressed about people picking up after dogs at night, when it’s hard to see the ground; concerns also expressed about use of Brantwood because CAG does a lot of programming there.

7. Treasurer’s Report – Don Fugler

- OOECA account balance is \$21,666.90.

8. Committee Reports

a. Planning – Ron Rose

- o Portugese Church development – still no response to the community’s comments, but apparently the developer is prepared to offer some gesture to the history of the building.
- o Infill strategies – there will be a public meeting on March 21 at 5:30pm to look at the results of City’s work on infill 1 and infill 2.
- o R4 re-zoning strategy – consultation is open for comments until April 9; the Planning Committee is preparing comments on behalf of OOECA.
- o Greystone block 2 – Regional wants to build a nine-story building, requiring re-zoning; a consultation will be held (signs to be posted); the Planning Committee is concerned about precedent setting nature of this.
 - These are going to be rental buildings because the condo market was oversaturated (developer believes likely market will be people downsizing).
 - There will be an opening between the buildings for surface level parking, which is part of the rationale provided for additional storeys.
 - Regional wants to proceed with construction of these buildings ahead of schedule in order to secure commercial tenants before resuming condo sales.

- b. SLOE – John Dance
 - No report
- c. Transportation – Tom Scott
 - MTO consultation about downtown bridges – one of the proposals is to use Ballantyne Park as the lay down area – this is most favourable from engineering perspective; MTO has already done one presentation on this for the City, there will be another session in April at St Paul's.
 - Cycling is also on Transportation Committee's agenda.
- d. Federation of Citizens' Associations – Mark Seebaran
 - No report
- e. Lees Apartment Outreach – Anne-Raphael Audouin
 - No report
- f. Communications – Catherine Pacella
 - No report
- g. Corners on Main & Greystone Village – Heather Jarrett
 - 46 units at Greystone are now occupied; 65 units occupied at Corners on Main.
 - Concern about powerful lights that St. Paul's has mounted on top of its building shining directly into Corners on Main; Heather will contact St. Paul's about this.
- h. Health & Safety – Jaime Girard
 - No report
- i. Membership – Suzanne Johnston
 - No report

9. Community Activities Group

10. New Business

- Introduction of Christine McAllister – candidate for Capital Ward
 - Past president of Glebe CA
 - Key priorities: engagement and working together as a community, green space issues.

11. Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday, 10 April 2018

12. Adjournment

- Moved: John Dance; Second: Richard Cundall; Carried