

Chair's report March 12, 2019

Tributes to Paul Dewar

- our community lost a wonderful and dedicated resident & friend when Paul Dewar passed away recently
- there have been many tributes to his character, his passion and his dedication to public service and youth
- In its upcoming April issue of The Mainstreeter, the editor is asking readers to share their most memorable experiences, encounters or reflections of the late Paul Dewar. The paper plans to print as many readers' submissions of 200 words or less as they can in a special final tribute to honour Paul's memory.
- Send your submission to editor@mainstreeter.ca by the March 8th copy deadline, and include your full name and your street of residence in Old Ottawa East if you do reside in the community. If not, your submissions are equally welcome, and please include your city or town of residence along with your name in full.
- I am also attaching a few links below to articles about Paul from a variety of sources:

<http://www.mainstreeter.ca/index.php/2019/02/18/paul-dewar-1963-2019-i-have-found-my-way-to-peace/>

<https://pm.gc.ca/eng/news/statements>

<http://ottawacitizen.remembering.ca/obituary/paul-dewar-1072610826>

Old Ottawa East Community Association Priorities and Goals 2019 and Beyond

- a document summarizing our thinking to date on priorities and goals has now been posted on our website <https://www.ottawaeast.ca/files/2019/goals-priorities-2019.pdf>
- my next Mainstreeter column will also focus on this topic, and will encourage residents of our community to get involved in projects of interest to them

New Official Plan for the greater Ottawa-Gatineau area

- I attended a presentation and open house on Monday, March 4 on the city's new Official Plan 3 year project

- see <https://ottawa.ca/en/city-hall/public-engagement/projects/new-official-plan> for more info, a link to the discussion papers completed to date, a link to an online feedback form (which can be completed until May 31, 2019) and a link where one can subscribe to a mailing st for this project

- I am also attaching an article from today's Citizen that focuses in on one of the city statements that I liked as well, I.e., that Ottawa should focus on "enhancing the identities of its distinctive neighbourhoods & communities" <https://ottawacitizen.com/opinion/columnists/pellerin-a-plan-to-make-life-in-ottawas-suburbs-about-more-than-dreary-commutes>

Collaborative Justice Program follow-up

- I received an email from Amber Montgomery on Thursday, March 7 in which she indicated the following:

- she can make herself available for the April 9th community association meeting, but given that the case will be wrapping up in court by then, she suggested that she could provide a broad synopsis of what has taken place over the course of the process and be available to answer questions

- briefly, the boys have focused on anti-racism education, volunteer work with less advantaged groups (1 of the boys volunteered at the Mission and the other with children), paying / working off damages, and writing letters of apology to many of the affected individuals

Immaculata sports field

- I received a request from the new Immaculata high school principal, Sean Power, to participate in a meeting with representatives from the school (principal, phys ed teachers, & coaches) and Footy Sevens

- The stated purpose of the committee and meetings would be to look over the following: calendar of events between the school and Footy Sevens; the use of the track; community use of the field; maintenance schedule; landscaping requirements; facilities requirements (garbage, washrooms, clean-up, etc); parking lot requirements;

gates; and security.

Pruning of Trees along the Grand Allee adjacent to 10 Oblats

- We received notification from the Councillor this week of Regional Group's plan to undertake some canopy pruning of the Grand Allee trees on March 15

- The pruning will be done under the guidance of their consulting Forester/Arborist, Andrew Boyd, and the work will be done by Manotick Tree Services

- The purpose of the pruning is twofold; 1. In accordance with regular maintenance, to keep these trees healthy and 2. To prepare the trees for the work that will be done adjacent to their growing area

- This is regular maintenance work and does not require a tree permit.

Meeting request from the French Catholic School Board

- I received the following request on February 28:

"L'administration du Conseil des écoles catholiques du Centre-Est (CECCE) souhaiterait vous rencontrer afin de vous faire part de ses intentions relatives à l'édifice Deschâtelets et d'établir un partenariat avec votre organisation."

- I replied requesting more information about timing & whether they were interested in a meeting with just a few board members or the broader community, but I have not yet had a response

NCC Removal of hazardous trees along the Rideau River Eastern Pathway

- I received the following message from the NCC, that may be of interest to those of you who walk or bike along the eastern side of the Rideau River:

"As part of its regular maintenance work, the National Capital Commission (NCC) will be removing approximately 80 hazardous Manitoba maple trees and branches located along the Rideau River Eastern Pathway, from Bank Street to Highway 417. This work is necessary in order to clear and secure the recreational pathway.

The work will commence on February 28, 2019, between 7 am and 5 pm, weather permitting, and should be completed by the end of March. The pathway will remain open, and signage will be in place to inform users that a crew will be working on the site."

Flora footbridge

- see link below for Rogers video of the footbridge, including an interview with our own intrepid footbridge advocate, John Dance

<https://www.rogerstv.com/show?lid=12&rid=4&sid=7482&gid=307965>

Ward Forum on Snow Removal

The forum for Capital Ward residents on snow clearing has been rescheduled to Wednesday, March 20 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at City Hall in Andrew S. Haydon Hall (City Council Chambers) and broadened to include all urban wards.

As per Shawn's newsletters:

"This has obviously been a big issue with the significant snowfalls we've seen this year. We want to help you understand what the current city protocols are, and we also want to hear what you would like to see out of snow removal in the city.

We appreciate that this is a significant issue with which all residents have been struggling for the past two months. We appreciate your understanding about this scheduling change, and we look forward to the expanded format of this Information Session.

In the meantime, we'd love to start collecting some of your experiences with snow clearing and suggestions for improvement. You can send them to us at CapitalWard@ottawa.ca with the subject line "Snow Forum".

- if we have time at our March board meeting, we may want to put together a list of key points / considerations from a community basis, for example, the importance of pedestrian / biking right of way clearance given how many people use these forms of transportation within our community

OCDSB - Parent Involvement Committee seeks Community Representatives

- I received the following request on March 1:

"The Ottawa-Carleton District School Board (OCDSB) is seeking two (2) Community Representatives to serve on its Parent Involvement Committee (PIC).

Your organization has been identified as one which may have a shared interest in supporting and encouraging the active involvement of parents in the education of students.

The PIC works with parents, school councils, and community partners to foster parent involvement and community engagement throughout the District by:

- providing information, recommendations, and advice to trustees;
- communicating with and supporting school councils; and
- undertaking activities and working with partners and agencies to help parents of pupils of the OCDSB to support their children's learning at home and in school.

The OCDSB recognizes the importance of incorporating members of the community into the PIC who can provide valuable experience and insight. If your organization is interested in appointing a staff or community representative to PIC, please consider submitting an application.

For more detailed information about the PIC, Community Representative eligibility criteria, and the submission process please visit the [website](#). Please be advised that the deadline for submission is 22 March 2019.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Nicole Guthrie, Committee Coordinator at nicole.guthrie@ocdsb.ca."

Ottawa Race Weekend

- check out the article on OOE in the Race Weekend blog posting below (I mentioned that this was coming in my last chair's report)

https://www.runottawa.ca/old-ottawa-east-tamarack-ottawa-race-weekend?utm_source=2019+Tamarack+Ottawa+Race+Weekend+Participants&utm_campaign=094547ba3c-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_01_23_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_e83fef150-094547ba3c-207018169

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