



Meeting of the Old Ottawa East Community Association Board

Tuesday, 12 February 2019, 7p.m.

Old Town Hall, 61 Main Street

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Board Members

Alexandra Gruca-Macaulay
Tom Deadman
Richard Cundall
Phyllis Odenbach-Sutton
Jocelyn Kearney
John Dance
Don Fugler
Bob Gordon
Heather Jarrett
Ron Rose

Other Attendees

Doug Macaulay
Taylor Marquis
Lorna Kingston
Peter Tobin
Monica Helm
Bonnie Weppler
Cletus Peters
Camrose Burdon
Paul Goodkey
Denise Inglis
Wendy McRae
John Jarrett
Peter Beaman
Adriana Beaman

1. Call to Order – Phyllis Odenbach-Sutton
2. Approval of Agenda
 - Moved: Tom Deadman; Second: Bob Gordon; Carried
3. Approval of January 2019 Minutes
 - Moved: Don Fugler; Second: Alexandra Gruca-Macaulay; Carried
4. Councillor's Report – Phyllis Odenbach-Sutton for Shawn Menard
 - Councillor unable to attend meeting due to snowstorm
 - Brief report attached as Appendix A
5. Greystone Update – Taylor Marquis (Regional)
 - Progress update attached as Appendix B
 - Deschatelets building
 - Initial affordable housing commitment: a block of affordable housing on site (which was supposed to be Deschatelets) – plan was to discount the purchase price of the building by \$500K so that CCOC could use it to build affordable housing (they also funded CCOC design work (architecture

services, etc.) – since CCOC funding was ultimately denied by City, back to square one

- Regional intends to maintain its \$500K commitment and is open to exploring options to partner with someone else, or will look at putting the \$500 K elsewhere, for example to offset rents in 2A or 2B
- See Appendix B for written statement of affordable housing commitment from Regional
- Community centre: City is looking for a place to put it on site – City Parks & Rec staff does not want it in the Deschatelets building
 - [Taylor will clarify the status of discussions regarding the community centre at the next meeting]
- Regional is currently looking at what else to do with Deschatelets – abatement work will be undertaken (starting at end of this year) regardless
- In Q&A, there was discussion about chances building will be demolished (little risk since it's heritage-designated); doubts were raised that funding commitment was tied to Deschatelets building; Taylor confirmed that all trees along the Grand Allee that were taken down will be replaced (with what TBC)

6. Chair's Report – Phyllis Odenbach-Sutton

- Report attached as Appendix C
- Highlights:
 - Commercial tenants have been identified for Corners on Main
 - The Immaculata LPAT hearing was cancelled with two days' notice at request of OCSB counsel
 - Saint Paul University strategic plan consultation: Phyllis and Alexandra Gruca-Macaulay attended on behalf of OOECA
 - Collaborative Justice Program: Amber from the program has been invited to present at one of our upcoming meetings
 - Two of the teens involved in the Springhurst Park area vandalism have committed to repaying affected residents for out-of-pocket expenses (in addition to sending letters of apology)
 - Fairness in representation letter: Mayor's response was very disappointing – indicated that mid-term governance review is the next opportunity to think about this issue
 - OOE Hosers won the Capital Ward Cup yet again
 - Request from Agricola Organic Farm for drop-off in OOE

7. Discussion of OOECA Strategic Priorities Document – Alexandra Gruca-Macaulay

- Draft put together by working group (John, Ron, Jamie, Catherine and Alexandra) attached as Appendix D – list briefly reviewed with meeting attendees
- List is lengthy, but it leaves room for people to take initiative and run with the issues that matter most to them
- Regarding the Farmer's Market goal, Taylor confirms that Regional is planning to host the market on Grand Allee

8. Discussion of Issues to Raise with MPP – Phyllis Odenbach-Sutton
 - Discussion will be postponed to next meeting

9. Lees Outreach – Tom Deadman
 - Moved to Lees Apartments in June but grew up in OOE – has started outreach activities with Lees community (which comprises five residential buildings, as well as a lot of commercial spaces, new U Ottawa campus)
 - Challenges for this community include physical barriers to the broader community (including fencing)
 - Communication with the building owners has proven to be a challenge (e.g., getting a response on the fencing issue) – having OOECA support for this issue may help to get traction with building owners
 - Garbage is another issue
 - Another problem may be the lack of polling station for elections (could be something that could be addressed prior to the federal election)
 - People in the area want to be part of the community and get to know their neighbours

10. Treasurer's Report – Don Fugler
 - Account balance: \$22,745.82

11. Committee Reports
 - Planning – Ron Rose
 - 10 Oblats: OOECA presented strong argument to City opposing 9 stories and have been in touch with LPAT support centre in Toronto regarding avenues for appeal – Planning Committee will also discuss with Councillor
 - 9 Mutchmore: owner proposing to shrink rear area – deadline for comments is next Wednesday, Planning Committee has canvassed local residents
 - 24 Hawthorne: site plan control proposal for three-story, 12-unit apartment building on this property – OOECA Planning Committee is analysing proposal
 - 173 Riverdale: property is technically in OOS but will affect properties in OOE – OOE Planning Committee has contacted OOS Planning Committee to discuss how we might be able to support them at Committee of Adjustment
 - SLOE – Joan Batucan
 - No report
 - Transportation – Phyllis Odenbach-Sutton for Tom Scott
 - Hawthorne/Greenfield redevelopment
 - Main St. road audit: following up with City on our recommendations
 - Working with Archville Triangle residents because Tomlinson has requested noise by-law relief for canal wall reconstruction (Committee is trying to understand what exactly the effect will be)

- Federation of Citizens' Associations – Mark Seebaran
 - No report
- Communications – Catherine Pacella
 - No report
- Corners on Main & Greystone Village – Heather Jarrett
 - Phase 1 is completely sold out and Phase 2 is sold out except for two units – move-ins for Phase 2 begin in mid-April
 - Condo board is in negotiation with city re organic waste disposal
- Health & Safety – Jaime Girard
 - No report
- Membership – Suzanne Johnston
 - No report

12. Community Activities Group – Camrose Burdon

- Winter Party was very well attended in spite of the weather
- Valentines Skate party had to be cancelled due to lack of volunteers

13. New Business

- Call for volunteers to help with the Capital Spokes event on June 2nd, interested parties should email Denise at deninglis@rogers.com

14. Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday, 12 March 2019

15. Adjournment

- Moved: John Dance; Second: Don Fugler; Carried

APPENDIX A

OOECA Councillor's Update

February 12, 2019

Location: Old Town Hall, 61 Main Street

1. Our first Capital Ward Council Meeting was held on January 31st at City Hall. This inaugural meeting consisted of representatives from each of the Ward's community associations. We discussed the major issues of the ward and decided on the format of the council.
2. Council will vote on final budget on March 6th. Budget consultation tomorrow will be cancelled due to weather conditions.
3. Ward Forum on Snow Clearing and Snow Removal – Feb 27th from 7 to 830 at Andrew S Haydon Hall (Council Chambers)
4. Press conference with Free Transit Ottawa, demanded a fare freeze and will present motion to that effect at City Council.
5. Met again with City Staff on Deschatelets building, focus still being affordable housing. Maybe give update on community center here as well and cash in lieu for that.
6. Main Complete Street project and Greenfield Reconstruction – Met twice – once with City staff and second time with City Staff and community association. We discussed areas of concern in the Safety Audit and Timeline.
7. Can also give update on Springhurst Field and meeting with Dan Chenier. I (Sam) spoke with Dan on the phone the other day and said that there would be difficulty moving forward on Lucas' project due to the contamination of the field but also because there must first be a procurement process, they cannot just get the field as many others have asked to something there as well.

APPENDIX B
[See attachment]

APPENDIX C

Chair's report February 12, 2019

OOECA Draft 2019 Priorities and Goals

- thank you to the individuals who volunteered at our last Board meeting to meet and prepare a preliminary document + to those members of the board who also provided feedback
- a draft document will be posted on our website, along with material for the February board meeting, to facilitate a discussion

Ward Council meetings

- this reinstated group met with the councillor and his staff on January 31; 2 representatives were present from Heron Park, Old Ottawa South, OOE, Glebe Annex, the Glebe and Riverview Park
- I was joined by Tina Raymond, the co-chair of the Community Activities Group of OOE
- each community association was allocated 5 minutes to introduce themselves & identify the major issues in their communities
- some of the key issues identified were: planning issues (such as inappropriate intensification, rezoning requests), bylaw enforcement (particularly for garbage and parking), need for community space & additional green space, traffic and related safety issues, transit, affordable housing, increase in theft & other crime

The Corners on Main commercial update

- I am pleased to be able to share some news we have recently received from Domicile: early, key tenants include River Dental, Laurier Optical, Walker Real Estate Group and Happy Goat Coffee Company.
- These businesses will be located on the ground floor of Phase 2 of the Corners development that fronts on Main Street.

LPAT hearing on Immaculata field

- the January 16 hearing date was adjourned at the request of the Ottawa Catholic School Board's legal counsel (medical reason)
- we have no news yet re a revised date

Saint Paul University (SPU) consultations on their 2025 Strategic Plan - Dare to Change!

- on January 17, Alexandra and I attended a breakfast with the rector consultation on behalf of the OOECA; SPU had invited a diverse group of stakeholders
- there was a broad ranging discussion focused on the following 3 questions:

1. What potentially high-risk challenges (political, economic & social) should be integrated into discussions on the future of SPU?

2. As it seeks to set its priorities, where should SPU focus its efforts?

3. What new partnerships should SPU establish to support its vision of the future?

- at the end of the session, I stayed for a tour, which included their aboriginal centre, their newly renovated library space & the social innovation centre

- note SPU intends to complete their inner court yard (with entrances from the cafeteria & aboriginal centre) next spring

Meeting with our local MPP, Joel Harden?

- I chatted briefly with our MPP on the SPU tour; he indicated his willingness to meet with members of our CA

- our last meeting with our MPP, Yasir Naqvi, was to discuss our concerns with the lack of sound barriers on the Queensway in our community

- Yasir also joined us at one of our board meetings last year (in January) to discuss the

changes from the Ontario Municipal Board appeal process to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal system

- perhaps we could briefly discuss at our February board meeting the possible issues to raise with our MPP, as well as the best forum for such a conversation

Collaborative Justice Program follow-up

- Jaime and I received an update from the Restorative Justice Ottawa caseworker on January 23. I expect Jaime will speak to this at our board meeting

- briefly:

- There has been engagement with the community members who were directly affected with physical damages that night. Through these interactions, the boys have been tasked with / requested to undertake a number of different things, including: financial compensation, snow removal this season, meaningful volunteer work to give back to the community and those in need
- The boys are putting final touches on a number of individual letters, one of which could be circulated to the community as a whole (potentially through the Mainstreeter).
- Amber has indicated that she would be willing to come to one of our board meetings to give an update on the case, answer any questions the audience has about the boys or what has happened to date in the way of reparative measures, and last but not least, to see about interest in a circle (a meeting with a small group of residents, the boys and Amber)

Fairness in representation, standing committees

- in response to my letter of January 8, in which I indicated our concern with the lack of representation of urban councillors on city standing committees, I received the following response from the mayor's office on January 24:

"Thank you for your e-mail and for sharing your concerns with my office. I have forwarded your comments along to Kiel Anderson, Manager for Policy & Tech Solutions in the Office of the City Clerk and Solicitor. Kiel and his team will ensure that these are included for consideration in this Term of Council's mid-term Governance Review, which is the next opportunity to review Council governance."

- this is the same response that was also sent to the presidents of the Glebe Community Association and the Heron Park Community Association

Capital Ward Cup

- the OOE Hosers won the coveted trophy (again) on Saturday, January 26 at Brantwood Park; the Hosers have now won six times vs the four wins by their arch-rivals the Old Ottawa South Moose

- The Glebe team played valiantly but was unable to defeat the Moose and Hoser powerhouses

- thank you to Councillor Shawn Menard and his staff for organizing and officiating

Running Old Ottawa East, story for Run Ottawa

- in early January I was approached by Joseph Mathieu, who is writing a series of articles on the [Run Ottawa blog](#) featuring Ottawa neighbourhoods, for his article on Old Ottawa East

- he is planning to discuss the new Main Street, the history of the neighbourhood, the new developments, the businesses, and the Rideau River Nature Trail. His specific request to me was to get a comment about how Ottawa Race Weekend impacts the area.

- I provided the following quote (+ some pictures of last year's race in our community, courtesy of John, & some info re running & biking routes in OOE):

"Most of the six races have routes that go through Old Ottawa East and we are delighted to welcome participants to our wonderful community. Residents look forward to Race Weekend for so many reasons: we have a chance to cheer on the participants, many of whom are our neighbours and friends; we get the opportunity to see world class runners up close; and we are inspired to become more active ourselves. And those Old Ottawa East residents who participate in Race Weekend often tell me how awesome it is that they can walk to the start line."

Upcoming consultations of possible interest

Some dates for your calendars from our councillor's latest bi-weekly update:

- Wednesday, January 30 - South End Budget Consultation on from 6:15 pm to 8:00 pm at Ellwood Hall in the Jim Durrell Complex (1265 Walkley Road)

- Wednesday, February 13 - Budget Speak consultation focused on housing and transit, with the other urban councillors. This consultation will focus on housing and transit. It will be held on February 13 at City Hall from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

And another date:

- Wednesday, March 6 - Snow Forum - to be organized by the Councillor's office; details being finalized

Flora Footbridge

- & also courtesy of our Councillor's update: the city has created a Flora Footbridge Newsletter that you can sign up for on the city's website

<https://ottawa.ca/esubscriptions/signup-form-en.html>

APPENDIX D

Old Ottawa East Community Association Priorities and Goals 2019 and Beyond Discussion Draft			
Goal	Details	Key Contacts	Reach: City, Ward, or OOE Specific
Our goal for OOE is that it develops into a well-integrated community, where all residents can enjoy a healthy and fulsome quality of life. We seek to advance the well-being of our residents as well as our natural environment. We understand the importance of this balance as well as the need to support specific social, safety, economic, built environment and natural environment initiatives. The quality of life of, and in, a community results from getting the balance right between these important elements.			
Community Public Space, Greenspace, and Recreation (Development and Planning)			
Develop an OOE Community Centre at Deschatelets, or alternate viable space	CAG led, supported by OOECA	CAG	
Develop Springhurst Park into Community Playing Field and Park	Work with City, CAG, (names of other community groups e.g. Springhurst?), and Ottawa Beavers and Banshees Rugby Club to develop Springhurst Park into intergenerational active recreational and passive leisure park space	CAG	

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Have City assume ownership of Rideau River shoreline by Greystone, and develop into 5K linear river park	Work with City to develop Rideau River linear park, including cross-country ski trails in the winter		
Ensure the longevity of Ballantyne Park			
Engage with OCSB to foster community input for future school board land development, including Mazenod school property			
Mitigate negative impacts of Immaculata field conversion	Work with City to mitigate negative impacts of Immaculata field conversion: loss of multi-sport community recreation space, loss of greenspace/heat island, noise and light nuisance to south bordering block and west facing Corners on Main phase II		
Resume dog park development/designation			
Relocate OOE Farmer's Market to Grand Allée	Work with....		
Transportation			
Reinstate regular and frequent bus service to General Campus, Ottawa Hospital (Former Bus 16 route)			

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Remove Alta Vista Transportation Corridor from City Transportation Plan	Work with City to remove AVTC from Transportation Plan; impact on possible Springhurst park playing field development		
Improve Main St. north, Hawthorne, Echo Drive, Pretoria Bridge/Hawthorne pedestrian and cycling safety			
Act to ensure that community identified Main St. safety measures in response to Main St. safety audit are implemented			
Push for burial of Hydro wires in Hawthorne reconstruction	Work with City to ensure that Hawthorne reconstruction plans will include the burial of Hydro wires, as is the case with the Elgin St. reconstruction project		
Identify community side streets with "drive through" speeding problems, recurring infractions, and act to mitigate problems	Identify which OOE side streets experience speeding motorists, or other recurrent infractions, work with City to address these through mitigating measures including "radar" posts, additional stop signs, and possibly speed bumps. Work with City and NCC? to improve safety of Echo Dr. behind Immaculata, and enhance its school zone protective measures		

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General Community Development and Maintenance			
Continue to monitor possibility of negative impacts from Queensway bridges reconstruction, and work to mitigate these	Consult with business owners on Hawthorne, residents....		
Lobby City to clear snow from Flora Footbridge stairs	Current position of City: they don't clear bridge stairs		
Engage with Main St. developers (north and south) and city planners to strongly encourage active commercial ground floor leasing/ownership	Especially personal-service businesses, retail stores, retail food stores, and full-service restaurants		
Profile OOE business opportunities at an Ottawa Board of Trade event	Help raise awareness within Ottawa's business community of OOE potential customer demand		
Identify how City and CAs can better engage multi-unit, and high-rise residents			
Improve Outreach with the Lees Ave. Neighbourhood	Actively seek to expand community cohesion by 1. holding OOECA board meeting(s) at Lees Apartments; 2. door to door membership drive; 3. finding projects for collaboration		
Work with City to improve affordable housing in Capital Ward			

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Community Health and Environment			
Support key CAFE/ environmental priorities	SLOE to Identify those CAFE priorities that should be added to OOE priorities (esp. climate change and tree/forestry recommendations)		
Community Safety and Security			
Explore need for community disaster/emergency plan	Encourage Pastor Dan Byrne's suggestion to investigate City's disaster planning; Identify OOECA vulnerabilities and needs under various disaster scenarios and address		
Planning			
Work with other Capital Ward community associations to identify ways in which City's Planning processes, including transparency in planning decisions, can be improved	Improve responsiveness of City planning processes to community needs and well-being, including working to limit the scope and number of minor variances, and rezoning		
Community Governance and Communications			
Work with other Capital Ward community associations to form an effective Ward Council	Meet 2-3 times a year		

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Work with City to develop Airbnb regulations			
Expand OOE public profile, and as communication/information source on OOE webpage, and twitter account	Identify best practices of other Cas		
Community Events			
Celebrate Flora Bridge Opening	Community "bridge crossing" followed by party?		