

Ottawa East Community Association meeting

March 10, 2020

7 pm, Old Town Hall

Attendance:

Courtenay Beauregard, Don Fugler, Jayson Maclean, Heather Jarrett, John Jarrett, Sophie Rochon, Bonnie Wepler, Phyllis Odenbach Sutton, Joyce Scott, Tom Scott, Donna Walsh, Terry Walsh, Peter Beaman, Adriana Beaman, Taylor Marquis (Regional Group), Doug Macaulay, Alexandra Gruca-Macaulay, Brendan O'Kelly, Paul Goodkey, Tina Raymond, Ariela Summit (Office of Shawn Menard), Shawn Menard, Jim Strang, Catherine Pacella, Bob Gordon

Motion to approve agenda: moved by Tom Scott, seconded by Don Fugler

Motion to approve February 11, 2020, minutes: moved by John Dance, seconded by Phyllis Odenbach Sutton

Chair's report – Bob Gordon

- Settlement reached on 10 Oblats
- Does not address all the concerns, but board considered that it represented a reasonable compromise
- Still do not have a final cost for legal fees but anticipated that all the money raised will be spent
- Meet the chiefs event – chief of police and chief medical officer, sponsored by many community associations including OOECA
- Main Event is fast approaching, will need someone to coordinate the BBQ – anyone interested should let Bob know

Councillor's report – Councillor Shawn Menard

- COVID19 – may have an assessment centre coming to Capital Ward
- OSEG has withdrawn proposal for Lansdowne Park
- Will work in collaboration on the rest of the site – ie: traffic on site, vacancies
- LRT accountability – group of eight councillors who have asked for more investigation into this
- Problems are a direct result of a P3 arrangement
- Planning and rural affairs committee – re: urban boundary – rescheduled to early May
- New provincial policy that has impact on this, so need to delay it to review it
- Ward boundaries – city has just started consultations on this
- Solid waste master plan – consultation is happening now, looking to reduce waste going to landfills, need to get better at diversion

- Q – should we give more attention to house demolitions when looking at reducing waste (ie: knocking down houses, all material goes in one spot)
- A – will look into it
- Q – how can the community get involved re: Lansdowne
- A – can write in to the city about this, or community association can coordinate a response
- Q – how is Lansdowne doing at the moment? Would be useful if a public report/financial statements were made available.
- A – councillor does receive some financial information (when requested), can share it with the community association
- Q – where are things at re: Immaculata tax status? Concerned this will be replicated across the city.
- A – review takes a long time, expecting a decision on this in the summer
- Q – study was underway to look into snow removal on sidewalks, any of that being taken into consideration for transportation master plan?
- A – city is looking at them separately, but TMP expected to be done before snow removal study – Shawn will ask city staff and try and get a response
- Q – will the city be getting feedback from the Algonquins of Ontario re: urban boundary expansion
- A – understands that feedback was received and will be part of the report/considered
- Q – What happens when plastic fields need replacing (ie: Immaculata) -ie: proper recycling/depositing
- A – that concern has been raised with waste management but will raise it again
- Q – aware of any engagement re: ward boundaries?
- A – trying to raise more awareness on this, two sessions scheduled for late March

Regional Group – Taylor Marquis

- Starting to put together a working group for the new park
- Building 1C – site plan application submitted about a month ago, but just recently deemed complete
- Looking to break ground for January 2021, but some delays and need to consider pre-sales

Treasurer's update – Don Fugler

- \$24,028.05 – pre legal fees

Community Emergency Preparedness Symposium – Phyllis Odenbach Sutton

- Invitation from city/Office of Emergency Management, event is on March 25 in the morning
- Is anyone from the community association interested in attending?

Committee reports:

Planning Committee – Brendan O’Kelly

- Working on terms of reference for planning committee
- Want to update planning and zoning section of website
- Would like to see hydro lines buried on Hawthorne, continuing to keep on this for Hawthorne redevelopment
- R4 zoning review – deadline for comments at end of February, OOECA did not submit anything but following what neighbouring community associations have said
- Some concerns about R4 – ie: how do we ensure we don’t get a bunch of mid-size apartment buildings

Hawthorne development – Paul Goodkey

- TM12 zoning on Hawthorne
- Assumption was that commercial would be on ground floor like Main Street
- Do we want retail/commercial on ground floor of Hawthorne (between Pretoria Bridge and Main Street)
- Motion: The OOECA supports the requirement for commercial use on the ground floor on Hawthorne Avenue between Pretoria Bridge and Main Street – moved by Don Fugler, seconded by John Dance – motion passed

SLOE – Jayson Maclean (*see committee report attached)

- Nominate your favourite tree – upcoming Mainstreeter article to explain it
- Looking to host a workshop on intensification, need names of experts
- Future topics – urban forestry
- CAFES meeting held at Old Town Hall last week, great attendance/turnout
- Motion: the OOECA will send the letter attached below to the mayor and our city regarding the urban boundary – moved by Jayson Maclean, seconded by Tom Scott (one abstention: Phyllis Odenbach Sutton)

Transportation – Tom Scott

- Have provided input to MPP’s office re: bridge replacement/buildings on Hawthorne Avenue
- Traffic calming – McGillivray and McNaughton – a safety review will be done
- Can we use climate change emergency as a rationale for burying hydro wires (ie: as recently done in Nova Scotia)
- AVTC – concerns raised to have it removed from Transportation Master Plan
- Looking into pedestrian bridge for Rideau River at Clegg, receiving information on Adawe environmental assessment to use toward that proposal, as well as feedback from Rideau Valley Conservation Authority

Parks and Greenspace – Alexandra Gruca-Macaulay

- Waiting for language from the city to get the formal agreement as to our commitment for the Springhurst equipment that will be put into place – ie: it will stay public vs being able to privately book it/require a permit

Communications – Bob Gordon

- Some website issues recently (ie: site being down), however, updates have corrected them

Greystone – Peter Tobin (*see committee report attached)

Lansdowne – Richard Cundall – absent (*see committee report attached)

FCA – Ron Rose – absent (*see committee report attached)

Health and Safety – no rep

Membership – Suzanne Johnston – absent

CAG – Tina Raymond

- Registration for spring and summer programming, including summer camps, is open now
- New board members, up to eight people, will update website soon

New Business

- Add COVID19 to the April 2020 agenda

Motion to adjourn moved by Phyllis Odenbach Sutton, seconded by Brendan O’Kelly

Committee Reports:

FCA: Ron Rose

The FCA met in Kanata on Wednesday, February 19th, hosted by the Kanata Beaverbrook Community Association. The ward 4 councillor, Jenna Sudds, was also in attendance.

The main information item was a presentation on the city's Community Safety and Well Being (CFWB) program, by Nancy Worsfold of Crime Prevention Ottawa and Lisa Petch of CFWB. As we do not yet have a community safety board member, I have collected some information on the program and can make it available to any community member interested in this topic. Information is also available at:

<https://www.crimepreventionottawa.ca/discover-cpo/termsreference/>. .

The main item of business was the report of the FCA Planning and zoning committee in response the city's proposals for new infill in the R4 zone, the committee's draft motion expressed broad support for

the city's proposals. However, a number of community associations (Sandy Hill, Dow's Lake, and, to some degree, Old Ottawa South), had expressed the view that respecting a community's character should be an essential consideration when reviewing R4 infill applications and they objected to the fact that this was not reflected in the FCA draft motion addressing the R4 zoning proposals. Subsequent attempts to amend the proposed FCA draft were defeated. The text of the FCA motion has been provided to the members of the OOECA planning committee.

The other business item also concerned planning. The Kanata Beaverbrook CA has had an issue with the Club Links Golf organization over a proposal to convert greenspace into housing. They proposed that FCA support a motion which stressed the need for the city to consult widely whenever there are proposals to convert greenspace into development. The motion also proposed, inter alia, that the FCA support the city's attempts to reject the Club Links proposal. The motion also opposed any attempt to amend the city's Official Plan with respect to eliminating projections for greenspace as written into the Greenspace Master Plan. Additional material has been provided to our Board's Parks and Greenspace coordinator.

The next meeting of the FCA will be hosted by the Alta Vista CA in March of 2020.

Corners and Greystone: Peter Tobin

The crane in the excavation area will remain below grade for the next few months in preparation for the slab pour. It is expected to be working at grade level from June to October. A member of the Corners on Main Board is in touch with Regional on a regular basis.

SLOE, the environment and sustainability committee of the OOECA, chaired by Jayson MacLean

Item 1 - SLOE hosted a CAFES meeting on March 1

- CAFES (Community Associations for Environmental Sustainability) held a well-attended meeting at the Old Town Hall, with discussion topics including the City of Ottawa's Climate Change Master Plan, Ottawa's Long-Term Waste Management Plan, Single-use plastics, the City's updated Tree Bylaw as well as an update from Councillor Shawn Menard
- Thanks goes out to Little Italy Fine Foods for supplying coffee and contributing to the snack table
- Expenses for extra snacks and refreshments (tea, dairy and non-dairy adds, baked goods and fruit) were \$61.92

Item 2 - SLOE's Volunteer Recruitment and Projects update

- Tree Recognition Initiative — it's a call-out to OOE residents to nominate their favourite tree for recognition, through submitting photos and a written piece describing the particular tree's significance (personal, historical, etc.) Entries will be collected for publishing in the Mainstreeter and on the OOECA website. The aim is to encourage awareness and

appreciation of our urban trees and the outcome will be the collection of stories, a map of the community with notable trees identified and perhaps a guided walk over the summer. Anyone wishing to wax poetic about their favourite tree, send your stories to SLOE!

- Community workshop series — we aim to have a few this year, with topics including: (1) intensification/urban density and OOE, (2) energy retrofits for OOE homes and (3) City forestry practices and tree maintenance in OOE. Anyone wishing to help out with SLOE's workshops, give me a shout.

Item 3 - Letter to Mayor and Council on Ottawa's Urban Boundary

- On May 4, a joint meeting of the Planning and Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committees will vote on a report from City Staff recommending expansion of the urban boundary into rural lands, with some indication that the recommendation will be to expand by more than 1200 hectares.
- There are a number of reasons why such expansion isn't a good idea. To point to just a couple, urban sprawl is bad for the environment as it promotes more vehicle use and stretches city infrastructure further, which then requires more energy to maintain. Urban sprawl also goes against the City's own vision: not only is one of the goals of Ottawa's now-in-the-works Official Plan to grow by intensification rather than by greenfield development, the City has now declared a Climate Emergency and needs to follow through on that declaration.
- A letter to Ottawa's Mayor and Council opposing the expansion of the urban boundary has been drafted by Daniel Buckles, one of the forces behind the so-called People's Official Plan, the umbrella working group pushing for a stronger position on climate change within the context of Ottawa's Official Plan, and with the support of the Federation of Citizens' Associations (FCA) and CAFES members.
- **I would like to move that members of the OOECA board review the Letter to Mayor and Council on Ottawa's Urban Boundary, below, and that our CA sign and submit it to Jim Watson's Office and to our Councillor, Shawn Menard.**
- Some related materials on the topic:
 - Daniel Buckles' [opinion piece in the Ottawa Citizen](#), January 31, 2020
 - Cllr Menard's take on the topic [on his Twitter feed](#)
 - Ecology Ottawa's [Hold the Line campaign](#) on urban sprawl
 - Information on the [People's Official Plan](#) movement

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In keeping with these declarations, we urge you to vote for an Official Plan 'land budget' that does not require expansion of the urban boundary. We can no longer afford a pattern of urban development that extends municipal services further out, paves over farmland and rural areas needed by future generations of young farmers, and compounds the problems of car dependency. By now it is also well understood that remote and sprawling subdivisions do not create the affordable housing needed by Ottawa's diverse community.

We also acknowledge that saying no to urban expansion means saying yes to greater density within the current urban boundary. The challenge is to do it right, by creating policies that bring the benefits of urban life to all neighbourhoods in a culturally diverse city. The City's plan to foster transitions to "15 minute neighbourhoods" is a step in that direction, if it is sensitive to the needs of existing neighbourhoods and results in walkable and green neighbourhoods in many parts of the city, not just the urban core.

We believe there is a policy path to accommodation of a larger urban population within the current urban boundary, while at the same time fostering just and healthy neighbourhoods. Council must take this path.

Sincerely,

Old Ottawa East Community Association

Lansdowne Committee Report - Richard Cundall

OSEG have withdrawn their proposal to take over managing (some) of the public areas of the park. As such, the consultation which was planned for this winter, did not proceed and a more comprehensive consultation on the future of the park is expected to be organised in Autumn instead. This is good news; that a solid & comprehensive consultation will be performed by the city. Commercial advertising signage has now been put in place throughout Aberdeen Square by the Casino du Lac-Leamy (attached is the original announcement).

With the demise of the Ottawa Fury last year, a new team is being created to play at Lansdowne, called Atletico Ottawa (taking their name from the Spanish team Atletico Madrid, who are backing the club)

<https://ottawa.ctvnews.ca/ottawa-s-new-soccer-team-is-called-atletico-ottawa-1.4807305>

We will still hold OOECA Lansdowne committee meetings one week prior to the LCCG meetings. The main goal of the committee is still to ensure that a solid consultation is held on the future of Lansdowne and that the community has a strong voice, working with the other two community

associations and through the LCCG.

The upcoming dates for the Lansdowne Community Consultation Group are expected to be as follows:

Apr 30th

Sept 30th

As always, we have an opportunity to provide our voice to the city, to influence the outcome of the discussions. Your feedback is welcome at lansdowne@ottawaeast.ca

Copy of letter sent re: urban boundary

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