

## Chair's report April 11, 2017

### Main Street

- construction updates have started again with Hydro Ottawa commencing the rehabilitation of a large hydro manhole (located just north of Riverdale Avenue) on Main Street on Monday April 3rd. The work is expected to take approximately 4 weeks to complete. Motorists should expect delays going through the construction site.

### Old Town Hall repairs

- I was cc'ed on a number of messages between the City and our Community Activities Group (CAG) in late March
- we were advised last year that the rear porch of the Old Town Hall required work; a scoping exercise was undertaken and a plan to repair the structure was completed, with the repairs scheduled to be undertaken in 2018
- most recently, the City installed supports to shore up the second storey of the porch; we are not yet sure whether there are any plans to speed up the 2018 construction date
- As the rear stairs cannot be blocked, as they would still be required as an emergency exit, signage and tape has been installed asking people to use the front door only

### Springhurst Park tree planting

- a concerned resident has kept me in the loop re his interaction with the Councillor's office to ensure that trees are replaced in Springhurst Park as a result of the cutting of diseased ash trees and the recent soil remediation work
- to date, my understanding is that City staff have been asked about a tree replanting plan and we are awaiting their response

### Springhurst Park Update - Greystone Village Soil Remediation

- Regional has started the soil remediation works for Phase 2 of Greystone Village, which requires removal of contaminated soil right up to the property line.
  - as a result of this work, a number of trees (6 Manitoba Maples) within Springhurst Park have been removed. They were located right on the edge of the park and had critical root zones that overlapped into the Greystone Village property. They were assessed to be in poor condition when the inventory was conducted and would have been negatively affected by the remediation activities. The City also indicated that these trees had already been heavily compromised from the remediation work within the park last summer. It was determined that for safety reasons, these trees would need to be removed.
  - I have been assured by Novatech (in their capacity as landscape architects for Regional) that all regulations are being followed, including a pre-clearing survey for active stick nests and cavity nests in order to identify and protect early-nesting owls and raptors.
  - Additionally, a large tree that was already dead, that the City had been planning to remove, was taken down at the same time (it had a large red x painted on it).
  - the City Forester requested compensation planting, which Regional will provide; the compensation planting will be deciduous trees at 50-60mm caliper.

### PM Sesquicentennial events

- we had a very successful first event on March 28 on Sir Wilfrid Laurier; the presentation and discussion was led by Dr Richard Clippingdale (a wonderful speaker who brought Laurier to life for all of us)
- we received very positive feedback on the evening and some useful suggestions as well for future presentations
- our next event will be on Monday, April 24 when we will host a presentation on Sir John A Macdonald which will be led by Phillippe Azzie
- we are still finalizing our location for the next presentation as we almost hit OTH capacity of 45 for our first event

- I will be laying out our options at next week's Board meeting

### **City of Ottawa Underpass Mural Project**

- we have received e-mails from two of the short-listed artists for this project seeking community engagement  
- Ed has been following up on our behalf; he will provide more info at our Board meeting

### **Lansdowne update**

- John went to the latest meeting of the Lansdowne Community Working Group (during the week of March 20) on behalf of Jocelyn; key points from the meeting follow:  
- Lansdowne will be very busy this sesqui year: includes signature events like the winter classic, the Grey Cup and Guns and Roses (Aug 21)  
- OSEG has no intention of changing the large illuminated TD sign on the stadium veil (it's deemed "fully compliant" by the City) and it will remain illuminated until 11 p.m. Mike Cerha, OSEG VP, noted after the meeting that the related revenue derived from the sign reduces taxes and he also pointed out that there could have been more and - more conspicuous - signs on the veil as there are on other large sporting facilities. He cited the signs on the Canadian Tire Centre as an example.

### **Trillium Pathway Phase 3 - On-line consultation**

- Ian Grabina from the Councillor's office recently passed along information on this upcoming consultation: The on-line public consultation period for the Trillium Pathway Phase 3 (Carling to Dow's Lake) functional design is now under way. Information and feedback questionnaire are available via the link below.  
<http://ottawa.ca/en/city-hall/public-engagement/transportation/trillium-pathway-phase-3-functional-design-study-carling-avenue-dows-lake>

### **Regional's Greystone Village**

- Erin O'Connell (from the City of Ottawa) forwarded the following information on March 31:  
"Please be advised that a resubmission (original submission was circulated in July 2015 but Regional did not proceed further than that due to market conditions) has been received for the Site Plan Control application at 530 De Mazenod Avenue, which is within the Greystone Village development on 175 Main Street. The proposed development is a 9-storey residential building with underground parking.  
Here is a link to the Development Application tool for the site:  
<http://app01.ottawa.ca/postingplans/appDetails.jsf?lang=en&appld=0SVMY4>  
By Monday (April 3), the recently submitted plans will be available on this link and will start with the date "2017-03-31" in the title to indicate the most recent submission drawings.

In general, changes include:

- Relocation of the access to the underground garage from Philosopher Private to De Mazenod Avenue
- The buildings are linked at the second storey, but no longer linked at the first storey, where the space is proposed to be used to access underground parking
- Changes to landscaping plan and elevations as a result of the access relocation
- Changes to the location of amenity space, bicycle parking and storage within the building

Please provide me with any comments/feedback you may have on these plans by **Friday April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**"

- Erin can be contacted with any questions at:

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### **Info Work Bulletin - Parks Canada - Rideau Canal Wall Rehabilitation**

- I received an e-mail on April 4 re the status of this project:

"Parks Canada began work on repairs to the Rideau Canal walls between Bank Street and Pig Island in November 2016. Repairs have progressed well and concrete refacing of the walls inside the canal is now complete. The next phase of work will be on the top portion of the wall, known as the coping, before shifting to address the trail, railings, and light standards in May. This phase of the project to repair the Rideau Canal walls in downtown Ottawa is expected to be complete in spring 2017.

For up-to-date news on infrastructure work along the Rideau Canal, please visit our website: [www.pc.gc.ca/rc/Infrastructure](http://www.pc.gc.ca/rc/Infrastructure). If you would like to be added to our community engagement list and receive updates on this project, please e-mail [RideauCanal.info@pc.gc.ca](mailto:RideauCanal.info@pc.gc.ca)."

#### **Domicile Corners-On-Main update**

- Domicile recently reached a significant construction milestone with the concrete topping of Phase 1.
- Occupancy is still on track for Phase 1 for the end of 2017.
- We understand that Phase 2 sales are also coming along nicely.
- Domicile is not yet able to confirm any retail tenants, though potential opportunities are being explored.
- David Chick is interested in attending a community association meeting in the future when he has more substantial news to share.

#### **Rats in the neighbourhood**

- I have heard from a resident of the Brantwood Park area that rats have been spotted in some backyards
- I forwarded this message to our Councillor's office to see if we can get some insight / advice / guidance on what can be done to mitigate any potential problems

#### **Watershed Conditions Statement: Flood Watch**

- courtesy of our Councillor's office, we recently received information re the City's communications approach to the flood watch - it has been posted on our web-site and tweeted (thanks Catherine); see <https://ottawaeast.ca>
- you can follow the city on Facebook and Twitter to get further updates
- residents can find more info on the following web page:  
<http://ottawa.ca/en/residents/transportation-and-parking/road-and-sidewalk-maintenance/spring-maintenance-and-flood>
- also note that the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority is issuing statements
- on April 7 they released the following information:

"Heavy rain on Thursday has caused streamflows and lake levels to increase significantly in the Rideau River watershed.

The amount of rain that fell in eastern Ontario wasn't quite as much as forecast but it is certainly having an impact. Such water levels were last reached in 2014. The worst impact is in North Grenville and rural Ottawa near the confluence of Kemptville Creek with the Rideau River. Some street and pathway flooding is occurring in Ottawa South adjacent to and in Windsor Park and in Ottawa East in Brantwood Park. No residential flooding in urban Ottawa has been reported to the RVCA.

With only light rain showers still in the forecast and runoff has been working its way through the system, the rate of increase of water levels has begun to slow down. Peak flow can be expected to occur tonight or early Saturday at about 450 cubic metres per second as measured at the monitoring station at Carleton University.

The recession will continue through the weekend. However, there may be a reversal on Monday as Parks Canada staff release water held in the Rideau Canal reservoir lakes that has been held back to provide some peak flow attenuation. This influx of water is expected to slow the recession briefly.

Everyone, especially children, are advised to stay away from the fast flowing and cold water in watershed streams. Also, there may still be ice on some more sheltered lakes that can be expected to be highly unstable and should be avoided.

Conservation Authority staff will continue to monitor conditions and will issue updates as warranted"

#### More Information:

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