

## **Chair's Report - December 2012**

**1. Brantwood Rink Leveling** - The City has begun the leveling of the field for the Brantwood Rink. This work has been long sought by "hosers" because it will allow easier creation of the base ice and it will save huge quantities of water. Originally OECA had sought to include the work as a cash-lieu of parkland project but it wasn't eligible.

**2. History CD on Site** - Thanks to the generosity of Rick Wallace and the efforts of Jan D'Arcy and Catherine Pacella / John Arthorne, the OOE History CD will be available on the OOECA site. Remaining CDs may be purchased at Singing Pebbles for \$5.

**3. Footbridge Progress** - The approved City budget includes \$2M for the detailed design work for the Clegg-Fifth footbridge but it is not clear when this work will begin. Getting a contract in place can be a lengthy process and the Association may need to press the City to not delay in order to complete the work in 2013. Detailed design work for the Rideau River Footbridge was budgeted in 2012 but will not be completed until next year. Meanwhile construction on the Coventry - Train Station - Queensway Footbridge is well underway despite the fact that it has a much shorter history than either the Rideau Canal or the Rideau River footbridge.

**4. 200 Lees Pathway (uOttawa):** The pathway is now open along the river and behind the new uOttawa stadium. Also, the university has moved the stinky composting facilities so they are farther away from the unfinished portion of the pathway on the western half of the university property. An official opening will be held in the spring - ideas of who should participate in the ribbon-cutting would be welcomed. (Are there any OOE families that regularly use the route?)

**5. Noisy Student Brochures:** The Councillor's office has provided post-card-like notices which can be given to noisy neighbours, particularly students. Heather Jarrett is providing some of them to neighbours in the northern part of OOE who have had issues with students' parties. I have extra copies for whoever would like some (see attached).

**6. Immaculata Principal:** With CAG, I'm meeting the principal of Immaculata High School to introduce ourselves and to discuss issues of mutual interest. Thanks for the suggested topics.