

Chair's Report - February 2013

1. Proposed Parking Lot / Staging Area on 160 Lees Avenue Greenspace:

As of February 5th the City and the University were still looking at alternative locations for the parking or a smaller lot at 160 Lees. At this writing, the proposal for 160 Lees had been redesigned to take up less greenspace so that a full playing field could still exist. Meanwhile a parking survey by OOE resident Rick Burrowes revealed substantial underutilization of existing uOttawa parking lots and he found that the parkade at the corner of King Edward and Mann has a top floor with 105 spots that are chained off, i.e., not used at all (in the winter anyway). Many OOE residents have written to the Mayor and the President of the university expressing their strong opposition to having a large (or in some cases, any) parking lot at 160 Lees. The City is expected to be presenting a new proposal for approval of the planning committee February 26th. OOECA, SHCHC, CAG, the Rigby association and others are expected to speak at the committee.

2. TOD and Pathway Studies

Studies for "Transit Oriented Development" around Lees LRT station (and Hurdman station) and for the planning of the complete river pathway from Hurdman Bridge to Old Ottawa South are about to begin. The community association and residents will need to actively participate in all three.

3. Official Plan, Transportation Master Plan, Cycling Plan, Pedestrian Plan and Infrastructure Plan

Revision of these five major plans is now underway. OOECA has the opportunity to improve these to address outstanding concerns, particularly the continued goal of the city to have the Alta Vista Transportation Corridor run through our community

4. "Downtown Moves"

The pedestrian / cycling plan for the core area is being radically revised to ensure LRT pedestrian flows work. The plan has positive implications for OOE's Main Street because a "complete streets" design is applicable to both and some of the same consultants are working on both.

5. Wesley United Church

The church (corner of Main and Graham) has been closed and will be sold ...offers are now being considered.

6. Capital Ward Cup

The OOE Hosers trounced the opposition and won the cup for the fourth time, outscoring the opposition 31 - 9. Congratulations to Captain Andrew Matsukuba and the other eight team members

7. Board for Next Term

At the fall AGM a new Board will be elected. Please let Jaime or me know if you wish to continue for another two years or if you seek a different position (don't be shy).

