

## **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>