

Chair's Report January 9, 2018

OOECA membership

- as of December 13 we had 710 paid memberships in our community
- thank you to all of the volunteers who canvassed, collected funds and collated data

AGM next year

- following from our December Board discussion, the Church of the Ascension has been confirmed and booked for our next AGM on Tuesday, November 13, 2018

New pedestrian bridge at Clegg & Fifth

- John Dance has volunteered to be the OOECA Board representative on the naming committee; we also have the opportunity to have a community rep
- John has also agreed to review the draft Public Art Plan (for new artwork which will be commissioned to compliment the site of the footbridge)"which we have received from the City and on which they are looking for input by January 7
- the Public Art Plan will be included in a Call to Artists which will result in 2 permanent public art benches for this project: 1 commission will be awarded to an Algonquin artist or artist team with the other commission open to all artists or artist teams

Illegal turns from/to Echo to/from Clegg

- I have been alerted of this issue from an OOE resident who has sent this concern to Ottawa 311
- background:

Echo - both east and west of Clegg - is supposed to be dead-ended for cars and trucks (though not for bicycles) but once snow accumulates motorized vehicles can readily mount the curb and they do, endangering both pedestrians and cyclists. Although this is primarily a winter problem, in the other seasons larger vehicles and SUVs occasionally make the illegal turns as well.

Children's garden

- there was an animated discussion of this project at our last Board meeting in December
- at that meeting, the Councillor indicated that he would seek further information on both how the design was developed and the cost of the project
- I am checking to see if he will be able to provide an update at our upcoming Board meeting

Marlowe residents parking petition

- I understand that a petition was circulated on Marlowe to limit parking to one side of the street; the key issues for residents were I believe speeding & the difficulty for buses & other vehicles to navigate the street when cars are parked on both sides, particularly in winter conditions
- although the requisite number of residents supported such a change, it was not accepted; typically on-street parking is viewed as a traffic calming measure & given that speeding was one of the concerns, my understanding is that the elimination of parking on one side of the street was viewed as potentially negating any benefits
- I sought some additional clarification from the Councillor's office & received the following information: "Our office was in direct communication with City Traffic staff only once the original petition had been completed, a petition of which we were not aware. Subsequent communication was directed through the City staffer who has been managing the file with the "lead" resident. The last we heard in October was that this resident had been advised of the need to conduct a new petition for concurrence on seasonal parking modifications with the knowledge that it would have the Councillor's endorsement were it to receive the required community support."

PM Sesquicentennial speaker series

- we are hoping to have several more speakers but are still working on finalizing presentations and dates

Our Ottawa, City of Neighbourhoods

- the Federation of Citizens' Association is hosting a special workshop on January 27 (invite to the event is below); note the link to a FCA short survey is also included below

"Mark your calendars, FCA Planning workshop January 27th & short planning survey: Here's your chance to chime in on how the city of Ottawa will prepare the next phase of the Official plan. The FCA will be hosting a workshop January 27th, at the Tom Brown Arena, [141 Bayview road](#), from 8:30am to 12:30. The workshop titled : Ottawa: A city of neighbourhoods. will feature an expert panel and breakout sessions working on the future vision of Ottawa's development. Please take 5 minutes [to fill out this short planning survey here](#). Please also share this among your community networks. All answers are anonymous and results will be given at the workshop the 27th. They should be very interesting! Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FCAPlanningworkshop> "

- note that Stephen Willis, the General Manager of Planning, Infrastructure and Economic Development for the City of Ottawa, will be participating
- stay tuned for additional information on the registration process and further details on the event