

Chair's report March 13, 2018

Environmental concerns

- the document prepared by John for our last meeting on our community's environmental concerns was forwarded to Ecology Ottawa on February 21
- the community association was also made aware of concerns for a tree close to the 41 Concord St N development; we assisted by providing City forester contacts and a member of our planning committee (who lives in the neighbourhood) tried to facilitate a conversation of neighbours

Traffic / safety concerns

- also further to our discussion at the last Board meeting, we sent a message to our Councillor on February 21 re pedestrian & bike safety at the Main St / Riverdale intersection
- we had good news when our Councillor responded on February 28 as follows:
"I have received a response from the city's traffic department that they are indeed prepared to do a review of the Main Street's performance and safety this spring. At this time, I do not have details regarding methodology and timing, but I will follow up on this and find ways to involve the community in this process. The points raised by Don and a few others make a great place to start."

PM sesquicentennial speaker series

- on Monday, March 26 Bob Plamondon will talk about "Blue Thunder," his embracing concept for the Conservative prime ministers from the end of the First World War to, but not including, Stephen Harper.
- With this talk the Old Ottawa East Community Association will conclude its 11 part sesquicentennial celebration of our prime ministers.
- we hope many of you will be able to join us as we celebrate this last group of PMs

Renewal of the Strategic Plan for the Capital Pathway: Public Consultation

- the NCC held a public meeting on February 21 to discuss the future of the Capital Pathway. The following themes were the focus of the discussion:
 - Integrated, improved network
 - Multi-use, user-friendly pathways
 - Greater public safety
 - Superior, resilient facilities
 - Territorial and seasonal expansion
- OOE was well represented at the consultations, with its residents providing lots of idea on how to make the pathways - particularly those of the Canal - better and safer

Local Planning Appeal Tribunal

- our MPP, Yasir Naqvi, will be hosting a town hall to discuss the recently passed legislation which replaces the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) with the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal [our MPP presented information of this new legislation at our January 9 Board meeting]
- the discussion will be on **Saturday, March 10, 2018 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm at the Churchill Seniors Recreation Centre, 345 Richmond Road, Ottawa.**
- The session will include an update on the legislation, as well as a question and answer period
- If you would like to participate in this session, or need more information, please contact Ben Charlebois by email at Ben.Charlebois@ontario.ca.

Dogs in parks

- this topic is on our agenda for the March 13 Board meeting as we will be hearing a proposal from a representative from the dog walking group, who previously raised this issue at our Board meeting on October 11, 2016
- the dog walking group has been working with our Councillor's office (who has been reviewing options with City staff)

Artificial Turf Field at Immaculata HS

Some background:

- as many of you are probably now aware, the Ottawa Catholic School Board (OCSB) announced on February 13 their plans to partner with the Ottawa Footy Sevens "to improve the athletic facilities at Immaculata. Improvements include the installation of an artificial turf field, LED lighting, and improved fencing on the sports field."