

Chair's report May 10, 2016

Main Street construction

- Construction work along Main Street is progressing – most notably, the northbound lane from Riverdale to Clegg closed on Monday, May 2 until November
- the City continues to release a bi-weekly newsletter on the work associated with the Main Street Renewal; #19 was released on April 15 & #20 was released on April 29
- these newsletters provide further detail on planned construction as well as planned closures of Colonel By Drive
- note in particular that the Sunday bike closures will restart on May 15 & will run until Sept 4
- I will be attending the business stakeholder meeting on **Monday, May 9**, the purpose of which is to review local business's experience following a week's worth of the closure and to answer questions about the work ahead

Coach houses

- April 13 new material from the City:
"A summary document, titled As-We-Heard-It, has been posted on the project webpage to provide an overview of the comments received. Please see: www.ottawa.ca/coachhouses
During this public consultation period, we received many comments and great feedback which require further analysis. The City has therefore adjusted the timeline of this project, from a completion in May 2016 to a completion in the Fall of 2016. This will allow for additional time to consult with key stakeholders to address some of the issues and requests brought forward during the public consultation process.
The next steps for the project are to release the Staff circulation, which will include a summary of the Zoning By-law and Official Plan proposed changes, for further public comment. It is anticipated these will be ready in the Summer of 2016. An email will be sent once this information is available to the public."
 - evening information session on Coach Houses for all registered community groups on **Tuesday May 17th**; Paul to attend on behalf of OOE

Canoe/kayak access to Rideau Canal

- On Friday, April 29 Parks Canada installed some of the new paddling access at Clegg/ Col By and at Patterson (north side)
- this was one of the fastest moving files over the last month that I have ever seen ; it is truly amazing to discover how quickly change can be implemented when there is a coordinated effort for change (the Glebe Community Association & the OOECA wrote a joint letter to Ministers McKenna & Joly on April 19; media engagement (Ottawa Metro News, the Ottawa Citizen, CBC Ottawa Radio 1); and a receptive government to make the change
- John and I hope to join the canoe and kayak flotilla on Tuesday morning to celebrate!

Fifth-Clegg footbridge

- the NCC's Advisory Committee on Realty and Planning recently met (May 5) to initiate the design review process of the redesigned project
- we understand that the City's design team presented the new design features to this Committee

OOECA / CAG survey

- the deadline for completing the survey is May 18
- as of last Friday we had 147 responses to our survey
- the price of our success is that we have exceeded the 100 free mark of Survey Monkey so I will be seeking the Board's approval on Tuesday to spend \$114 (+ tax) so that we can access the results

Greystone Village

- work is continuing on the land remediation
- hopefully the river pathway will be open soon

The Corners at Main - Domicile

- the existing row houses on Main have now been demolished
- our own "Stonehenge on Main" story: thanks to Ian McRae & John Dance for the vision, Mike Powers for finding the pallets, Domicile & Novatech for saving, donating & transporting the approximately 30 limestone blocks from this demolition to lands that Regional has allowed us to use until they can be incorporated in our new park
- also keep a look-out for invitations included in the e-update to events at the Domicile Presentation Centre; I attended the birding presentation and walk last Saturday with Bruce Di Labio which was fabulous; the next planned event is Lost in Ottawa East on Wednesday evening

Off-leash dog park

- I was approached by several of my neighbours who are hoping that an off-leash exercise space can be found within our community
- they are looking at City policies and potential spaces and hope to present their findings at an upcoming monthly Board meeting

Sound barriers

- Glen has arranged a meeting with our MPP on this issue
- I will be joining him for the discussion on May 25

SHCHC needle exchange initiative

- as discussed at our last Board meeting, a special tour has been arranged for our Board of the Oasis Centre on Monday evening at 6:30