



**Meeting of the Ottawa East Community Association Board  
Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at 7:15 p.m.  
Old Town Hall, 61 Main Street**

Board Members

John Dance – President  
Jaime Girard – Vice President  
Don Fugler – Treasurer  
Jill Wherrett – Secretary  
Barbara Hicks – Membership  
Nick Masciantonio – Past President  
Stephen Pope – Planning  
Ron Rose – Transportation  
Jim Strang – FCA  
Bill Baldwin – Lees Ave  
Vicki Davis – SLOE  
Catherine Pacella – Communications  
Gabrielle Schaeffer – CCC  
Devin O’Grady, Member at Large

Other attendees

Barry Davis  
Wendy McRae  
Ian McRae  
Wendy McRae  
Bonnie Wepler  
Lyse Morisset  
Erin Rosenberg  
Leo Boychuk  
P.C. Wong  
Chandi Chandrasena  
Laura Mueller  
Christian Pupp  
Paul Goodkey  
Mary Trudeau  
Sandra Koch

Regrets: John Baglow, Catherine Pacella

**1. Call to Order @ 7:15 p.m.**

**2. Approval of Agenda**

- Moved – Bill Baldwin; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jim Strang. Carried

**3. Approval of March 12, 2013 Meeting Minutes**

- Moved – Bill Baldwin; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ron Rose. Carried

**4. Chair’s Report – John Dance**

John provided updates on:

- *Proposed Ramp for Old Town Hall:* Plan for the new ramp will reflect community recommendations for changes to the proposal, most notably that the ramp go along the side of OTH rather than occupy much of the yard at the Main-Hawthorne corner.
- *Undergrounding of Hydro Wires for Central Portion of Main Street:* Councillor Chernushenko will seek council approval for undergrounding of hydro wires on the west side of Main Street between Immaculata and Clegg Street. Thanks to Paul Goodkey for his work on this file.
- *Consideration of Main Street as "Complete Street":* At the March 26 Main Renewal working group meeting city staff announced that they will consider a "complete street" as one of the options for the redesign of Main. Options range from rebuilding as it is now to a "complete street" solution. All options are to be presented at a public open house in the early summer.

- *McIlraith Bridge Rehabilitation*: Delayed until 2014 so that it will be done in conjunction with the first year of Main St. reconstruction.
- *Mainstreeter - OOECA Column*: First OOECA column to focus on the AVTC. Proposed that next column focus on the "complete street" option for Main Street.
- *City Consultation on Consultation*: Process had been disappointing to date. Little sharing of good background information, no assessment of what has/has not worked in the past.
- *Lansdowne Construction Noise*: City Council's approval of construction activity at night at Lansdowne was done with no consultation with affected communities.

#### **5. Treasurer's Report – Don Fugler**

- Account balance is currently \$11,382.

#### **6. Rideau River Nature Trail/RR Western Pathway Study – Ian McRae**

- Ian provided background on the origins and goals of the Rideau River Nature Trail, outlined progress since it began in 2007, and highlighted major accomplishments in the last year and priorities for the coming year. These priorities include: input to the City of Ottawa's Western Pathway design contract (reiterate desire for pedestrian (and turtle) friendly soft surfacing and ecologically sensitive siting as well as scenic beauty); guidance and mentorship for university students working on the "Stormwater and Shoreline Restoration" theme of the Deep Sustainability CF:ICE project; lobbying the city to begin acquisition of the 40m strip of waterfront property of Oblates; lantern walk or similar event in conjunction with CAG in midsummer; and continued work on cleaning, revising beaver screen protection, planting, weeding and thinning.
- The discussion supported these goals and priorities. Residents of Rideau Gardens Drive spoke strongly in favour of keeping the area behind Rideau Gardens Drive in a naturalized state and posting signage to divert bikes on to the street in that area. Discussion also address the accessibility to Brantwood Park (current steep entry from west side makes accessibility difficult).

#### **7. SLOE "Deep Sustainability on Institutional Lands" Research Project – Rebecca Aird**

- The project on "Deep Sustainability Options for Institutional Lands in OOE" involves work with universities and progressive players in the development community to bring influential options forward for future development of the 12 ha institutional lands site (Oblate lands) with focus on: energy sustainability; stormwater management and shoreline (ecological restoration); connectivity and community; and affordability and seniors' housing.
- Steps include: initial research in each theme area to define options/opportunities (to September) ; prepare input to forum based on findings; forum with development community to test/expand on ideas (October); additional research flowing from forum; prepare recommendations to key stakeholders; pursue partners and financing options maximize feasibility/likelihood of implementation.
- The Chair commended the initiative and noted OOECA's support for the project.

#### **8. Councillor's Report – David Chernushenko**

- A preliminary drawing for the redesign of the south end for Elgin St has been done.
- Questions pertained to the timing of the resurfacing of Lees Ave (to be done in conjunction with Main St.) and the situation with the land adjacent to Old Town Hall.
- **Action: The councillor agreed to look into: 1) whether a temporary barrier could be installed at the end of Elgin St. and 2) downed wires on Lees Ave.**

## 9. OECA Board Vacancy – John Dance

- John proposed that Devin O’Grady be appointed to the Board until the next AGM.
- Moved – Stephen Pope; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Don Fugler. Carried.

## 10. Committee and Representatives Reports

### 10.1 Planning Committee – Stephen Pope

- 2 projects going to Committee of Adjustment: 48 Bower (no issues) and 151 Concord south (many objections in the past, has been improved following consultation with neighbours)
- Ongoing work on undergrounding of hydro wires.

### 10.2 Sustainable Living Ottawa East – Vicki Davis

- Children's garden will replace the raised beds and will apply for a garden coordinator through the Canada Summer Jobs program.
- Lees Avenue Gardens has received a \$2500 grant from the Community Gardens Development Fund to build 8 new beds. Tentative date for the build is May 11. Garden coordinators are Ian Detta and Bob Whitelaw
- Francis Savage is the new coordinator for Ottawa East Community Gardens (behind Saint Paul University). There is a wait list of 42 people for garden plots.

### 10.3 Transportation – Ron Rose

- City will consider a “complete street” configuration for the rebuild of Main St.
- Change to # 16 bus route, to serve Main St as far as Saint Paul University, scheduled to take place April 21.
- Delay of construction work on the McIlraith bridge. The interconnectivity of the bridge bike lanes to the Rideau River multi-purpose paths is still being studied.
- Highway 417 eastbound on-ramp at Lees Ave will close in late-May, early-June, and will remain closed for up to four years.
- AVTC and the transportation, cycling and pedestrian master plans: OECA will make a submission to the City outlining our views on these plans and highlighting the need to remove the AVTC from the Transportation Master Plan.

### 10.4 City Centre Coalition – Gabrielle Schaeffer

Topics discussed at the March 27 CCC meeting included:

- Results of the 2011 Origin-Destination Survey (<http://www.ncr-trans-rcn.ca/index.php?toc=content&ID=208>).
- Transportation Master Plan update.
- Interprovincial Crossings Study update (announcement of preferred corridor is expected this spring).
- OECA reported on the status of Main Street re-design.
- Walk Ottawa / Ecology Ottawa promotes ‘Complete Streets’: petition for complete streets can be found and signed at: <http://ecologyottawa.ca/2013/03/voice-your-support-for-complete-streets-for-ottawa/>
- Cash-in-Lieu of Parking By-Law: City of Ottawa may be getting rid of the by-law because they are not actually spending the funds on City parking areas.
- **Action: OECA Chair to write to Ecology Ottawa to support the Complete Streets petition**

### 10.5 Federation of Citizens' Associations – Devin O'Grady for Jim Strang

Items of discussion at the March 19 FCA meeting included:

- City of Ottawa GHG roundtable: It was suggested the city establish targets, measurable goals and timelines with respect to reducing GHGs
- Ash borer Forum - to be held May 13, 7-10pm at the Ottawa Citizen building
- Public Participation Consultation: City would like to have a focus session with the FCA; plans on meeting with various other groups, such as seniors, youths, etc.
- Official Plan Review
- Hintonburg Association + Home Builders Association Summit - awaiting response from Peter Hume. Will schedule summit once response is received
- Federation of Urban Neighbourhoods meeting May 4 in Toronto.
- Creation of FCA Community Awards. FCA is accepting nominations from the community associations until April 30th for individuals for the Builder Award and the FCA Award. <http://fca-fac.ca/about/award.pdf>.
- Next meeting is April 24 in Rural March. FCA AGM scheduled for June 3 at City Hall

### 10.6 Communications – Catherine Pacella

- Nil

### 10.7 Community Safety Committee – Jaime Girard

- Matthew Hunt is the new community police officer – he will come to the May or June OECA meeting

### 11. Community Activities Group (CAG) – Natalie Fletcher

- Nil

### 12. New Business

- Concerns with the condition of the bike path behind Ottawa u were raised (lighting, construction). **Action: OECA will look into this issue**
- City reassertion of ownership of rear lanes: John Dance will bring this issue forward at the next meeting, re OOE implications.

### 13. Date of Next Meeting – May 14, 2013

### 15. Adjournment at 9:25 pm