



**Meeting of the Old Ottawa East Community Association Board
Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at 7:15 p.m.
Old Town Hall, 61 Main Street
MINUTES**

Attendees

Board Members

John Dance, President
Caroline Hyslop, Secretary
Jim Strang, FCA
Stephen Pope, Planning
Ian McRae, SLOE rep
Don Fugler, Treasurer
Ron Rose, Transportation
Phyllis Odenbach Sutton, Member at Large
Jill Wherrett, Member at Large
Suzanne Johnston, Membership

Others present

Laura Mueller
Christian Pupp
Katrina Siks
Bonnie Wepler
David Chernushenko
Bob Whitelaw
Elizabeth Millar
Darren Schemmer
Leslie Jones
Paul Tweedale
Vicki Davis
Barry Davis
Bartosz Nowak
Bob Parkins
Marcos Magalhaes
Ian Hayhow
Nancy MacDonald
Rejean Huot
Michel Huot
Michael Dawson
Mark Seebaran
Paul Goodkey
Karolina Craig
JF Lozier
Richard Deadman
Keith Shackleton

Regrets

Heather Jarrett
Jamie Girard, Vice President
Catherine Pacella, Communications

1. Call to Order – John Dance at 7:15

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved: Jim Strang; Second: Jill Wherrett. Carried.

3. Approval of March 11, 2014 Minutes

Moved: Phyllis Odenbach Sutton; Seconded: Don Fugler. Carried.

4. Main Street Renewal

The Main Street Renewal Working Group has been meeting regularly, and provides this update:

- The work on Main Street will not begin in earnest until 2015 with some carry over into 2016. We do not know yet which part of Main Street will be worked on first.
- There will be two open public meetings to discuss and inform the community when there are further details.
- With respect to Lees Avenue construction : there will be an open house April 16 starting at 5:30 PM for Lees residents so they will be properly aware of what is happening on Lees.
- The detailed construction plans are expected to be on the City of Ottawa website at some point in the near future.
- City Council approved the plan last July, and that plan is still effectively the same, with some minor changes. The biggest change is north of Queensway, where there will be wider sidewalks but not a cycle track. The cycle lane on Main Street will essentially end at Hawthorne.
- A question was raised: will there be an alternate North-South route for traffic during the construction? The answer is that there remains a possibility that Main Street will be closed for a period of time during the construction, but we do not know yet what the detour route will be. We do not know at this point what route the busses will take.

5. Proposed Development at 115 Echo.: Portuguese Church property

- The representatives of the developer Uniform were unable to attend as planned, and have requested that we postpone this discussion until another date.
- Stephen Pope provided a little bit of an update of his own: With respect to heritage, the building is on the register but is not designated. The proposal is still a work in progress. The building will conform on the gross scale to traditional Main Street designation; however, the current plan does not include main floor retail space, in part because there is not space on the site for commercial parking.
- A question was raised as to whether any new development there would have to conform to the setback imposed by the NCC, and Stephen's understanding is yes: any new building would be set back in alignment with other properties already on that street.
- A comment was raised that we should be mindful of the heritage value of the church that currently sits on that site. The church was originally built as

an Anglican church in the late 19th Century, and has since then been used by several other congregations.

6. Chair's Report – John Dance

A written report was circulated prior to tonight's meeting; please refer to that report for details. Some issues are as follows:

- We are expecting signalised pedestrian crossing at Queen Elizabeth and 5th. It is expected that a signalized crossing will be constructed at Colonel By and Clegg, although current NCC budgets won't allow this for at least another two years.
- Phyllis Odenbach Sutton will be working on helping to organize an all-candidates meeting for the municipal election.
- Ron Rose has volunteered to run the BBQ at Main Event, and will be looking for volunteers to assist.
- Undergrounding: the Association continues to advocate for burial of hydro lines despite the City's refusal to fund this. The association's Planning Committee is seeking further attention to the issue through an op-ed submission for the Ottawa Citizen or related means.
We are losing a large number of trees in the neighbourhood, and we are hoping to get a lot of them replaced.

7. Treasurer's Report – Don Fugler

- The Association currently has \$13,479 in the bank.
- The garden at St. Paul's is having some difficulty covering their funding and would like to know if we could carry an overdraft of up to \$100.
- Motion: that the Association provide a loan to the Ottawa East Community Garden not to exceed \$200.
Moved: Stephen Pope; Seconded: Ron Rose. Carried.

8. Councillor's Report – David Chernushenko

- Order of Ottawa – nominations are being taken now.
- Wildlife Speakers series: The first was a session on coyote behaviour. The second one will be on backyard biodiversity. Friday April 11 at City Hall.
- Councillor Chernushenko does not expect that there will be any major delays on the Main Street renewal project; it will go ahead in 2015. Communication with respect to detour routes, closure schedules and bus routing must be communicated clearly and effectively to the community. Some streets will get some detour traffic; this will be inconvenient for some streets but it is hoped that disruption will be minimized and safety will be paramount.
- There is some flooding along the river bank in a few spots, so please be careful and stay well back from the water especially with children.
- An event known as the Community Cup – a soccer event – to engage newcomers to the Ottawa area is being planned for June in Brewer Park. The

councillor is hoping to plan an event sometime in May in Springhurst Park as a lead up to the Community Cup.

- A large portion of the surplus Alta Vista Transportation Corridor Lands (160 Lees) will be added to Springhurst Park. This expansion of the park follows from the City's approval of the Transit Oriented Development plan for the Lees LRT station.
- With respect to the site at 115 Echo (Portuguese Church), the sense that Councillor Chernushenko has from the developer is that they are willing to engage in a dialogue. For example, we are all keen to see more ground level retail in the area but there are concerns as to whether that property location is viable for retail.

9. Committee Reports

9.1 Planning - Stephen Pope

On the radar at the moment are 141 Main Street and 113 Echo. 129 Main is now being proposed as a four-storey building but we do not know the timing on that development. We do not know the current status of 178 Main, but there is a potential for a four-storey building. 140 Springhurst is proposed as an eight-unit building. There are a number other small projects in the works but we do not have recent details.

9.2 SLOE – Ian McRae

- The Deep Green Forum on March 22 – about 100 people attended the discussion on potential development of the Oblates property. Issues included shoreline restoration, connectivity, storm-water management, green energy etc. The forum was recorded on video and there will be some video will be posted on the SLOE website. There is agreement all-round that it was an excellent event and a great opportunity for community discussion. Hopefully the event will lead to an exemplary development. The results of the forum will be presented to Old Ottawa East residents at an upcoming meeting.
- Lees Community Garden will be building new beds. Children's Garden is planning playgroups and events.
- We are awaiting the final design of the Rideau western pathway.
- The Main Street farmers market will be going ahead. This Sunday April 13, the market organizers are planning a get ready work bee.

9.3 Transportation - Ron Rose

- The Lees avenue overpass replacement is scheduled this summer. The street will be closed for a period of time.
- The western pathway may be open by mid-April.

- Transit changes: once the Main street reconstruction is finished in 2016, the #16 bus will be extended by one block. We are awaiting information as to what will happen to the #16 bus during the Lees avenue construction work.
- Landsdowne traffic committee – is mostly focused on the Glebe but some representatives of OECA attend the meetings in order to stay informed about any traffic issues that could affect our neighbourhood.

9.4 City Centre Coalition
No report.

9.5 Federation of Citizens' Associations - Jim Strang

A written report was circulated prior to tonight's meeting.

- Meeting last month was well attended, and included a briefing on the topic of "streetscape character analysis." This is a method whereby the character of a neighbourhood is assessed by observing the patterns of front yards, driveways, main entrances etc. with an eye to maintaining a certain amount of zoning conformity when considering new developments.
- FCA is supporting an initiative to encourage the City to phase out the use and sale of bottled water at City events and on City premises.

9.6 Communications
No report.

9.7 Community Safety
No report.

9.8 Membership
Nothing new to report. Suzanne will be looking for new zone captains to try and engage more of the community

10. Community Activities Group

Funding has been secured for four more movies in the park this summer. Shakespeare in the Park will be in Brantwood July 30 (one night only).

11. New Business

- A question was raised about the proposed footbridge at Clegg-Fifth. It is not expected that construction on the bridge will go ahead for at least another 6 years.
- Christine Loth Bown has let John Dance know that she will be resigning her position as member at large.

12. Date of Next Meeting – May 13, 2014

Adjournment moved: Stephen Pope; Seconded: Don Fugler. Carried.