



## Meeting of the Old Ottawa East Community Association Board

Tuesday, 9 February 2016, 7p.m.

Old Town Hall, 61 Main Street

### MINUTES

#### Attendees

##### Board Members

John Dance  
Paul Goodkey  
Ed Janes  
Suzanne Johnston  
Jocelyn Kearney  
Glen Linder  
Ian McRae  
Phyllis Odenbach Sutton  
Stephen Pope  
Mark Seebaran  
Katherine Simonds

##### Others present

Mary Jo Aquilina  
David Chernushenko  
Jobbie Daniel  
Ian Hayhow  
Danielle Noble  
Erin O'Connor  
Frederick Richings  
Joyce Scott  
Tom Scott  
Jim Strang  
Christian Pupp

1. Call to Order – Phyllis Odenbach Sutton – 7:02pm
2. Approval of Agenda
  - Moved: Ian McRae; 2<sup>nd</sup>: John Dance; Carried.
3. Approval of January 2016 Minutes
  - Moved: Ed Janes; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ian McRae; Carried.
4. Chair's Report – Phyllis Odenbach Sutton
  - Report attached. See Appendix 1.
  - Clegg 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. footbridge update provided by Glen Linder
    - design and timing are the two main issues
    - subject to funding approval
    - construction to take place 2020-2025.
    - should additional funding become available, construction could begin sooner
    - estimated 20-24 months to complete once construction begins
    - first design was problematic
    - early change in design subject to some criticism; though we were told that change in design more to do with lowering the cost

- The Councillor indicated that the message from City Hall and the Mayor was that more money would be required to build bridge quicker; on track to be built 2-3 years ahead of schedule
- currently accepting comments and inputs
- Concerns raised about the width of the bridge in the designs
- John Dance proposed that a letter be put forward specifying the OECA position on the footbridge design and the thrust of the letter will that the association is very pleased that the schedule may be advanced and that a few tweaks will make it even more attractive, valuable and functional
- At the Federal Pre-Budget Consultation meeting, MP McKenna supported the initiative
- Update from Erin O'Connor, Greystone Village
  - No news since last update
  - Meeting with OECA will be set up in the near future regarding the use of public space in Greystone Village, potentially to be held on the First week of March
  - Greystone is working with RCVA to help them figure out what they will take on if they do take on the lands, discussing potential options such as capping the soil to demonstrate lower risk to insurance companies, as the lands are technically contaminated and affects their insurance
  - in the meantime regional would maintain ownership of it and it would be made available for public use
  - The City has indicated that they cannot take on the risk of owning the land
- Chair's report continued:
  - CAG has asked OECA if the Association would like to host the Main Event as a fundraiser this year. Would like to know by March 1.
  - Request went out to see if anyone was interested in hosting and coordinating
  - CIL of funds decision: re-surfacing of the basketball court at Springhurst Park agreed to. CiLP clarification was sought at meeting re kids hoop support. It was considered as an "option" in December discussion, but there was debate about the merits / safety of a kids hoop on an adult court.

## 5. Councillor's Report – David Chernushenko

- Rideau River Pathway:
  - City has had difficulty in getting consensus on what people want
  - City is working with University to figure out how to get under the transportation bridge
  - A City manager will be meeting with Joint –UO – City projects to bring forward three designs
  - City also looking at lighting design options, idea that it will be lit from Clegg to the UO
- Soil analysis 160 Lees – work set to be completed in 2016, tendered documents are being worked on. Park-bench re-location may be required.
- Parking at Lansdowne:

- streets closest to Lansdowne are close to 100% capacity
- on several occasions key partners have met to discuss this issue
- relevance to Ottawa East has to do with avoiding similar situations with upcoming development
- creating an issue for on-street parking holders who are unable to find parking
- pilot project being done with going to one hour parking only and then guest parking being made available
- new parking garage only being used lightly

## 6. Treasurer's Report - Don Fugler

- No Report.

## 7. Committee Reports

### a. Planning - Stephen Pope

- Report distributed by email, see Appendix 2.
- Appeal against Infill bylaw, specifically the exemption from the 10 m height restriction for triplexes in the R3 zone
- Trying to avoid arbitration process, yet indications from the City that the process may move to Court
- Greater Ottawa Homebuilders Urban Infillers Group, conversations to be had about protecting rear yards – seeking to find a common position
- Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 2pm – meeting with Greater Ottawa Urban Homebuilders
- If we can get City to remove the exemption we can avoid OMB
- 168 Hawthorne development (2 houses on Concord North), OECA in favour of these two buildings offering onsite parking
- supported rears-setback 176 Echo
- 176 Greenfield added a parking spot at the rear of the building
- 113 and 115 Echo (see planning report)
- call 311 if a vehicle is blocking the sidewalk (bylaw issue)

### b. SLOE – Ian McRae

- Report distributed by email. See Appendix 3.
- Meeting to be held on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, 166B Drummond
- Follow-up meeting to also be held on Wednesday 10 February 2016, on the previous seminar on low impact storm water treatment, to meet with landscape architect from Greystone
- On Feb 10<sup>th</sup>, a meeting with innovative Housing for Older Adults was held. Legal and organizational study coming up.
- Garden initiative meetings to be held on a quarterly basis

### c. Transportation - Glen Linder

- Community members north of the Queensway have drawn to the attention of the OOECA that there are no noise barriers along part of the Queensway between the Canal and Nicholas. Residents of this area have been attempting to get this situation addressed for several years. Now that

the OOECA is aware of the situation, we will attempt to draw the matter to the attention of the provincial and municipal levels so that it can be resolved.

- d. Federation of Citizens' Associations - Eddie Gillis
    - Report distributed by email. See Appendix 4.
  - e. City Centre Coalition - Kate Martin
    - No report.
  - f. Communications - Catherine Pacella
    - No report.
  - g. Community Safety – Mark Seebaran
    - Two reported incidents of child luring in December and January in Old Ottawa South. Police haven't said if they're related. In one case toys have been offered in luring.
    - Main St. doesn't yet have a lot of commercial activity so its important to heighten awareness about safety at night the and discuss how to improve it
  - h. Membership – Suzanne Johnston
    - Not a busy time of year for Membership, but if you're neighbourhood was not canvassed we probably don't have a canvasser assigned to the street, so we are notify Suzanne if you are interested in volunteering.
8. Community Activities Group
- No report.
9. Lansdowne Working Group Meeting January 2016 – Ed Janes
- Report circulated by email, See Appendix 5.
  - During last meeting, concern was expressed regarding whether businesses
  - Glebe business is actually going well
  - noise levels not a large concern apart from major concerts (most noise from the bars such as Jack Astors, etc.)
  - light pollution raised as an issue (including TD sign)
  - citizens would like to see more greenery
10. Sesquicentennial celebrations – John Dance
- Proposing to organize a community/multi-community circumnavigation of Rideau Island by Canoe or Kayak, under the auspices of the CA, possibly CAG.
  - Phyllis proposed the idea of a bookclub of the Prime Ministers of Canada
  - Tree-planting initiative also an option
11. Coach houses - Phyllis Odenbach Sutton

- a small sample of 460 people completed a questionnaire, 20 in the K1S postal area
- City of Ottawa Guiding Principles and Draft Recommendations Paper
- A meeting will be held on Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7pm, at Old Town Hall.
- Primary Considerations: set-backs for rear and side yards are not minimum but maximum setbacks, therefore could be built on 0m property line; coach houses depict houses on big lots, one story but does not fit the reality of backyards in OOE; potential elimination of sunlight
- People are encourage to attend the upcoming meeting

#### 12. Parking issues – Paul Goodkey

- On-street parking likely to become a larger issue with the development and increase in population
- Other considerations include poor service of transportation
- Infill bylaw: don't have to have any parking up to 12 units
- Minimum parking review study happening: comments are still being accepted
- Proposal to reduce the amount of visitor parking required for projects larger than 12 units (Infill 1).

#### 13. New Business

#### 14. Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday, 8 March 2016

Adjournment moved: John Dance; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Stephen Pope; Carried.

## APPENDIX 1

### Chair's Report – February 9, 2016

#### Main Street construction

The following information was provided to Board members by Ian Grabina of the Councillor's office on Jan 27, 2016 (as a result of an initial query from Ian McRae) concerning the Ottawa Hydro pole replacement:

"I took the opportunity yesterday to meet with Hydro Ottawa onsite and review the stub pole/ guy wire/ anchor situation with them. My goal was to get a clear understanding of the reality of the Main street renewal and how it has influenced the manner in which Hydro may install its poles, along with some of the updated requirements now in place for power poles and lines. In short the new stub poles, poles, guy wires and anchors in place are part of the permanent Main street infrastructure.

I expect there might still be concerns over the "mess of wires" along Main even once you've read the email below and reviewed the attachment. My goal by way of this email is not to explain away power poles and their associated wires, it is to ensure that the OECA board has in-hand the best possible explanation for the various pole and wire applications and the reason(s) for their use.

If after reviewing this email and its attachment you still have questions on the various applications of guying and anchoring it might be best to contact me directly as additional clarification might be better completed either on the phone or via an onsite visit."

Please let me know if you did not receive the original e-mail from Ian G and would like to have a copy.

Ian G also followed up with the City Signals team with respect to the left-turn signal timing at Colonel By and Hawthorne (Pretoria Bridge). The good news is the left-turn signal will be extended during the afternoon rush hour to 19:00 until the northbound lanes on Main St are re-opened. (Thank you Ian.)

#### Clegg / Fifth Avenue pedestrian bridge

Councillor Chernushenko is hosting a public information session on February 4 to share the latest updates re this bridge. In particular, information on the proposed design and how we might be able to begin construction sooner than 2020 are to be provided.

#### Greystone Village update

Erin O'Connor of Regional will be attending our monthly Board meetings on a regular basis, and will provide updates and respond to questions from the Board or community members.

## Greystone Village - New park

The Park Sub-committee (Eddie Gillis and John Dance) met with the Councillor's office and the new City park planner, Diane Emerson, on January 29. Eddie will be providing an update in his report to the Board.

## Secondary dwelling units in accessory structures (i.e., coach houses)

The City is currently undertaking a zoning study to determine the appropriate zones and standards to permit secondary dwelling units within accessory structures in residential neighbourhoods. These types of units are essentially a small apartment or suite in the backyard of a home or along a laneway. The rationale provided by the City for these changes is to support intensification in established neighbourhoods and broaden affordable housing options.

To date the City has prepared a discussion paper, conducted a survey in the fall (just under 436 surveys were completed by the deadline of Nov 6) and prepared zoning by-law options which were to be released on Feb 1. An open house and information session on selected draft options is planned for March 2016, with the release of the final study recommendations in April, and a staff report to the Planning Committee and Council in May.

We discussed the material released by the City to date at our most recent OOE Planning Committee meeting, and we have a number of concerns with possible options and their impact on our community. As a result, we have invited Emily Davies (the officer responsible for this project for the City) to meet with our community to discuss the City's proposed zoning options. She was not available to come to our Feb 9 Board meeting, but has agreed to meet with us later in February (we have tentatively booked Feb 22.) The City will be looking for feedback on their latest options piece likely by the end of February.

We indicated to her that we would be particularly interested in:

- gaining a better understanding of the first questionnaire results, e.g., survey information broken down by location of respondents, comments provided by respondents
- determining whether the number of respondents for this survey is "typical" or lower or higher than normal
- the potential of coach houses to eliminate green space and the urban forest, particularly as other policies are encouraging considerable intensification in our community and
- how options for coach houses will fit with the Infill 1 and 2 by-laws.

## Councillor's Cup

**OOE Hosers Lose in Final:** The Old Ottawa South "Moose" defeated the OOE "Hosers" in the championship game of the Councillor's Cup hosted by David Chernushenko and the Heron Park Community Association. The nine years of the Cup now have both OOE and OOS each having won four times with Glebe winning the other time. Heron Park has yet to win but every year gets better, narrowly losing to the Glebe in one of the games. The Hosers had a superb team with veterans captain Andrew Matsukubo, Mike Souilliere, Natalie Saunders, and Ian White; Brantwood Rink attendants Jordan Dewar, Nick Workun, and Jacob Bays; and rookies Jill Wigle, Jen Abma, and Susan Redding.

A big thank you goes to John Dance for again taking such an active role in the organization of the Hosers.

## Old Town Hall

On January 19, Ian Grabina, from the Councillor's Office, indicated that "after further investigation, it has been determined that the porch can be repaired instead of demolished." Repairs are planned to begin in the spring of 2016.

The accessibility ramp now appears to be in working order, although the door panels still need to be completed.

## Allocation of Cash-in-Lieu of Parkland (CiLP) funds

John and I will be meeting with CAG to try to see if we are in agreement on the allocation of at least some of these funds, in particular the Springhurst basketball courts. The meeting will take place after CAG's next Board meeting, which is on Feb 9. If others are interested in participating in this discussion, please contact John or me.

## Queensway sound barriers

Concerns re the lack of sound barriers were brought to our attention by residents of the town houses at the far ends of Havelock, Montcalm and Greenfield. Our Transportation lead Glen Linder has agreed to look into the issue further and raise concerns to municipal and provincial representatives as needed.

## Proposed boundary changes to Elgin Street Public School

After consulting with Catherine Pacella (our Communications rep on the Board + a co-chair of the Elgin Street School Parent Council), I sent the following message to the Ottawa Carleton District School Board, our school trustee (Shawn Menard) and the Centretown school trustee (Erica Braunovan) on January 18 :

"On behalf of the Old Ottawa East Community Association, I would like to express our concern about the Board's current proposal to deal with the over-capacity situation at Elgin Street Public School. While we recognize that there is an immediate need for action to alleviate overcrowding, it is important that permanent decisions are based on more complete analysis.

The consultation period to consider the Board proposal has been very limited, and we believe that a more fulsome examination of the likely new enrolment, as well as possible solutions, is needed. In particular, a solution should better reflect the current over-capacity issue at Viscount Alexander, the near full-capacity of Hopewell Public School and the Lady Evelyn under-capacity.

It appears to us that the Board is proposing a short-term solution to a long-term problem, all without considering some of the major new planned development in our community. Indeed it is our understanding that the Greystone Village and The Corners on Main developments have not been considered in any of the analysis undertaken to date by the Board. These projects will result in a significant increase in population for our community. A solution needs to better incorporate the needs of Old Ottawa East as the former institutional lands are developed."



## Federal pre-budget consultations

The CA received an invitation from the office of our MP Catherine McKenna to participate in pre-budget consultations with her and Francois-Phillippe Champagne, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance on February 1. The stated purpose of the consultations is “to look for ways to help grow the economy, ensure a thriving middle class, and make our community an even better place to call home”. Our Vice-President, Ed Janes, attended this meeting and will provide an update at our Board meeting.

Also of note from the Councillor’s office:

“The Councillor met with Minister McKenna a couple of weeks back. They discussed the Councillor’s priorities and how what the Minister and her Federal colleagues could work with Municipal Councillors on similar initiatives, both short and longer term. There was talk of infrastructure and how the various projects both on-the-go (pathways) and planned (footbridge) could easily fall under her mandate and through her colleague who holds the green infrastructure fund portfolio.

The Minister was given the Councillors “hit list” and has committed to working with him to achieve their common goals, including but not limited to the canal footbridge.”

## NCC Board of Directors Public Meeting on January 20, 2016

The letter to the Chair of the NCC noting OOE’s appreciation for the safe crossing at Clegg and Colonel By was included in the Board material; my presence on behalf of OOECA was also noted at the meeting.

FYI - The NCC’s 6 priorities are:

- Make Lebreton Flats and the Chaudierre Islands a significant national destination
- Offer public access and connections for Canadians to discover shorelines and waterways
- Modernize the planning framework and plan for Canada’s capital
- Be a value added partner to the community
- Ensure successful national commemorations and
- Demonstrate corporate excellence.

The NCC also mentioned some of the ideas they have received to date for their 17 Great Ideas sesquicentennial project, many of which have a strong environmental sustainability theme: pedestrian bridges, more animation of the shoreline within the capital, better cycling paths and a giant ferris wheel.

## **APPENDIX 2**

### **Planning Report, Stephen Pope**

#### **OMB Appeal 2015-228 (Infill 2)**

The first meeting (14 Jan) between Community Associations and city staff to discuss our appeal, which I was unable to attend, was a distraction activity that focused on the unforeseen consequences of the bylaw. The second meeting, attended by Paul Goodkey and myself (18 Jan) started badly when I advised Alain that we did not want to discuss the other elements, only our appeal. At that point we were advised that the city did not want to reconsider anything and we could "see them in court" (my phrase). I am considering what next steps are appropriate. Certainly advising the city solicitor that contrary to his proposal, staff are not willing to negotiate is one avenue.

Providing a set of drawings presenting counter examples to the drawings provided to the City by GOHBA is another avenue. City staff are confusing GOHBA's interpretation of market demand, with requirements under the Ontario Building Code. They are also attempting to play their apparent inability to understand drawings both ways, accepting the GOHBA ask and refusing our arguments by misquoting the building code.

February 5th I met with representatives from the Greater Ottawa Home Builders Urban Infill Committee to discuss common issues on the Infill 2 file. While we agreed to disagree on some aspects (such as the need to have 8' clear under ducts, which necessitates building heights greater than 10 m), there are a variety of common issues. It was suggested that we share issues lists. Further meetings may also explore a more formalized communication between GOHBA and Community Associations, perhaps facilitated through the FCA. A follow up meeting is scheduled for 18 February.

#### **Greystone Village**

Not a lot of news at this point from Regional. A new class at Algonquin will be using the Regional master plan for Greystone Village in a district heating design project. The Board welcomes Erin O'Connor in the second of her regular appearances.

#### **New Planning Projects**

##### **Coach Houses**

There has been a recent flurry of correspondence around the coach house issue. It is another confused project emanating from the City in response to Provincial Planning Statement requiring municipalities to identify areas for urban intensification. The proposal contradicts the work done in Infill2 on protecting the privacy of rear yards, and expands existing provisions in the Planning Act enabling secondary suites in single or semi-detached houses. The Board and others interested will have an opportunity to question planner Emily Davies on the subject at an upcoming meeting.

##### **Minimum Parking Requirements**

Comments are still being received on the minimum parking requirements study. The explanatory material developed by the city does not address any downsides to the reduction of the requirements for parking. There are concerns regarding the interpretation of data, a lack of address of visitor parking, and lack of address of the poor quality of public transportation in our neighbourhoods.

#### **Upcoming Committee of Adjustment (CofA) Hearings**

##### **168 Hawthorne:**

This file was adjourned "sine die" and must reapply with new staff circulation. Other variances have appeared in addition to the request for on-site parking. Those variances are in the service of plans reviewed by the committee and do not present any issues.

##### **655 Echo Drive**

OOECA Planning supported a request for an exemption from the Infill2 rear yard setbacks for a second floor expansion on the first floor of an existing house.

No new files are on the list for the C of A hearing on the 17th of February.

## **Site Plan Approvals**

### **176 Greenfield:**

OOECA Planning requested the addition of one parking spot in the rear yard of the project.

### **113-115 Echo Drive:**

The City is still waiting for responses from Uniform Developments. A meeting between the Councillor's office and PGM to review the implementation of the TM7 zone and the Complete Street on Main north of the Queensway is scheduled for 18 February. At issue is an idea that suggests the presence of only one store in the ground floor of a dwelling would satisfy the requirements for commercial presence. OOECA Planning disagrees with this interpretation, as it does not do enough to animate the street level in support of (and supported by) the Complete Street.

Regards to all,  
SFP

### **APPENDIX 3 SLOE – Ian McRae**

Feb. 9, 2016

There will be a meeting for all people interested in SLOE tentatively scheduled for Thursday, March 3. SLOE is open to all Ottawa East residents interested in dreaming about, learning, participating and leading innovative activities that foster environmental and social sustainability. More information will follow by newsletter and e-update.

Following up on the Deep Green initiative, members of SLOE will meet with Regional and Novatech on Feb. 10 to discuss possible LID measures that were identified for consideration in the Greystone Village development in a one-day seminar sponsored by Regional last June.

We will be participating in the annual meeting of the Ottawa Invasive Plant Group on Feb 10 to report on our control activities particularly along the Rideau River Nature Trail.

The Innovative Housing for Older Adults continues with a lot of interest and the next steps involve legal and organizational study.

Reporting on community garden initiatives will be on a quarterly basis for the future.

Ian McRae

**APPENDIX 4**  
**FEDERATION OF CITIZENS' ASSOCIATIONS – EDDIE GILLIS**

Federation of Citizens' Associations of Ottawa

Report to:

OOECA General Meeting

February 9, 2016

The January meeting of the FCA was held on January 13, 2016 at the Tanglewood Park Community Centre. Approximately 50 representatives were present including Eddie Gillis from the OOECA.

The meeting used a unique format based on the 'speed dating' concept and the 'Let's Talk!' theme.

Several experts both from among senior City officials and the voluntary and private sector were invited to the meeting. They prepared a series of "Speed Dates", structured time-limited discussions with community representatives moving from expert to expert. To permit direct conversational contact, in each rotation a maximum of three community representatives met with each expert (i.e. each discussion would feature up to four people – one expert and three others). Community representatives were encouraged to bring sweets to the event, so there was an abundant choice of Christmas treats and other desserts.

Despite some initial doubts as to whether the format would work as intended, there was agreement that the 'speed dating' provided a unique opportunity to cover a lot of ground in a single evening. Discussion leaders for the sessions included:

Lee Ann Snedden, Chief, Development Review Services, Planning & Growth Management Dept., City of Ottawa

Agnes Warda , Chair of the Knoxdale-Merivale Ward Council on 2017 celebrations

Dennis Jacobs and Suzanne Valiquet of Momentum , on public engagement and social marketing strategies

John Smit, Manager, Policy Development and Urban Design, Planning & Growth Management Dept., City of Ottawa

James O' Grady, Owner of the Unpublished Ottawa social media website

Keith Egli, Ottawa City Councillor, Chair of Transportation Committee and a member of the Finance and Economic Development Committee

Ulyana Osorio, Manager of Diverscity onboard programme, Volunteer Ottawa

Of particular interest to the Old Ottawa East Community Association may be information related to Ottawa's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations in 2017. The [Civic Events Funding Program](#) provides funding to local not-for-profit organizations such as community groups and recreation associations to provide community events that celebrate Ontario Civic/Statutory holidays. For 2017, funding will increase by 400% to \$200,000. To qualify, the planned event must:

Be held on the actual civic holiday, or within three days before or after the holiday;

Have a Canadian flavour;

Spark the imagination of Canadians and influence creativity.

In addition, communities can apply to access funds from the Canada 150 Fund, the goal of which is to create opportunities for Canadians to participate in local, regional and national celebrations that contribute to building a sense of pride and attachment to Canada.

Also of note from the sessions was a mention by Lee Ann Snedden, Chief, Development Review Services, Planning & Growth Management that the Planning Primer 1 and Planning Primer 2 courses, which have been held at City Hall during working hours, will become on-line e-learning courses that any citizen can take based on their own availability and without charge.

Eddie Gillis, OOECA representative to the FCA

## **APPENDIX 5**

### **Lansdowne Working Group Meeting 15 January 2016 – Ed Janes**

#### **Upcoming events:**

Winterlude: snowscapes sculpture contest still openings for teams – registration deadline Jan 22.

Snowshoe ultimate tournament - registration is low. Note the Mayor Jim Watson has challenged Minister McKenna for this event.

#### Other Winterlude events include:

- Skating - Lansdowne Skating Court
- Learn to Curl (starts Jan 30)
- Lansdowne Through the Years (photographs of Lansdowne over the years)
- Community Snow Sculpture Contest
- Polar Hero Ottawa
- Ottawa Farmers' Winter Market
- Ottawa Museum Zone
- Guinness World Record Attempt for the Most Snowmen Built in One Hour (in stadium)
- Blizzard Bowl (Football tournament)
- Cracking-Up the Capital: Festival Finale
- Winter Brewfest (starts in February)
- Mad Trapper Snowshoe Ultimate
- The Heat is On

#### Other events at Lansdowne:

- Free workshops every Wednesday
- **\*Opening up indoor rink during March break, PD days and holidays.**
- Brier in March. Sold out on weekends.
- Johnny Reid concert in March.
- Briar patch (during Briar) Free admission: Music and Cash bar
- Lansdowne is in negotiations to host city folk again.
- Reggae festival, Asian night market, Muslim festival, road races,
- St Patrick's day parade - Beaus brewing organizing the party at the Aberdeen pavilion.

Snowman building: The Glebe BIA is installing 6 snowmen (including a Mary Walsh and Rick Mercer). They want people and communities to build their own and contribute Working on prizes for participants.

### **Survey from glebe and Old Ottawa South Residents:**

Over 1000 responses in Oct. (about 10% of Glebe and OOS residents responded).

50 people from OOE responded to the survey. .

### **Results:**

Overall people are using Lansdowne and are pleased with it. Shops and park used most by local residents. The farmers market and restaurants are also used frequently. GoodLife well used - athletes from the sports teams also use it.

What people don't like - noise. More concerns with the bars and patios than the events. Jack Astor's has speaker pointing out. Worst one. Agriculture building is a space where events are put on for the public or can be rented privately – these cause noise issues for nearby residents. City working on bring noise reduction without damaging heritage features.

Light pollution:. Staff have made changes and the complaints are no longer coming in. Still a big complaint about the TD sign.

People have linked closures of stores on Bank with opening of Lansdowne. BIA believes that stores close for many reasons and that Lansdowne has not caused the closures of the stores. 5th ave fire has not helped. City of Ottawa says nothing alarming of closures.

Residents wish for more retail. Specifically independent and smaller shops.

Residents want more greenery. Park good. Water facility has some complaints. Too much concrete in shop areas. Note trees will be replaced in the spring.



Traffic and pedestrians: Difficult to navigate. Residents suggested using planters to separate areas. Staff are looking at doing this, may also help with tree issue. People in general are frustrated as they are not sure where pedestrians belong. A lot of people thought there should be no cars or much more restricted access/parking. BIA says we are not there yet as a society.

Residents noted that there is no bicycle parking near the retail areas.

People living near Lansdowne remain concerned about traffic parking during events. Would like this issue addressed.