

Ottawa East Community Association meeting

February 11, 2020

7 pm, Old Town Hall

Attendance:

Courtenay Beauregard, Jayson Maclean, Heather Jarrett, John Jarrett, Monica Helm, Jim Youngs, Adriana Beaman, Peter Beaman, Phyllis Odenbach Sutton, Joyce Scott, Don Fugler, Wendy McRae, Sophie Rochn, M. Wriggle, Taylor Marquis (Regional Group), Bill Baldwin, Doug Macaulay, Alexandra Gruca-Macaulay, John Dance, Ian Hassell, Gloria Fox, Brandan O'Kelly, Tina Raymond (CAG), Carol Toone (CAG), Christian Pupp, Ariela Summit (councillor's office), Ian Kirk, Barbara Kirk, Francine Leduc, David Gouldry, Donna Killeen, Richard Cundall, Catherine Pacella, Bob Gordon.

Motion to approve agenda: Moved by Jayson Maclean, seconded by John Dance

Motion to approve January 14, 2020, minutes: Moved by Alexandra Gruca-Macaulay, seconded by Brendan O'Kelly

Chair's report – Bob Gordon

- Jaime is temporarily stepping down due to work commitments. Jeff O'Neill is chairing the planning committee meeting, but doesn't want to be on the board. Brendan is now the board representative.

Councillor's report – Ariela

- Tabled a motion for consideration at tomorrow's council meeting to review procurement process
- Affordable housing emergency declaration at last council meeting
- Passed climate change master plan
- Tree bylaw review – makes it harder to cut down trees in the core due to infill development
- Council is considering expanding the urban boundary as part of the Official Plan
- Projects in Springhurst Park – going to use strategic initiative funds
- Some flooding experienced along Onslow Crescent/Brantwood Park in spring 2019, wondering if it was connected to sewer replacement, city has looked into it and says they are not related/connected, not accepting responsibility, report has been shared with affected residents, will continue to track it this spring
- Q – will the Rideau River western pathway be plowed? A – have asked, still negotiating

Lansdowne - Richard Cundall

- Meeting with city and OSEG

- Consultation to begin soon, online and four in-person consultations around the city
- City agreed to do a follow up survey in April and share the information
- Suggestion that the OOECA may want to take a position once more information is obtained, along with “sister” communities

Regional Group – Taylor Marquis

- Tower 2A – scheduled for March
- 1C – next condo application, hoping for that to be submitted next week
- Grand Allee Park – moving into detailed design stage
- Q – have people started moving into Terrace 1? A – yes, it has started
- Q – 1C – what is planned? A – nine storey condo building
- Q – why does picture of Grand Allee park not reflect what was proposed? A – marketing

Treasurer’s update – Don Fugler

- Same as last month - \$24, 579.78

Special Meeting expenditure request – John Dance

- 2018 – board approved motion for a plaque commemorating Main Street
- Main Street has really transformed our community, want to recognize the partnership involved
- Motion to approve up to \$1500.00 for a plaque commemorating the renewal of Main Street - moved by John Dance, seconded by Alexandra Gruca-Macaulay, motion approved

Committee reports:

Planning – Brendan O’Kelly (*see committee report attached)

- Zoning of Hawthorne Avenue
- In 2015, city consultations with community, city has recommended that Hawthorne be zoned as TM12 vs TM7 (like Main Street)
- Consensus at OOECA planning committee is that Hawthorne should be rezoned to match Main Street
- Review of R4 Zoning (up to four storeys)
- 39 Riverdale Avenue – hydro station – recommended for heritage designation

SLOE – Jayson Maclean (*see committee report attached)

- Hosting a meeting of CAFEs (overarching group for environmentally interested groups/community associations) on March 1 at Old Town Hall

- Still working on getting a few new projects up and running, looking for volunteers (focus on trees, community outreach, climate change, river trail)

Parks and Greenspace – Alexandra Gruca-Macaulay

- Strategic initiative funds will now be used for all the Springhurst Park projects, earmarked CiLP funds now directed to community centre
- Request that volleyball court stay available to the general public (vs. private bookings of the court)
- Ballentyne Park – need to have it back as a community park once the bridge replacement work is done
- Grand Allee Park – time to reopen conversation of park, discussed about four years ago, community partners will be part of working group (ie: Regional, CAG, SLOE, OOECA, city)

Transportation – John Dance, on behalf of Tom Scott

- Safety of intersection of MacGillvray and McNaughton – city to look at it, safety concerns have been raised

Greystone – Peter Tobin absent, see committee report attached

Health and Safety – no rep

Membership – Suzanne Johnston absent

CAG – Tina Raymond

- Spring/summer information will be available next week

New Business

- Phyllis Odenbach Sutton – 10 Oblats appeal
 - No agreement has been signed yet
 - Talking with Regional since December to find a resolution to avoid going to an LPAT tribunal
 - Some back and forth in the fall if we were under old or new regime for LPAT
 - January 2020 – appeals were deemed as valid but still proceeding with agreement
 - Strong rationale to sign agreement, does give us some reassurance about height
 - Appreciate funds received to pursue this, total costs are not clear yet
- Q - Any new information on possible school in Deschatelets Building? A – still going through rezoning application, due diligence

- Alta Vista Transportation Corridor – coming up again, councillor has scheduled a meeting this week with other affected communities, Phyllis attending on behalf of OOE

Motion to adjourn: moved by Don Fugler, seconded by John Dance

Attachments:

Special General Meeting of the Old Ottawa East Community Association February 11, 2020:

Request for up to \$1,500 for Plaque Commemorating the Renewal of Main Street

In 2018, the OOECA approved the purchase and installation of a plaque commemorating the transformative renewal of Main Street, a \$39 million investment of the City of Ottawa.

The planning and execution of the project involved an enormous effort by the community and others. The result is a street that is vastly better for residents, pedestrians, cyclists and businesses.

As it turns out, the plaque may cost more than \$1,000 (estimates range from about \$600 to \$1400 - Attachment 1) so that approval by at a special general meeting of the OOECA is required.

Poppy Weaver, owner of the Green Door Restaurant has agreed that the plaque may be installed on the Main Street wall of the Green Door or, perhaps as a better fit, on the wall of the adjacent Singing Pebble Books / Café Qui Pense building. Poppy is now considering which type of plaque might look best on the wall.

The wording for the plaque is as per Attachment 2. A few other names were suggested, however, those listed were seen as the ones who made the greatest contributions. Margaret Moriarity has kindly provided the translation.

Attachment 1

Estimated Cost of Plaque

The cost depends on what type of plaque is chosen. The costs (plaque + layout + installation + HST) of three options from Page Graphics (who did the Nature Trail signs) are:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Brass plaque (12" x 18") | \$1,407 (like Flora plaque) |
| 2. Laser-inlaid | \$893 (like Nature Trail plaques) |
| 3. Digitally printed | \$599 |

Plaque Wording

Main Street Transformation

Main Street, Ottawa's first major "complete street," was officially opened June 17, 2017, by Mayor Jim Watson, Capital Ward Councillor David Chernushenko and OOECA President Phyllis Odenbach Sutton.

After decades of community consultation, Main was rebuilt with the wellbeing of residents, pedestrians and cyclists key to the new design.

The multi-year project was made possible through the efforts of hundreds of people. Special thanks to:

Ron Rose, Stephen Pope, Paul Goodkey, Don Fugler, John Dance, Helen Weaver, Ron Farmer, Donald MacDonald - Community Working Group Members

Josée Vallée - Project Manager

Kornel Mucsi & Robin Bennett - City Staff

Shaun Fraser & Noel Finn - Contractor, Karson Group / Aecon

Ron Clarke & Mike Keating - Lead Designers, Parsons

Erected by the Old Ottawa East Community Association

Transformation de la rue Main

La rue Main, première grande « rue conviviale » à Ottawa, fut officiellement inaugurée le 17 juin 2017, par le maire Jim Watson, le conseiller du quartier Capitale, David Chernushenko, et la présidente de l'ACVOE, Phyllis Odenbach Sutton.

Après des décennies de consultation communautaire, la rue fut reconstruite dans le but premier de favoriser la sécurité des résidents, des piétons et des cyclistes.

Ce projet pluriannuel fut possible grâce aux efforts de centaines de personnes.

Des remerciements chaleureux sont offerts à :

Ron Rose, Stephen Pope, Paul Goodkey, Don Fugler, John Dance, Helen Weaver, Ron Farmer, Donald MacDonald – Membres du groupe de travail communautaire

Josée Vallée – Gestionnaire de projet

Kornel Mucsi et Robin Bennett – Employés de la ville

Shaun Fraser et Noel Finn – Contractor, Karson Group / Aecon

Ron Clarke et Mike Keating – Concepteurs en chef, Parsons

Plaque érigée par l'Association communautaire du vieux Ottawa-Est

Committee reports:

Planning committee:

Hawthorne Commercial Development:

The Site Plan Control Application for 24 Hawthorne has been approved and the developer is not pursuing ground floor commercial space on the property. Currently, the zoning of Hawthorne Ave as TM12 is not very restrictive on the types of residential uses a property can have.

From consultations the OOECA had with the city in 2015 about the zoning of Hawthorne ave, it was expected that it would be zoned to match Main Street's TM7, which is much more restrictive of residential uses and encourages ground floor commercial development.

The consensus at the committee meeting was that ground floor commercial development on Hawthorne would help achieve the community's vision for it as a vibrant, living street. We would like to make it clear that we are in support of ground floor commercial development there.

R4 Zoning Review:

Ottawa currently has a very low vacancy rate, with steeply rising rents. There is a lack of a 'missing middle' in housing being developed in Ottawa to meet this crisis.

Even in areas zoned R4 it is quite costly for developers to construct 3-4 storey multi-unit apartment given requirements for minimum unit sizes, as well as parking requirements, for example. City staff are undertaking to update areas already zoned R4 in the central core to make it easier (and cheaper) to construct multi-unit apartments buildings, thereby providing an alternative to very expensive new concrete-and-steel developments.

The main areas in OOE concerned are those north of the Queensway, the area on Lee's Ave near Springhurst park, properties along Springhurst Ave, as well as along Echo Drive McGillvray between Immaculata and Clegg Street.

Infill Monitoring:

The city has decided against allowing one front yard parking space in infills in the Mature Neighbourhoods, as well as the introduction of front yard garages and car ports on streets where this is not the dominant character. There is discussion of allowing a notched-out space on the first floor of certain houses whose side yards are large enough (1.2+) to be permitted for use as parking.

39 Riverdale Heritage Designation:

It was also announced that five Ottawa Hydro stations are being recommended for Heritage designation, one of which is Old Ottawa East's 39 Riverdale Avenue. As an interesting fact - in 1885 Ottawa was the first municipality in the world to have all its street lights lit by electricity!

Report to OOECA on Greystone and Corners

Peter Tobin, OOECA Board

The Greystone Retirement Residence will open on April 1 with the first residents moving in that day. The anticipated February opening was delayed due to strikes in the trades. The OOE community is welcome to come for a looksee visit but an appointment is required. Juanita Cody of the Residence plans to attend tonight's meeting.

A new vegetarian restaurant Greens and Beans at Corners on Main will open soon, perhaps as early as month's end pending regulatory approvals. Regular hours will be from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

'Physiotherapy on Main' also at Corners opened recently. This is their second location, the other called 'Pysiotherapy on Kent' is in the downtown core.

Regional reports that Tower 1 is sold out and move-ins have already started. Tower 2 is about 75% sold with completion some time in 2021.

Report from SLOE, the environment and sustainability committee of the OOECA

Chaired by Jayson MacLean

Item 1 — SLOE to host a CAFES meeting

CAFES Ottawa (Community Associations for Environmental Sustainability) is a network of people active on environmental issues in community and citizens' associations in Ottawa. SLOE will be hosting their next meeting on March 1 at the Old Town Hall, where the agenda will include presentations from elected officials and discussion on advocacy work related to the City of Ottawa's Climate Change Master Plan and the City's Long-Term Waste Management Plan.

Item 2 — SLOE's project planning and volunteer recruitment

SLOE is continuing with its work toward getting a number of new projects up and running. The group is aiming within the next few weeks to start initiatives under the following four headings: trees, climate change, Rideau River sustainability and community outreach.

For more information or to participate in SLOE's work, contact Jayson at sloe@ottawaeast.ca.