



**Meeting of the Ottawa East Community Association Board
Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 7:15 p.m.
Old Town Hall, 61 Main Street**

Board Members

John Dance
Jaime Girard
Jill Wherrett
Stephen Pope
Ron Rose
Vicki Davis
Bill Baldwin
Leslie Kirk
Catherine Pacella
John Baglow
Jim Strang

Regrets: Don Fugler, Nick Masciantonio,
Jamie Brougham, Barbara Hicks

Other attendees:

Heather Jarrett
Michelle Nash
Claire Farid
Paul Goodkey
Wendy McRae
David Chernushenko

1. Call to Order @ 7:15 – John Dance

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved – Heather Jarrett, 2nd – Wendy McRae. Carried

3. Approval of December 13, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Moved – Vicki Davis, 2nd – Jim Strang. Carried

4. Chair's Report – John Dance

- Lots of work done on website (Catherine) and planning issues (Stephen).
- Constitutional changes will be tabled for discussion at the next meeting.
- Brantwood rink is operational.

5. Treasurer's Report – Jill Wherrett for Don Fugler

- Initial payments have been made for Ottawa East garden plots for 2012 and there have been some expenses for the Children's Garden; otherwise financial situation is much the same as in December.

6. Old Town Hall Ramp and Projection Screen – John Dance

Projection Screen:

- On Dec. 19 John met with George Blake, City manager responsible for the Old Town Hall facility. Mr. Blake is willing to have the City install and maintain a projection screen in the room that OECA uses for regular meetings. However, the OECA would be obliged to purchase and donate the screen to the City. Others would probably also use the screen from time to time and it would probably require a stick with a hook to pull down the screen. The City is also considering replacing the meeting room's CRT TV

with a flat screen TV, and is exploring uses, including being able to project things onto it from a computer, preferably wirelessly. This would allow power point presentations, videos etc. to be shown on the screen.

- So, alternatives are to look into purchasing a new projection screen or waiting to see how well the new flat screen TV works for presentations. Following discussion, there was general agreement that we should wait for the new TV to be installed.

Action: John to convey this direction to the City.

Ramp:

- George Blake also asked what the OECA thought of the construction of a ramp on the Scotiabank side of OTH so that those using wheelchairs would be able to use this ramp rather than the elevator. The elevator (which does pass regular inspections) has been balky in the past and requires a staff member to operate. Mr. Blake cautioned that the ramp idea may not be feasible because of heritage and cost factors but before he explores the feasibility he wanted to have the opinion of OECA.
- Discussion focused on location and whether the elevator could/should be removed if ramp installed. It was also questioned whether a ramp is really needed - isn't the problem that the city isn't maintaining the elevator?
- John proposed the following motion: ***OECA supports the City's investigation of the feasibility and desirability of a ramp that would provide wheelchair access to the first floor of OTH.*** Moved – Heather Jarrett, 2nd – John Baglow. Carried.

Action: John to advise George Blake of OECA motion.

7. Cash-in-lieu of parkland – John Dance

- Ward council will be meeting on January 31 – what projects does Ottawa East want to put forward? John outlined a list of suggested projects to date (see attached).
- Discussion addressed several issues, including: 1) Ballantyne skateboard park suggestion: could it be half skateboard/half mountain bike; would it promote negative activities; don't want to pave over the entire park; suggestion that given the size of the project, it could involve/attract other partners and should be a project for next year; 2) Other suggestions: park structure for older children, Brantwood Path (John advised that it should be funded from city budget), another boat launch in Springhurst.

8. Committee Reports

8.1. Membership – Wendy McRae

- 10 more memberships, now at about 624 households

8.2. Planning – Stephen Pope

- Jan. 17th, 6-8 pm – Open House on Ottawa U dome at Lees avenue site, Building C.
- Jan 24th – John Dance will be speaking on behalf of the OECA in support of the co-tenants of Kings Landing in their objection to the closure of Redmond Place when it comes before committee.
- 302-306 Main Project has started.

8. 3. SLOE – Vicki Davis

- Martha Lush, noted landscape architect will help with the design of the path through Brantwood Park. There will be a public meeting to discuss this proposed path, but a date has not yet been set.
- The bicycle ramps created by young people in the Brantwood Park woods were taken down by City staff before Christmas. Tree trimming was also done in the area by City staff. The branches and trunks are still in the park.
- Vandalism on one of the Nature Trail signs at St. Paul

8.4 Traffic and Transportation – Ron Rose

- No developments on AVTC, Footbridge or McIlraith Bridge
- Hawthorne traffic calming: no developments on speedboard
- Bus route #16: request to appear before city Transit Committee was refused, but may appear at February Pedestrian and Transit Advisory Committee. Lots of interest in approach from media.

8.5 City Centre Coalition – Leslie Kirk

- No report – CCC did not meet in December

8.6 Federal of Citizens' Associations – Jamie Brougham

- No report – FCA did not meet in December

8.7 Communications- Catherine Pacella

- Website is almost ready; will send it out soon to full board for input. Brochure on OECA will be developed once website is done.

9. CAG – Catherine Pacella

- Winter Party in Brantwood Park on Jan 22, 1 - 4 pm; Valentine's Skate on Feb 10. Volunteers needed for both activities

10. Councillor's Report

- Continuing to follow bus route issue
- Planning for Main St/McIlraith Bridge reconstruction will get underway sometime in late winter/early spring
- Capital Ward Cup coming up on February 11 – Heron Park is hosting

11. New Business – nil

12. Planning – 2012 and Beyond – Jaime Girard

- Meeting participants broke into groups to discuss possible OECA priorities for the next 2 years and beyond
- Main items raised included: Main St redesign, AVTC, activities for youth in Ottawa East, new community centre/better community space, sidewalk by TD Bank (Elgin St extension), better linkages (cycling and pedestrian) within and in/out of OOE, active transportation, green features of the areas.
- **Next steps: Jaime will compile a list of the top 10 – 12 items.**

13. Adjournment @ 8:55 pm

Moved – Jim Strang, 2nd – John Baglow

OOE Ideas for Use of Cash-in-lieu of Parkland Funding

A. Community Centre

- Remediation of lot north of OTH (how much?)
- Expansion of OTH / community centre / building a new one elsewhere

B. Nature Trail

- innovative shoreline seating (e.g., boulders),
- durable artist-designed chess table/seating arrangement,
- a wildlife viewing structure (e.g., the willow-camouflaged path and blind idea).

C. Springhurst / Lees

- Lees Ave community garden: a bicycle-powered pump for filling rain-barrels from the river." (OECA: what would be cost, susceptibility to vandalism?)
- More picnic tables and waste bins in Springhurst Park (At OECA it was noted that the City had refused more waste bins because of the operational costs of emptying them)
- Community notice boards in a few locations in OOE. The CILP \$ could cover one near the bus stop at 170 Lees (somewhere on the sliver of City park immediately to the West of 170 Lees) and one in Brantwood (Brantwood Park one now exists).
- Water supply to Springhurst. Not with a drain/sewer infrastructure, or power hook-up, etc., but a potable water source for people, as well as potential "sprinkler days" (low-tech splash pad:), skating possibilities (Lady Evelyn may be interested in this) and future development of community gardens closer toward the river.

D. Ballantyne Park

- Fence around green space on Hawthorne
- Creation of skateboard /BMX cycling park

E. Brantwood Rink / Park

- Leveling the surface and possibility of low mounds to keep the water in for base flooding when there are thaws.
- Re-surface Brantwood basketball courts
- Install new climbing structure in Brantwood