



## Meeting of the Old Ottawa East Community Association Board

Tuesday, 10 January 2017, 7 p.m.

Old Town Hall, 61 Main Street

### Attendees

#### Board Members

Bill Baldwin  
John Dance  
Don Fugler  
Eddie Gillis  
Paul Goodkey  
Jocelyn Kearney  
Catherine Pacella  
Mark Seebaran  
Katherine Simonds

#### Others present

Rebecca Aird  
Jamie Brougham  
Dan Byrne  
Ian Grabina  
Denise Inglis  
Wendy McRae  
Andrew Lay  
Erin O'Connor  
Bob Parkins  
Don Stephenson  
Bonnie Wepler

1. Call to Order – John Dance – 7:02pm.
2. Approval of Agenda
  - Moved: Paul Goodkey; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mark Seebaran; Carried.
3. Approval of October 2016 Minutes
  - Moved: Don Fugler; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Paul Goodkey; Carried.
4. Councillor's Report – David Chernushenko
  - Brantwood Park area is going to be undergoing a complete underground rework in 2018. Open House to be held late 2017, work to begin 2018.
  - Children's Garden – remediation work to address contaminated soil be done in Feb-March 2017. Councillor's office meeting with Children's garden reps on January 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss how much of the existing structure can be maintained.
  - Lighting on the Rideau River Western Pathway from Springhurst Park through to Greystone has been approved, and a lit corridor will exist along the multi-use pathway through to University of Ottawa.
  - Concerns about graffiti were raised along the 417 underpass on Main St.
  - Anyone who sees tagging taking place is encouraged to report it by calling 311.
  - A number of concerns were voiced regarding snow removal across the neighbourhood. (OOECA members asked that the city prioritize snow bank clearance at the narrow Clegg-Echo intersection and in front of Lady Evelyn School)

- Andrew, the owner of Sula Wok introduced his new take-out business that will be located at 184 Main St. He is hoping to open in Spring 2017.
5. Chair's Report – John Dance (prepared by Phyllis Odenbach Sutton)
- Report circulated by email. See Appendix 1.
  - Bike lanes south of Clegg not yet finished – unlikely until the spring when more of the road work has been done.
  - Greystone –. This year the Rideau River Western Pathway will be constructed from the northern end of Onslow through Brantwood Park all of the way to already completed portion of the pathway on the northeastern part of the 200 Lees uOttawa campus. The \$1.25 million project to be started Spring 2017. The southern portion of the pathway in Greystone Village will be paved this year with the northern portion in Graystone being paved after adjacent construction is completed.
  - Healthy Transportation Coalition – garnering community support for a second push towards a study on congestion in the city. Previous proposal defeated at the City's Transportation Committee. Discussion ensued concerning the implications and benefits of road user fees. No position was taken at this time though interest in further study to better understand Ottawa's congestion and develop options to deal with it was generally agreed to.
6. Treasurer's Report - Don Fugler
- Don reported that there is over \$21,000 in the bank for the OOECA.
7. Committee Reports
- Planning – Chair position remains vacant.
    - Paul provided an update. The owner of 27 Chestnut said he did not require a front yard setback variance after the city planner requested a rationale.
    - 12 more on-street parking spots have been identified in the area north of the Queensway.
    - R4 review – OECA needs somebody to step up to be involved in this highly technical review.
  - SLOE – John Dance
    - Meeting to be held soon.
    - Rebecca noted that the SLOE website has been hacked and is now down. Catherine offered that OECA could host a SLOE site through its own domain.
  - Transportation – Ed Janes
    - Report circulated by email. See Appendix 2.
  - Federation of Citizens' Associations - Eddie Gillis
    - No report .
  - City Centre Coalition - Kate Martin
    - No report.
  - Communications - Catherine Pacella
    - No report.
    - Catherine encouraged people to send her the activities and events they would like advertised through the E-update.
  - Community Safety – Mark Seebaran

- January marked the first month of Ottawa Police's new direction away from community-based policing. The Police maintain that they will still be responsive to citizen complaints.
  - FCA is looking to establish a group on community safety issues.
  - Membership – Suzanne Johnston
    - i. The final tally for membership sales is 735.
8. Community Activities Group
- Presented by the CAG President Don Stephenson.
  - Winter programming registration is open.
  - Winter party in Brantwood Park will be held January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1-4pm. Looking for volunteers. If interested, please contact Carol Workun at the Field House.
  - New Canadians skating program to begin soon.
  - Springhurst park basketball court resurfacing quotes being sought.
  - City parks and recreation division have begun the process of seeking approval of city council to begin expending resources towards entering into discussions with Regional, CCOC and other partners to plan and cost a potential repurposing of the Deschâtelets building into a community centre. Recommendations will then need to be prepared for Council – which would subsequently recommend whether and how to proceed with the project.
  - City Heritage Service office will also engage in consultation with the community about the heritage elements of the building that would be integrated into the community centre project.
  - CCOC's development arm, CADCO, would welcome an invitation to present their ideas to the OECA board.
9. Update from Regional – Erin O'Connor
- Phase 1 house construction is now underway. Foundations are complete for some of the townhouse blocks and a number of singles. All the roads are constructed with the first lift of asphalt.
  - Soil remediation continues. With Phase 1 work complete, removal of contaminated soil has begun just behind the Deschâtelets building. Once complete, anticipated spring 2017, the contractor will begin works in the area just behind Springhurst. Regional has been in touch with residents along Springhurst to mitigate impacts.
  - With CADCO and CCOC support, there is an interest to include a community centre within the Deschâtelets building. However, a full-size gym established by City of Ottawa cannot fit within the Deschâtelets building. Options are being explored and discussions ongoing.
  - Mixed-Use block along Main St. – Concept plans are advancing to develop ground floor retail space with a grocery store with rental apartments above.
  - Senior's residence on the north side of the Deschâtelets is designing a 7 storey building respecting the height of the zoning and Deschâtelets.
  - Minor zoning amendment was submitted on the GM zone over the block of land around the Deschâtelets. The request to treat the block as a single property in regards to zoning provisions, specifically in regards to the Floor Space Ratio calculation.

10. SLOE/OOE/Climate Change – John Dance

- John led a discussion on previous and ongoing community efforts to address climate change in order to examine the extent to which OOE is involved in the issue, with a view to collecting ideas for future engagement.
- Rebecca Aird suggested that one flagship issue for SLOE could be encouraging regional to make one building “passive” - meaning it would not require any heating beyond solar and other natural energy sources - but noted that in addition to the larger projects, the community could also be involved in several smaller initiatives going forward.

11. New Business

12. Adjournment

- Motion to Adjourn – Moved: Don Fugler 2<sup>nd</sup>: Catherine Pacella; Carried.

13. Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday, 14 February 2017.

## **Appendix 1: Chair's report January 10, 2017**

### **Main Street**

- there has been some concern expressed re the incomplete bike lanes south of Clegg
- a temporary lane "island" has been created on Main St just to the north of Springhurst to mitigate the attempt by some motorists to use the left south bound lane to continue heading south (rather than turning left on to Oblate)

### **Regional's Greystone Village**

- of note to our community, the Rideau River pathway has now reopened

### **R4 Zoning Review**

- I submitted comments to the city on behalf of the OOECA on Monday, January 2; these comments have now been posted on the planning page of our web-site: see <http://www.ottawaeast.ca/files/2016/coach-houses-planning-committee.pdf>
- the Federation of Citizens' Association (FCA) has set up a R4 Review Focus Group; the first meeting is scheduled for January 5
- although no one from OOE was available to attend this meeting, representatives from a number of community associations were expected (including the Glebe, Old Ottawa South, Carlington Community Association, and the Friends of James and Bay)

### **Children's garden soil contamination**

- as promised at our last Board meeting, additional information has now been posted on our Councillor's web-site
- we have included information plus a link to this web -site on our own web-page <http://www.ottawaeast.ca>

### **Crows in our neighbourhood**

- I received an e-mail in December from an OOE resident who was concerned about the influx of crows into our neighbourhood
- I forwarded this concern to our Councillor's office; he subsequently provided quite detailed information that he had obtained from a city of Ottawa staff biologist, Ottawa Public Health and a bird expert citizen
- his key take aways were:
  - "1. Yes, crows have moved in to your neighbourhood in large number, and mine in Old Ottawa South;
  2. This is fairly normal behaviour;
  3. Some health risks do exist, but are fairly minimal; and

4. Techniques to get rid of them are limited, expensive and will just send them to other areas, which is what will happen in the spring regardless.

Based on all of this, I recommend patience and letting nature take its course. I will drop by to observe some time soon, although I am very familiar with them in the Riverside Drive/Billings Bridge/Old Ottawa South area, where they are common."

#### **10th Capital Ward Councillor's Cup**

- This year's cup will be held on Saturday January 28, 9-noon(ish) at Windsor Park (OOS is host this year)
- John Dance is once again helping to get our OOE team together

#### **Healthy Transportation Coalition request**

- we received a request on December 20 from The **Healthy Transportation Coalition** to participate and get involved in their upcoming event on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 titled **Road User Fees: Key to Sustainable Urban Transportation**.

"We believe the time is ripe to advance the debate on this topic. You may remember that in March 2016, a motion endorsing the need for a study of the causes of congestion and possible solutions was passed by the City of Ottawa's Transportation Committee, though subsequently defeated by City Council. Even though we lost that battle, there are many councillors who support this idea and are not giving up on it. We believe many community members and organizations are not going to give up either. In addition, the mayor of Toronto, John Tory, recently endorsed the use of road tolls on two major highways in that city.

With momentum being generated in Toronto, the most populated city in Canada, we feel now is the time to rekindle the conversation in Ottawa. Are you interested? If you are and are wondering how you can contribute, here is a short list of ways we are asking you to help:

- spread the word/send out emails inviting your members/supporters to the event on March 28, 2017
- help us fund the educational event (in the form of panel discussion, question and answer session)
- participate in the creation of a short video (1 minute or so) explaining why your organization supports road user fees
- be listed as one of the event co-organizers, sponsors
- briefly meet with us prior to the event
- participate in planning/giving us feedback"

## Appendix 2: Transportation Report – Ed Janes

1) in our last meeting, there was concern regarding walker/cyclist interaction along Main St. In the spring, the councillor's office intends to have a minor blitz potentially with the participation with Citizens for Safe Cycling. Details will be confirmed at a later date, but I will ensure that all bases are covered along Main.

2) I submitted a joint list of comments to Vanessa Black (city planner) regarding the Elgin/Hawthorne redesign. They are as follows:

1. The concrete median under the Queensway should be removed. This would allow for enough space for the bike lane to be continued in both directions from Catherine to Pretoria bridge.

2. Is there anything that can be done with Ballantyne Park on Hawthorne to allow for an extra couple metres to allow for the cycle track?

3. In regards to future development, given that this is a TM zone, can there be any guarantees that the e TM zoning rules will be enforced to ensure future bike lanes/tracks are possible? (As justification, ZBL 2015-59 references this statement a number of times: " Despite Table 197(c), the front yard setback is a minimum of 2 metres, subject to subsection 197(4).")

4. Would it be possible to make use of private land on the south side of Hawthorne to facilitate larger sidewalks? (As justification, OOE CDP section 4.14 part 5, the OOE SP section 10.3.2 indicates "5. Expand sidewalk zoning rules will be enforced to ensure future bike lanes/tracks are possible? (As justification, ZBL 2015-59 references this statement a number of times: " Despite Table 197(c), the front yard setback is a minimum of 2 metres, subject to subsection 197(4).")

4. Would it be possible to make use of private land on the south side of Hawthorne to facilitate larger sidewalks? (As justification, OOE CDP section 4.14 part 5, the OOE SP section 10.3.2 indicates "5. Expand sidewalks within the required building setbacks on private land." OOE CDP 10.3.1 does not include this explicit statement for Hawthorne, but 10.3.1 stipulates "Provide for wider sidewalks to the extent possible to accommodate pedestrian traffic on Hawthorne Avenue.", which could be argued to potentially include what is written in 10.3.2)

5. The location of hydro poles on the western end of Hawthorne appear to contradict the City standard for having a 1.8m "clear zone" for sidewalk maintenance.

6. Given the issues with getting hydro poles onto the sidewalk on the south side of the street, this again points to burying poles being a better long-term option.

7. If no cycle track on the north side of Hawthorne along with sharrows on the south side are deemed final decisions, then fixing the Colonel By/Graham Ave cycling left-turn lane needs to be considered part of scope for the project. There is no question that the Col By/Hawthorne intersection is narrow for doing much, but forcing cyclists onto fast moving traffic for that short stretch is dangerous. As part of this project, we have the opportunity to fix the connectivity from OOE to downtown and we won't have another opportunity to do so for many years. Even a signalized intersection for pedestrians and cyclists at Graham would be better than the current state.

3) It turns out that the loss of bike lane on Hawthorne is due to drainage/sewer issues. That said, I will pursue as much as possible something that makes sense in connecting the canal with Main Street.

