



Meeting of the Old Ottawa East Community Association Board

Tuesday, 9 January 2018, 7p.m.

Old Town Hall, 61 Main Street

MINUTES

Attendees

Board Members

Phyllis Odenbach Sutton
Ron Rose
John Dance
Jaime Girard
Bob Gordon
Jocelyn Kearney
Don Fugler
Catherine Pacella
Cam Vidler
Heather Jarrett

Others present

Erin O'Connor
David Chernushenko
Ian Grabina
Christian Pupp
Jamie Broughan
Bonnie Wepler
Bill Baldwin
Don Stephenson
Paul Goodkey
Andrew Power
Mackenzie Buchanan
Dan Byrne
Lorne Abugov
Kenn Rankine
John Jarrett
Bob Parkins
Will Bulmer
Yasir Naqvi

1. Call to Order – Phyllis Odenbach Sutton – 7:05pm
2. Approval of Agenda
 - Moved: Ron Rose; Second: Don Fugler; Carried
3. Approval of December 2017 Minutes
 - Moved: John Dance; Second: Bob Gordon; Carried
4. Guest Speaker – OOE MPP Yasir Naqvi addressing legislative changes to the OMB
 - Handout describing legislative changes attached as Appendix 1
 - Highlights:
 - OMB to be replaced by the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT); legislative reforms passed in December 2017

- The legislature has also passed the *Safer School Zones Act, 2017*, which will make it easier to reduce speed limits and allow the use of photo radars in school and community safety zones
- Aim of OMB reforms was to create a system in place for better decision-making up front (i.e., at the municipal/community level) and accord more deference to local decisions
- The LPAT will act as an *appeal*/tribunal only; unlike the OMB it will not have the authority to substitute the decision of the local authority
- Audience Q&A (responses/discussion points)
 - This won't solve everything but we are headed in the right direction
 - Legal aid clinics will be established to assist parties to challenge decisions at the LPAT, but Province is not in a position to direct cities to provide similar assistance to community associations for local planning decisions
 - Community groups are going to have to be involved from local planning decisions from the get go because there will be no "de novo" hearings at the LPAT
 - Like the OMB, the LPAT will hold local hearings; the head office will likely be in Toronto, but there will also be regional offices
 - Definition of "parties" (eligible to bring an appeal to the LPAT) is quite broad and will encompass developers, community groups involved in the planning process, etc.
 - Pursuant to the transition provisions in the legislation, the OMB and LPAT will coexist for a period of time; date of Royal Assent was December 12 and any application completed before then will be processed under the old (OMB) system
 - The LPAT will be up and running this spring
 - The comment period regarding the new regulations is open until January 21, 2018

5. Chair's Report – Phyllis Odenbach Sutton

- Report attached as Appendix 2
- Clegg Street Bridge & Art:
 - John Dance and Ron Rose will be representing the community on the naming/art committee for the Clegg/Fifth Ave. bridge
 - As currently proposed, decorative benches would only appear on the Glebe side of the footbridge; John Dance requested the Board's support for an alternate proposal that would have benches installed each side of canal
 - Proposal moved by Phyllis Odenbach Sutton; Second: Heather Jarrett; Carried
- The Prime Ministers Book Club will continue for at least two more months; next meeting, on January 29, will be about Alexander Mackenzie; in February, Eddie Goldenberg will speak about Jean Chretien
- Councillor's office declined to act on resident petition to have parking limited to one side of Marlowe Cres., suggesting instead that residents apply for a seasonal parking ban

- Greystone: pre-construction of Phase 2, North Village has begun; move-ins are expected to start in Spring 2019; 35/38 units have been sold

6. Councillor's Report – David Chernushenko

- We will likely see all sorts of ripple effects stemming from the OMB transformation; councillors/city staff are often dis-incented from opposing projects because they know developers will appeal to the OMB and get their way; the system has been broken for a long time but undoing the status quo will also take time
- Business at City Hall was on pause for most of December due to the holidays
- Children's Garden: Appendix 3 answers many of the questions that were posed at the December meeting
- Old Ottawa East will host the Councillor's Cup at Brantwood Park on Saturday, January 27, 2018
- Work is proceeding smoothly on the Clegg/Fifth Ave bridge
- City is still working on Airbnb regulations; Councillor will follow-up with Airbnb regarding the Concord property that was supposed to be de-listed
- Discussions regarding a new community centre in the Deschatelets building are proceeding
- With recent announcement that opening of LRT has been delayed, the opening of the 417 on-ramp will likely also be delayed
- The Province (MTO) will be carrying out noise studies as part of their bridge consultation and new sound barriers will be put in place when the bridges are updated

7. Treasurer's Report – Don Fugler

- OOECA account balance is \$21,850

8. Committee Reports

a. Planning – Ron Rose

- Report attached as Appendix 4
- 3 Chestnut: request to subdivide property and construct a three-story semi-detached building
- A planning workshop will be held by the FCA on January 27
- Questions about planning can be sent to planning@ottawaeast.ca

b. SLOE – John Dance

- No report

c. Transportation – Tom Scott

- No report

d. Federation of Citizens' Associations – Mark Seebaran

- No report

- e. Lees Apartment Outreach – Anne-Raphael Audouin
 - No report
 - f. Communications – Catherine Pacella
 - If any OOECA committees want an official OOE email for purposes of communication with city or residents, Catherine can create one
 - g. Corners on Main & Greystone Village – Heather Jarrett
 - Greystone: 23 of homes are occupied; three more will be completed by end of January; ~900 units have been sold
 - Corners on Main: first move-ins occur January 15; 65 units will be occupied by end of February
 - h. Health & Safety – Jaime Girard
 - Aiming to recruit new neighbourhood watch members
 - B&E on Marlow Cres. in December
 - Community policing officer is willing to do home walk-throughs
 - i. Membership – Suzanne Johnston
 - No report
9. Community Activities Group
- No report
10. New Business
- In cases of property damage caused by city plows, residents/owners should contact the Councillor's office and call 311
 - Sula Wok will be opening on Main Street soon, after numerous setbacks and delays; the community is encouraged to go out and support them.
11. Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday, 13 February 2018
12. Adjournment
- Moved: Don Fugler; Second: John Dance; Carried

APPENDIX 1

[See attachment]

APPENDIX 2

Chair's Report January 9, 2018

OOECA membership

- as of December 13 we had 710 paid memberships in our community
- thank you to all of the volunteers who canvased, collected funds and collated data

AGM next year

- following from our December Board discussion, the Church of the Ascension has been confirmed and booked for our next AGM on Tuesday, November 13, 2018

New pedestrian bridge at Clegg & Fifth

- we will be able to have 2 representatives on the naming committee; John Dance will be the OOECA Board representative while Ron will represent the community
- we will be well served!
- John has also agreed to review the draft Public Art Plan (for new artwork which will be commissioned to compliment the site of the footbridge)"which we have received from the City and on which they are looking for input by January 7
- the Public Art Plan will be included in a Call to Artists which will result in 2 permanent public art benches for this project: 1 commission will be awarded to an Algonquin artist or artist team with the other commission open to all artists or artist teams

PM Sesquicentennial speaker series

- we are pleased to announce that we will be hosting our 9th speaker - John Morgan - who will be presenting the life and times of our 2nd Prime Minister, Alexander Mackenzie on Monday, January 29 in Room L120, 233 Main Street
- John Morgan is the great-great-grandson of PM Mackenzie
- we are very please that he has stepped in to help with our series as our originally scheduled speaker is ill
- we are still hoping to have several more speakers but are working on finalizing presentations and dates

Illegal turns from/to Echo to/from Clegg

- I have been alerted of this issue from an OOE resident who has sent this concern to Ottawa 311
- background:

Echo - both east and west of Clegg - is supposed to be dead-ended for cars and trucks (though not for bicycles) but once snow accumulates motorized vehicles can readily mount the curb and they do, endangering both pedestrians and cyclists. Although this is primarily a winter problem, in the other seasons larger vehicles and SUVs occasionally make the illegal turns as well.

Children's garden

- there was an animated discussion of this project at our last Board meeting in December

- at that meeting, the Councillor indicated that he would seek further information on both how the design was developed and the cost of the project
- I am checking to see if he will be able to provide an update at our upcoming Board meeting

Marlowe residents parking petition

- I understand that a petition was circulated on Marlowe to limit parking to one side of the street; the key issues for residents were I believe speeding & the difficulty for buses & other vehicles to navigate the street when cars are parked on both sides, particularly in winter conditions
- although the requisite number of residents supported such a change, it was not accepted; typically on-street parking is viewed as a traffic calming measure & given that speeding was one of the concerns, my understanding is that the elimination of parking on one side of the street was viewed as potentially negating any benefits
- I sought some additional clarification from the Councillor's office & received the following information:

"Our office was in direct communication with City Traffic staff only once the original petition had been completed, a petition of which we were not aware. Subsequent communication was directed through the City staffer who has been managing the file with the "lead" resident. The last we heard in October was that this resident had been advised of the need to conduct a new petition for concurrence on seasonal parking modifications with the knowledge that it would have the Councillor's endorsement were it to receive the required community support."

Our Ottawa, City of Neighbourhoods

- the Federation of Citizens' Association is hosting a special workshop on January 27 (invite to the event is below); note the link to a FCA short survey is also included below

"Mark your calendars, FCA Planning workshop January 27th & short planning survey: Here's your chance to chime in on how the city of Ottawa will prepare the next phase of the Official plan. The FCA will be hosting a workshop January 27th, at the Tom Brown Arena, [141 Bayview road](#), from 8:30am to 12:30. The workshop titled : Ottawa: A city of neighbourhoods. will feature an expert panel and breakout sessions working on the future vision of Ottawa's development. Please take 5 minutes [to fill out this short planning survey here](#). Please also share this among your community networks. All answers are anonymous and results will be given at the workshop the 27th. They should be very interesting! Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FCAPlanningworkshop> "

- note that Stephen Willis, the General Manager of Planning, Infrastructure and Economic Development for the City of Ottawa, will be participating
- stay tuned for additional information on the registration process and further details on the event

Heron Park appeal for fundraising to support an OMB appeal

- Our community has been approached by Heron Park to share their fundraising request for their appeal of the proposed development of an 11 meter tall triplex, with potential for up to 16 bedrooms at 1550 Gilles Street, on the corner of Gilles and Richard Avenue.
- the request highlights the financial difficulty of communities fighting some of the developments that are being built in the city; it is very difficult to make a case in front of the OMB without recognized expert planners and experience lawyers, and the costs of these services can be significant

APPENDIX 3

Ottawa Children's Garden - Robert F. Legget Park

The landscape architect's basis for the initial design was to address soil contamination and replace elements on a like-for-like basis.

The raised grade to sidewalk level is a result from the environmental soil capping strategy deemed necessary based on the presence of contaminated soils at the property. The contaminated soils have now been effectively buried under a layer of clean material thus preventing any future contact with the users of the site. The cut/fill approach was also designed in an effort to minimize tree removals to the extent possible.

The accessibility elements in place are:

- Active amenity areas situated near the pathway route
- Raised garden planters at adults and children's height. 20% of surface area of garden planters must be accessible. In this design, accessible beds are 51 sq. meters or 26%.
- Features such as compost and garden shed on accessible surfaces
- Encourage exercise through a circular route. Transitional surfaces as well as defined edges to assist in route finding
- Pathway slopes less than 5%
- Provide shaded resting areas and adequate seating. Incorporate accessible picnic table and benches.

A community consultation was held in May 2017 with an information session at the Old Town Hall and the preliminary plan posted on Ottawa.ca. Community, City Operations and Forestry staff concerns were incorporated into the final design. The table below lists what we heard and revisions to the design.

Stakeholder	What We Heard - May 2017	Revisions to Design - June 2017
Garden Board	Add more garden beds	Added more garden beds
Residents and Garden Board	Lower garden beds for children	Lowered 4 garden beds for children
Residents	Include a sandbox	Included a sandbox
Residents and Garden Board	Include pathway surfaces that allow for drainage	Reduced impervious surfaces
Residents and Garden Board	Minimize impact on trees where possible	Maintain as many trees as possible
Residents and Garden Board	Don't see purpose of footbridge and dry river bed	Removed footbridge and dry river bed
Resident	Rodent proof trash receptacles, no plastic furniture	No plastic furniture

Further comments were received from neighbouring residents in Fall 2017:

Stakeholder	What We Heard - Fall 2017	Revisions to Design – Fall 2017
Residents	Request visual screening	Woody vegetation (fruit trees and clematis vine along fence) will be planted in spring 2018 to provide visual screening.

Residents	Request wood fence with solid and lattice with varying heights depending on residents needs	Community would have to come to a consensus in terms of both design and funding. There is no existing budget in the contract for changes to the fencing and changes would have to be paid for by the community.
Resident	Request new location for sandbox and seating circle	Sandbox is located where demonstrated to community and in on-line plans; it is also fully constructed to the requirements as requested during community consultation. We do not recommend changes to this item without a broader discussion as it may impact functional use of the site
Resident	Concerned about drainage	The design respects drainage requirements and restricts surface drainage from flowing onto other properties.
Resident	Request grading away from house and maintain Manitoba maple tree	Grading slopes away from house and weeping tile installed. Modified retaining wall to protect tree roots.
Resident	Request 2 Lilac bushes	Will be planted in spring 2018
Garden Board	Request for minimal dimensions on possibility of additional planters on east side and south side	To provide minimal dimensions

At November 24 meeting, Councillor Chernushenko and Ian Grabina met with residents to discuss modifications to the chain link fence. In December, the contractor installed the chain link fence for safety reasons to secure the site. A request was received for information on possibility of additional planter on east side and south side or fence modifications to provide screening. Any modifications will be considered as a separate project and funded separately.

- There will be no further modifications at this time since we are shutting down for the winter season.
- In spring, woody vegetation (fruit trees and clematis vine along fence) will be planted to provide visual screening.
- As a community, consensus needs to be reached in terms of both design and funding.
- There is no existing budget in the contract for changes and would have to be paid for by the community.
- A Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design audit is needed for any proposed solution.
- Need to review the fencing by-law as heights are regulated and not necessarily within our purview.
- The normal warranty on all items is 1 year. Should modifications be permitted before the year is up, the contractor undertaking the modifications would have to provide a one-year warranty.

APPENDIX 4

Planning Committee Report, January 9th, 2018

The OOECA Planning Committee meets monthly to review development applications and requests to the Committee of Adjustment (COA) for minor variances, for properties in OOE.

At our December meeting, we focused on proposals for zoning changes and minor variances at 113-115 Echo (The Portuguese church). A letter expressing the Community's concerns was sent to the City in advance of the COA's January 17th meeting. This letter was sent to Board members for their information.

This meeting of the COA will also consider a request to subdivide the property at 3 Chestnut St, at the corner of Lees Ave, and construct a three story semi-detached building. Anyone having concerns about this proposal is invited to contact me for further details.

As the President noted in her report, the FCA is organizing a planning workshop titled Ottawa, A City of Neighbourhoods, at the Tom Brown Arena. The meeting will be held on Saturday, January 27th.

Ron Rose

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