

**Meeting of the Ottawa East Community Association**  
**Tuesday, June 14, 2011 at 7:15 p.m.**  
**Old Town Hall, 61 Main Street**

John Baglow	Heather Jarrett
Bill Baldwin	John Jarrett
David Black	Leslie Kirk
Jamie Brougham	Phil Legault
Jane Catterson	Anthony Lenzo
David Chernushenko	Nick Masciantonio
R. Dagenais	Wendy McRae
John Dance	Maryna Nowosielski
Jennifer Drew	Catherine Pacella
Liam Farrell	Stephen Pope
Sabine Farrell	Christian Pupp
Gloria Fox	Ron Rose
Don Fugler	Kevin Sampson
Jaime Girard	Gail Singer
Paul Goodkey	Jill Wherrett
Barbara Hicks	Regrets: Jan D'Arcy

**1. Call to Order – Nick Masciantonio, Chair, @ 7:20**

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Moved – Barbara Hicks, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Christian Pupp. Carried

**3. Approval of May 10, 2011 Meeting Minutes**

Moved – Jamie Brougham, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Leslie Kirk. Carried, as amended.

**4. Chair's Report – Nick Masciantonio**

- CDP to be considered by Planning Committee on June 28. PAC to meet the week before to plan the presentation to council. Issues include building heights on Main St, ensuring that secondary plan corresponds to demonstration plan for Oblates Land. Discussion centred on building heights, impact of development on neighbourhood population and traffic.

- Footbridge: Open house held at St. Paul a few weeks ago; study underway.

**5. Treasurer's Report – Don Fugler**

- \$10,500 in the bank, \$2,000 of which belongs to the Ottawa East Community Garden.

**6. Midtown Footbridge Update – John Dance**

- John reported on the 1<sup>st</sup> of three open houses held on June 2. He summarized the City's presentation, which focussed on need for a bridge and the location analysis. The city is now looking for feedback on the criteria for selecting locations and the design. Information is posted on the city website, with June 24 as a deadline for providing comments.

- A lengthy discussion focussed on concerns about parking and traffic impacts

(especially in the context of Lansdowne development), impact on Ottawa East businesses, the design and visual impact of a bridge, potential location, cost, alternative means to improve pedestrian and cycling access, and the consultation process to date. Views were expressed in favour and against the construction of a footbridge. It was noted that the footbridge concept has been discussed at OECA meetings for a long period of time.

### **7. Community Design Plan – Christian Pupp**

- Christian raised, for discussion, a new provision proposed by the City for the CDP that would allow additional building height and density (to a maximum of nine storeys) to be considered on the east side of Main Street near St. Paul, in return for “public amenities”, an arrangement allowed by section 37 of the Provincial Planning Act.
- Discussion followed on the potential pros and cons of accepting such a trade-off (e.g., would it invite development, do we even want to entertain 9 stories, could it help to protect other areas, would a limit be helpful in preventing developer from seeking higher limits?). One of the main concerns expressed was that the City does not yet have an overall section 37 policy.

**- Following discussion, John Baglow moved that: “The OECA take the position that the paragraph on section 37 be removed from the draft CDP”. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ron Rose. Carried** (with one abstention).

- It was agreed that: 1) Councillor Chernushenko would try to have the provision removed before the planning committee meeting on June 28; and 2) the OECA would incorporate its opposition to the provision into its presentation for June 28, if necessary.

- Paul Goodkey also raised some further questions about on building setbacks. He indicated that he would write out his concerns and send them to Nick/PAC members.

### **8. Alta Vista Transportation Corridor – John Dance**

- John Dance reminded the OCEA of recent developments related to the AVTC and advised that the focus now is to have the AVTC removed from the city’s transportation master plan.

**- John moved that the OECA: 1) reaffirm its opposition to the AVTC; and 2) form a small working group to focus on having the AVTC removed from the transportation master plan. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Heather Jarrett. Carried, unanimously.**

### **9. Councillor’s Report - David Chernushenko**

- AVTC: Councillor is very keen to have it removed from the transportation plan.
- Footbridge: Very much in favour of active transportation. Supports the concept of a connection for that reason, but ultimately cost, community views, design , etc., will determine his position.
- Lansdowne: 1) Design Review Panel of which he is a member will finally see something on June 30; 2) Friends of Lansdowne case goes to court on June 21; 3) July 5 & 6 – special city council meeting – will receive lots of reports on Lansdowne.

### **10. The Mainstreeter – Ron Rose (for Joseph Zebrowski)**

- Deadline for articles for the August 15 issue is June 15.

## **11. Committee and Representatives Reports**

### **11.1. Planning Committee – Paul Goodkey**

- Paul received an application re 10 Chestnut - 3 storey triplex.
- New version (May 16) of guidelines for objecting to minor variances will be put on the OECA website.
- City infill study: next open house to occur in September, rather than June.

### **11.2. Sustainable Living Ottawa East – John Dance**

- Nature Trail: on June 25, volunteers (from \$4,000 contribution through Molson's/ Evergreen) will be working on putting shrubs on Centennial, getting rid of buckthorn, tree replacement.

### **11.3. Traffic – Ron Rose**

- Province has announced 417 widening from split to Lees. Ron is looking into details. Nick said that MP's office has advised that it will likely affect bridge near Lees apartments.
- City holding open house on June 29 to discuss repair of water main on Springhurst.
- John Dance added that Elgin St. "extension" shut-down has been delayed, but along with water main work the Glebe Community Association is looking at a little "parkette", which is positive.

### **11.4. City Centre Coalition– Leslie Kirk**

- Leslie is a member of AVTC working group.
- 417 widening is part of city's plan to accelerate the LRT project, as the project hinges on widening.

### **11.5. Federation of Citizens' Associations – Christian Pupp**

- FCA plans to set up committees on specific issues that could provide advice to community associations.
- Community Design Plans were discussed at the FCA AGA. It was noted that they are useful, and can be changed.
- The Ontario Municipal Board Ottawa Urban Boundary decision came down. The OMB said the city must expand its urban boundary by 850 hectares, which city staff had originally recommended.

## **12. Community Activities Group (CAG) Report –Catherine Pacella**

- Main Event on June 18.
- CAG looking for a treasurer, as well as paid position of bookkeeper.
- Nick noted that bids for the Brantwood dock are closing soon and it should be installed in a couple of weeks.

## **13. Date of Next Meeting – September 13, 2011**

## **13. Adjournment @ 9:50 p.m.**

Moved – John Baglow, 2<sup>nd</sup> – John Dance. Carried.