



**Meeting of the Ottawa East Community Association  
Tuesday, June 12, 2012 at 7:15 p.m.  
Old Town Hall, 61 Main Street**

Board Members

John Dance- Chair  
John Baglow  
Ron Rose - Transportation  
Vicki Davis - SLOE  
Bill Baldwin  
Catherine Pacella – Communications,  
CAG  
Jaime Girard - Vice-chair  
Jim Strang  
Don Fugler - Treasurer  
Jamie Brougham  
Leslie Kirk – City Centre Coalition  
Nick Mascianato – Past Chair  
Barbara Hicks - Membership

Regrets: Jill Wherrett, Stephen Pope

Other attendees:

Mouzaya Dabboussy  
Chris Osler  
Wendy McRae  
Lyse Moriset  
Howard Wasserman  
Catherine Dewdell  
Jan D'Arcy  
Christian Pupp  
Richard Johns  
Bob Toth  
Chantal Bachman  
Pierre Sadik

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### **1.Meeting status**

Due to the confusion at the May meeting about whether the monthly OECA meeting is a general meeting where all members can vote or a board of directors meeting where only board members can vote, John requested a decision from those attending this meeting about what they wanted. We had been operating as a board meeting each month since February. John asked for all of those present to decide if it would be a general or board meeting.

Catherine spoke on behalf of it being a board meeting so that the board would be accountable to the membership for decisions made.

Wendy said that long-time members were accustomed to voting at each meeting but added that she realized that general meetings could be stacked to sway decisions on specific issues.

John asked for a show of hands to determine the status of the meeting. It was determined that it would continue as a board of directors meeting (13-2).

Jaime noted that our membership is now over 600, so the quorum for a general meeting will be

much larger than in the past.

## **2. Call to Order @ 7:15 – John Dance**

## **3. Approval of Agenda**

Two items were added to “New business”

- Information package for new attendees – Jamie Brougham
- Communications in French – Lyse Morisset

Moved – Don Fugler, 2nd – Barbara Hicks. Carried

## **4. Approval of May 8, 2012 Meeting Minutes**

Moved – John Baglow, 2nd – Jim Strang. Carried

## **5. Springhurst Park improvements – Jaime Girard**

Jaime introduced Chris Osler, a coordinator with Sandy Hill Community Health Centre. He works with newcomer programs at 88 Main Street, the Lees Avenue apartment buildings, the Children's Garden and other projects. He mentioned that University of Ottawa students had done a consultation on how Springhurst Park could be improved. There will be \$130,000 to spend, half from the City of Ottawa to match grants from the Community Activities Group, Community Foundation of Ottawa, Telus and Crabtree.

The money is additional to funds already committed from Cash in lieu of Parkland which will be spent on benches, waste bins and a notice board.

Jaime broke the attendees into 4 groups and asked them to work together on a questionnaire that was provided to help identify potential improvements for all age groups.

After 10 minutes the groups handed their questionnaires to Jaime.

## **6. Chair's Report – John Dance**

John reported that the May 17 meeting of community association representatives with the Mayor had revealed that Old Ottawa East is dealing with the most interesting issues such as Alta Vista Transportation Corridor, Rideau River Nature Trail and the footbridge.

The 200 Lees Avenue pathway is presently closed. It will open in the fall as a pathway along the river.

Community bulletin board is now at every Main Farmers' Market with a board representative.

The City of Ottawa has decided to sell Redmond Place for \$120,000 to the developer who now owns 99 Greenfield Ave. (the old Royal Canadian Legion).

## **7. Treasurer's Report – Don Fugler**

Don reports that we have \$11,488.12 in the account. \$9767 belongs to the Community Association. The rest belongs to the Community Gardens at Saint Paul University.

## **8. Councillor's Report – Pierre Sadik**

Pierre, from Councillor Chernuschenko's office gave a report:

Vacant land beside Old Town Hall is for sale for \$100,000. The City could purchase it for an expansion of Old Town Hall (badly needed). There is soil contamination due to historic use of the land. The cost of cleanup is to be determined. The Councillor is committed to the Old Town Hall expansion. John requested that the Councillor take the lead on this and contact with Environment. CAG and OECA will work with him on this.

The City's surplus Redmond Place is expected to be sold for \$120,000 to the new owners of 99 Greenfield despite OECA's position that the closed road allowance should have been offered to both adjacent landowners for sale.

Jim Strang made the point that the sale of Redmond Place would generate \$120,000 for the City. He suggested that it seemed reasonable to propose that the money generated from the sale of a moribund property could very well be applied toward the purchase and clean up of the vacant land adjacent to the Old Town Hall. This would result in the re-vitalization of the property and creation of an asset within the Ottawa East Community. It may be useful for OECA to approach the City with such a proposal.

Urban infill in mature neighbourhoods

As of May 9, City Council decision (delete: "refuses to") disallows garage fronts on narrow lots (delete: "houses. Garage may be the width of a building.") There is maximum sizing for stairs to the roof and base elevations. Developers have appealed the decision.

Main Street reconstruction will be in 2014. Delcan has been selected to do the consultation which will begin this fall. Association members expressed surprise and disappointment that Delcan had won the contract given the firm's previous work in the Old Ottawa East community.

## **Committee Reports**

### **9. Planning - Stephen Pope**

Stephen was not at the meeting. He had sent his report to Board members ahead of time. He proposed a motion with regard to the recent infill by-law:

***Motion: That the Ottawa East Community Association reaffirms its strong support of the Zoning By-law No. 2012-147 (infill) and recommends that the City rigorously defend the by-law before the Ontario Municipal Board and that the City continue the pursuit of an***

*additional phase of infill restrictions to ensure that infill is compatible with existing communities.*

Moved: Jaime Girard, 2nd John Baglow. Carried.

Jaime noted that OECA cannot go before OMB until we are incorporated.

Development of 99 Greenfield

Jim Strang mentioned that neighbouring residents to this property have expressed concern about the proposed mass and height of the condos planned for this property. (ref: OECA minutes 11 Oct 2011). Requests for Variances and possible Zoning changes should be carefully monitored in order to minimize future negative impact on this neighbourhood.

## **10. Sustainable Living Ottawa East – Vicki Davis**

Vicki reported that the Lees Avenue Community Gardens will be built June 21. They are still seeking volunteers.

Rideau River Nature Trail volunteers continue to remove invasive plants along the river. Dog strangling vine is the current target. There is a very large patch on the hillside down from the McIlraith Bridge to Rideau Gardens Drive. Volunteers are always welcome.

There was a question about whether OECA could pay for the injection of some ash trees along the river that the City is not remediating. John will look into it.

## **11. Traffic - Ron Rose**

Alta Vista Transportation Corridor

Ron reported that studies have shown no significant increase from traffic from the south in the past few years—numbers do not meet predicted increase from an earlier projection.

Hospital link

The hospital link has been delayed, perhaps for a year.

Lansdowne Transportation Advisory Committee

1 lane of Bank Street will be closed for truck traffic for 2 years during construction

Footbridge

Final (delete: "meeting") open house moved to September to allow for costing projections.

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

Leslie reported on the Alta Vista Transportation Corridor and the hospital link, already reported by Ron.

### **13. Federation of Community Associations – Jamie Brougham**

Jamie reported that the Annual General Meeting was held at City Hall June 5 and attended by the Mayor. Christian Pupp has resigned from the Executive and will be missed.

### **14. Communications – Catherine Pacella**

Catherine reported that the website is doing well. She met with Barbara Hicks and Wendy McCrae about a brochure for OECA membership. She will draft something and is looking for someone to help with graphic design.

### **15. Community Activities Group – Catherine Pacella**

Catherine described preparations for the Main Event to be held June 16. Board members will help with the barbecue.

### **New Business**

### **16. Information package for meeting attendees – Jamie Brougham**

Jamie suggested that we develop an information package to distribute to attendees unfamiliar with our meetings. He could speak with Catherine Pacella (Communications) about developing one. Also, it was thought that Board members could explain proceedings of the meetings to new attendees.

### **17. Communications in French -Lyse Morisset**

Lyse reported her dissatisfaction with the lack of programming in French for both children and adults in the community. She also mentioned that she had worked very hard to prepare a list of activities in French in the area, including those at the Sunnyside Branch of the Ottawa Public Library and submitted it to the Mainstreeter. It was refused with no explanation.

John will speak with Joseph Zebrowski (Mainstreeter editor) about this. He suggested that she could contact Catherine Pacella and the work she had done could be put onto the OECA website.

### **18. Adjournment @ 9:00 p.m.**

Moved: John Baglow, 2nd Ron Rose. Carried.

**Next meeting: September 11, 2012 (a general meeting about the Constitution/Bylaws will precede the Board meeting).**

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