



**Meeting of the Ottawa East Community Association
Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at 7:15 p.m.
Old Town Hall, 61 Main Street**

Carol Alette
Ilona Bain
Bill Baldwin
Jamie Brougham
Claire Brownell
Pamela Burr
John Dance
Jan D'Arcy
Jennifer Drew
Claire Farid
Jaime Girard
Paul Goodkey
Eugene Haslam

Heather Jarrett
John Jarrett
Anthony Leaning
Wendy McRae
Maryna Nowosielski
Catherine Pacella
Christian Pupp
Ron Rose
Robert Sims
Jill Wherrett

Regrets: Don Fugler, Barbara Hicks, Nick Masciantonio

1. Call to Order @ 7:15 p.m.
2. Approval of Agenda
 - Approved with addition of presentation by Eugene Haslam (item 5). Moved – John Dance, 2nd – Wendy McRae. Carried.
3. Approval of February 8, 2011 Meeting Minutes
 - Moved – Wendy McRae, 2nd – Heather Jarrett. Carried.
4. Chair's Report – Jennifer Drew
 - Nil report, in Nick's absence
5. Mainstreeter municipal election advertising – Eugene Haslam
 - Mr. Haslam explained his concerns regarding the handling of an advertisement he submitted to the Mainstreeter during the fall municipal election campaign, and his subsequent efforts to address his concerns with the editor of the paper.
 - Following discussion, which included further information on the advertising deadlines and OECA bylaws related to the Mainstreeter, Mr. Haslam proposed a motion requesting that the Mainstreeter print a front page apology, as well as several other actions set out in an email from Mr. Haslam to the editor of the Mainstreeter and the President of the OECA on October 21, 2010. There was no seconder for the motion.
 - OECA vice-president Jennifer Drew then proposed the following motion: "That it be suggested that a separate meeting take place between Eugene Haslam, Joseph Zebrowski, Nick Masciantonio and Ron Rose to discuss the issue." Moved – Jennifer Drew; 2nd – Ilona Bain. Carried. **Action: OECA President to follow-up on motion.**

6. Treasurer's Report – Don Fugler
 - Nil report, in Don's absence
7. Lansdowne Update – Ron Rose
 - Much is going on, including various legal appeals (Friends of Lansdowne, OMB appeal zoning, etc.). Friends of Lansdowne are still looking for funding.
 - The Green Door has offered to host a fund-raiser on Monday, May 2. In relation to the event, Ron proposed the following motion:

“Given that businesses and individuals in Old Ottawa East have organized a fund-raising event on May 2nd in the community to support the Friends of Lansdowne; and given that the proposed development at Lansdowne could adversely affect the entire city, there is a need to demonstrate that communities beyond the Glebe support the fight against the proposed Lansdowne development. Be it resolved that the Old Ottawa East Community Association support this event.”

Moved – Ron Rose, 2nd – Heather Jarrett. Carried
8. The Mainstreeter – Joseph Zebrowski
 - No report in Joseph's absence
9. Councillor's Report
 - City budget passed – Alta Vista hospital link and Bank St. construction approved
10. March 10 CDP/Oblates open house
 - Further to a question from Jamie Brougham, Anthony Leaning provided an overview of CDP process in relation to the Oblates land. This was followed by a brief discussion of the upcoming March 10 open house.
11. Alta Vista Transportation Corridor – John Dance
 - John provided a short overview of recent developments. The 2011-12 city budget will include \$55.5 million for the completion of 1.2 km of the road leading from Riverside Drive to the back of the General Hospital campus, but Councillor Chernushenko and the mayor have both come out against the larger AVTC project.
 - John suggested that we work to get some recreational use approved of OOE lands in the AVTC area.
12. Improving Old Ottawa East Identity – John Dance
 - John proposed that a group get together to discuss ideas for improving the community's identity. There was some discussion of appropriate timing. It was agreed that a group be formed – John Dance, Jennifer Drew, Ron Rose and Jamie Brougham indicated that they would participate.
13. Use of cash-in-lieu of parkland funds – John Dance
 - John suggested that there be some co-ordination of our community's wish list of projects for the cash-in-lieu of funds and a transparent process, e.g., that input be solicited from groups such as SLOE, CAG, Sandy Hill Community Health Centre, and OECA with respect to proposed projects, and that the OECA president then take the list to a meeting of the Councillor and ward community association presidents. Suggestions made at the meeting included drinkable water at Springhurst Park and a fence around Ballantyne Park. **Action: Input to be solicited from OOE groups.**

14. Purchase of projector for community meetings – John Dance
- John moved that \$350 be allocated to purchase a projector. 2nd- Paul Goodkey. Carried.
 - It was suggested that CAG look into contributing as well.

15. Committee and Representatives Reports

15.1. Planning Committee – Paul Goodkey

- Paul raised a new request for minor variance (reduction of rear yard at 14 Brown Street). This led to a broader discussion about whether OECA should take a position on such issues, if the neighbours are not opposed. It was generally agreed that the OECA's guideline should be to take a position only if the neighbours are opposed, unless broader principles/issues are at stake.
- Developer is revising plans for 300 – 302 Main.
- City is undertaking a study on small-scale infill and a consultation on roof-top signs
- **Action items: Paul suggested that guide to objecting to minor variances (developed by his counterpart in the Glebe) be put on the OECA website; terms of reference for OECA planning committee to be brought forward to OECA meeting.**

15.2. Sustainable Living Ottawa East – John Dance

- Footbridge environmental assessment has begun. First open house in April/May.
- Sandy Hill Community Association to offer permaculture introductory course; will be advertised in e-update
- SLOE looking for volunteers
- Sandy Hill CHC looking for Children's Garden coordinator.

15.3. Traffic – Ron Rose

- Ron proposed that OECA request that public consultation on the budget be vastly improved, noting that there was very little opportunity to provide views on the full budget with only one question allowed at broad budget consultation.
- Ron also highlighted the approval of \$8 m pedestrian overpass to near train station

15.4. City Centre Coalition – John Dance

- All associations in CCC opposed Alta Vista Transportation Corridor

15.5. Federation of Community Associations – Christian Pupp

- FCA is facing challenge in coming to consensus given number of associations, and is exploring options/role, e.g. providing "areas of expertise"

16. Community Activities Group (CAG) Report – Catherine Pacella

- Spring program registration has begun
- Fieldhouse in great shape; consideration being given to expanding summer programming
- CAG continuing to pursue community space on Oblates land
- CAG working with Sandy Hill Community Health Centre regarding Springhurst Park – possibly playground equipment

17. New Business

- OECA website update: Catherine noted that some technical issues have slowed progress, but issues are being worked through
- Wendy expressed thanks for all the work done for OECA/community by John Dance and Ron Rose

18. Date of Next Meeting – April 12, 2011

19. Adjournment