



**Meeting of the Ottawa East Community Association Board
Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at 7:15 p.m.
Old Town Hall, 61 Main Street**

Board Members

John Dance - President
Jill Wherrett – Secretary
Stephen Pope – Planning
Ron Rose – Transportation
Jim Strang – FCA
Bill Baldwin – Lees Ave
Catherine Pacella – Communications
Gabrielle Schaeffer – CCC

Regrets: Barbara Hicks, Vicki Davis, Don
Fugler, Nick Masciantonio, John Baglow,
Jaime Girard

Other attendees

Natalie Fletcher
Mark Seebaran
Michael Qaqish
Ian McRae
Wendy McRae
Michelle Nash
Christian Pupp
Jan D'Arcy
Christine Loth
Lyse Morisset
Paul Goodkey
Michal Oster
Rick Wallace
Chris Gordon
Don Morse
Chris Brouwer

1. Call to Order @ 7:15 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

- Revised to remove item on new board member
- Moved – Stephen Pope, 2nd – Jill Wherrett. Approved

3. Approval of February 12, 2013 Meeting Minutes

- Moved – Ron Rose, 2nd – Stephen Pope. Approved

4. Chair's Report – John Dance

The Chair reported on the following items:

- Greenspace at 160 Lees will not become a parking lot; alternative site has been approved by Ottawa U and City.
- City is looking at location for ramp for access to Old Town Hall; OECA/CAG/Christien Honsl have proposed a ramp along the side of OTH.
- Continuing to push for City to pay for undergrounding of wires for the central portion of Main St.
- Still waiting for decision from City regarding consideration of Main St. as a “complete street for rebuilding.
- The editor of the *Mainstreeter* has agreed to a free column for the OECA.
- Views on what should be in the OECA's position on Official Plan proposals are invited so that input can be provided by March 18th.

- Alpha Foods lease has been extended
- Brantwood Rink has closed for the season – thanks to Cindy Cortemanche and her team of community volunteers, and Mike Galaska.

5. Treasurer’s Report – John Dance for Don Fugler

- No new transactions

6. Transit-Oriented Development Studies – Chris Brouwer, City of Ottawa

- Mr. Brouwer (along with Chris Gordon and Don Morse) provided an overview of the TOD project and responded to questions. The future Lees and Hurdman light rail station areas are the subject of TOD studies that commenced in January 2013.
- Questions and discussion related to the identification of parkland and the future of the 160 Lees space; how the project fits with the official plan; pedestrian crossings.
- Mr. Brouwer agreed to provide an electronic copy of the presentation and to provide future updates to the OECA.

7. Update on 160 Lees/Ottawa U Parking Lot – Christine Loth

- Christine reported on the successful efforts to oppose the 160 Lees parking lot.

8. Wesley United Church Closure- Honouring its Contribution – Rick Wallace

- Rick Wallace presented a proposal to mark the closing of Wesley United Church and recognize its history and contribution to the community. He outlined various ideas, including a website, multimedia campaign, community day, digital video tour, and design and building of a commemorative cairn.
- The discussion noted the value of community history, supported moving forward with the project, and provided various ideas (public open house, student volunteers).
- It was agreed that the OECA website could be used, with content from Rick, and it was suggested that information also be placed in the Mainstreeter.
- **Rick was asked to come back to the OECA with regular updates.**

9. Councillor’s Report – Michael Qaqish for David Chernushenko

- Process is underway for selection of consultant for Midtown Footbridge design; design work likely a one-year process.
- No further news on closure of southern end of Elgin St.

10. Committee and Representatives Reports

10.1 Planning Committee – Stephen Pope

- OMB report on infill bylaw has been released.
- Attending City of Ottawa Greenhouse Gas Roundtable on March 23.

10.2 Sustainable Living Ottawa East – Ian McRae for Vicki Davis

- Continuing work on “deep green” project; will make a presentation to OECA in April.

11.3 Transportation – Ron Rose

- Part of old #16 bus route is coming back to Main St (as far as St. Paul).
- No news on Main St. reconstruction.
- Lees on-ramp still scheduled for spring closure.
- Open house on McIlraith Bridge reconstruction to be held in April.,
- Ron is developing comments on the Transportation Master Plan – will circulate them.

10.4 City Centre Coalition – Gabrielle Schaeffer

- No meeting since last OECA meeting.

11.5 Federation of Citizens' Associations – Jim Strang

- Jim reported on the February 20 FCA meeting hosted by the Tanglewood Community Association. Topics addressed included: the lack of a requirement for demolition permits in Ottawa – FCA will be making representation to the City regarding its concerns; problems with the current system of “spot zoning”; availability of financial grants for community groups; FCA RFP for design and development of new website, email/data management tools, corporate logo and marketing materials. Jim reported on the success of the Old Ottawa East community in modifying the city’s plan for 160 Lees.

11.6 Communications – Catherine Pacella

- Work continues to update the website and archive material from the previous website.

11.7 Community Safety – Jaime Girard

- Nil (Jaime absent)

11. Community Activities Group (CAG) – Natalie Fletcher

- Nil - CAG has not met since last OECA meeting

12. Date of Next Meeting – April 9, 2013

13. Adjournment at 9:10 pm

- Moved – Stephen Pope, 2nd – Bill Baldwin