



**Meeting of the Ottawa East Community Association
Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at 7:15 p.m.
Old Town Hall, 61 Main Street**

Board Members

John Dance
Stephen Pope
Ron Rose
Vicki Davis
Bill Baldwin
Catherine Pacella
Jaime Girard
Jim Strang
Don Fugler
Jamie Brougham

Regrets: Jill Wherrett, Nick Masciantonio,
John Baglow, Leslie Kirk, Barbara Hicks

Other attendees:

Mouzaya Dabboussy
Michael Oster
Heather Jarrett
Ian Detta
Catina Noble
Matt Eason
Carol Workun
Kevin Sampson
Laura Mueller (EMC reporter)

1. Call to Order @ 7:15 – John Dance

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved – Don Fugler, 2nd – Stephen Pope. Carried

3. Approval of April 10, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Moved – Ron Rose, 2nd – Stephen Pope. Carried

4. Chair's Report – John Dance

- Seeking key agreement with City to provide occasional use of the Brantwood Fieldhouse for OECA related meetings
Pathway across 200 Lees Avenue closed due to removal of contaminated soil. New path along river to be opened when construction completed by end of summer. Path under transitway in future will connect with Springhurst portion of trail.
- Digital signs at Ottawa Convention Centre plans suspended for now.
- Roster for OECA board representatives at Main Farmers' Market. Each board member to contribute 2 Saturdays.

5. Treasurer's Report – Don Fugler

- Don reports that we have \$12,000 in the account. CAG will be repaid for reception.

6. Rapid Transit Report – Matt Eason

Matt Eason, who works for the City of Ottawa Rail Office gave a presentation about plans for rapid transit. He presented the background to the project, identified it as a public/private partnership. The province of Ontario and the federal government have each allocated \$600 million for the project. There will be 13 stations from Blair to Tunney's Pasture. One stop will be at Lees Avenue. The contract will be awarded in december 2012. Work will begin in 2012 and be substantially complete in downtown core in 2016 in time for Canada's sesquicentennial (2017). It will open in 2018.

The benefits are:

- ability to move 18,000 people per hour
- service every 3.15 minutes
- reduce fossil fuel use
- reduce salt use
- investment in public are
- \$3.2 billion in economic activity.

The contract winner will also work on the Queensway widening to enable the project to be “bundled” so that a bus lane can be used on the 417 while light rail transit is under construction.

A website (www.ottawalightrail.ca) and e-mail (lightrail@ottawa.ca) are available for further information.

7. Main Street Revitalization – Ron Rose

Ron Rose reported that the rehabilitation of Main St and the reconstruction of the McIlraith bridge had been postponed for one year, and would now begin in 2014. Public consultations will begin in the fall of 2012 or winter 2012/13. A design consultant was being hired by the City to examine all aspects of the design and implementation of these two projects.

8. Ballantyne/BMX Bicycle Park Initiative – Carol Workun

Carol reported that 12 people attended the first meeting to discuss this project. The City now has a committee focussing on this kind of park. Councillor Chernuschenko committed at the meeting to ensuring that this committee considers OOE's proposals for Ballantyne Park. They need to speak with the City, get the support of our councillor, develop a plan and engage youth in the planning.

9. Councillor's Report – David Chernushenko

David reported that Redmond Place is up for sale. Some King's Landing residents are not interested in purchasing it.

Cash in lieu of parkland

- park benches cost \$2500 or \$2700
- garbage bins cost \$1700
- bulletin boards cost \$4500) one will be placed at 166 Lees Avenue)
- sitting boulders cost \$10,000
- sitting boulders/benches for Rideau River Nature Trail

Infill

He toured Evelyn, Chestnut and Simcoe Street developments. He agrees that the zoning is wrong, the new buildings are taller than normal

Lansdowne Transportation Advisory Committees

- first meeting held May 9
- Lansdowne Park design is flawed, transportation will not work
- meeting to be held May 23. Ron or Catherine will attend for OECA
- parking issue around Clegg and Colonel By Drive will be our priority

10. Proposed Memorial in Brantwood Park – Catherine Pacella

Catherine spoke on behalf of this initiative. Claire McMenemy who originally made the proposal will be moving from Ottawa, but is still interested in supporting a project. This issue has risen because Nadia Kajouji's body was found in the Rideau River close to Brantwood Park and her family has placed a temporary memorial bench at the foot of Clegg Street.

Options include:

a. Memorial bench

This would be purchased and installed by City of Ottawa for \$2506.00. The location would be selected by City staff in conjunction with community representatives. Bilingual working would be used for a plaque. Tax receipts would be issued for funds raised.

b. Boulders

One of the boulders purchased by cash in lieu of parkland funds could have a small plaque placed on it.

Catherine reported that Nadia Kajouji's family would support anything that the community decided. The mother visits the spot a few times a year. They do not live in Ottawa.

Jim, Heather and Ron spoke against the use of Association funds for a personal memorial. There was some support for the creation of a spot for rest and contemplation in recognition of mental health issues.

Motion: That the Ottawa East Community Association support a financial contribution towards a memorial that recognizes mental health issues at Clegg landing.

Moved – Catherine Pacella, 2nd Stephen Pope. Carried.

Heather Jarrett expressed strong opposition to the fact that only Board members were allowed to vote on the motion.

Board members explained that since February 2012 the regular monthly meetings have been deemed "Board Meetings," whereby all OECA members are encouraged to attend and speak but only Board members may make and second motions and may vote on them.

This approach was based on Board members' interpretation of the current constitution but, as Heather Jarrett pointed out, there is also the interpretation of the existing constitution whereby the regular monthly meetings are really "General Meetings."

The proposed new constitution would eliminate ambiguity and would confirm the proposition that regular monthly meetings are Board Meetings. The merits of changing the constitution and determining whether regular meetings should be General Meetings or Board Meetings (with related different allowable voters) will be discussed at a Special General Meeting before it is voted on by all OECA members who attend the Annual General Meeting in the fall.

11. Committee and Representatives Reports

11.1 Planning Committee – Stephen Pope

Stephen reported that a project proposal for 164 Main Street will be discussed May 16 at Committee of Adjustment. The proposal is now for a 3 storey building on Main Street with a setback to the 4th storey at the back. There is commercial space on the ground floor and no parking. Hydro Ottawa's suburban easements around power lines are avoided with this proposal. He recommends that OECA support this proposal.

Planning committee will receive revised submissions from City staff May 13 on guidelines for infill and related zoning changed. Developers had requested that the proposal voted on in March be sent to staff for further consideration.

11.2 Sustainable Living Ottawa East – Vicki Davis

Rideau River Nature Trail

- Brantwood Park path design meeting held April 12. Martha Lush, landscape architect presented path proposal, including a boardwalk near the old beach. Volunteers to meet soon to discuss next steps.

Park cleanups

- Springhurst Park cleaned April 21, River canoe cleanup done April 22, Rideau River Trail park cleaned May 5, Brantwood Park scheduled for May 12.

Main Farmers' Market opened May 5.

Children's Garden

- coordinator to be hired soon
- Lady Evelyn school students have started seeds for garden

Lees Avenue Community Gardens

Ian Detta spoke about the plan to create 5000 square feet of raised beds at 166 Lees Avenue for a community garden with financial support from Fiskars. They will build the garden June 21 with 40 volunteers. They would like OECA to sign a Land Use Agreement with the City on behalf of the gardens. A member of the gardens would be the representative to the City.

Motion: That the Ottawa East Community Association enter into a land use agreement with the City of Ottawa for the lands proposed for use as a community garden at 166 Lees Avenue with the agreement naming a member of the Lees Avenue Community Garden Committee as the primary contact person.

Moved: Vicki Davis, 2nd Stephen Pope. Carried.

Ecology Ottawa

Vicki spoke of Ecology Ottawa's petition and letter-writing campaign to ask the Ontario and federal governments to support the City of Ottawa's "Ottawa River Action Plan" to repair Ottawa's seers to stop raw sewage from being dumped into the Ottawa River. They are asking community associations to write letters of support to the governments. Many have already.

Motion: That Ottawa East Community Association write a letter to both Ontario and federal government officials requesting their financial support for the City of Ottawa's project to clean up sewage entering the Ottawa River.

Moved: Vicki Davis, 2nd Don Fugler, Carried.

11.3 Traffic – Ron Rose

Ron reported that the City has agreed to a special budget for traffic calming on Hawthorne Avenue East for the next 2 years. He expect the work to be done this year.

11.4 Federation of Community Associations – Jamie Brougham

Jamie reported on some ideas of involving the business community in the community association as is done with other associations.

He has a board for community notices for informing people about the community which will be displayed at the Main Farmers' Market. All Board members are asked to sign up for 2 days at the market to provide community information.

11.5 Communications – Catherine Pacella

Catherine reported that the website is getting some visits. It is early and many do

not know of the new website.

She will meet with Barbara Hicks and Wendy McRae soon to discuss an OECA brochure.



Community Activities Group – Catherine Pacella

Catherine reported that planning for the Main Event (June 16) is underway. Volunteers are needed to help with the barbecue. Spring programming has begun. A weekly Thursday barbecue will be offered in Brantwood Park. Proceeds will go to youth programming.

13. Adjournment @ 9:45 p.m.

Moved: Jamie Brougham, 2nd Catherine Pacella. Carried.