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Meeting of the Old Ottawa East Community Association Board

Tuesday, 10 May 2016

Old Town Hall, 61 Main Street

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Attendees

Board Members

John Dance
Paul Goodkey
Don Fugler
Ed Janes
Kate Martin
Ian McRae
Mark Seebaran
Phyllis Odenbach Sutton
Stephen Pope
Katherine Simonds

Others present

Robin Bennett
Jamie Brougham
Jan Darcy
Barry Davis
Vicki Davis
Ian Grabina
Wendy McRae
Erin O'Connor
Christian Pupp
Bonnie Weppler

1. Call to Order – Phyllis Odenbach Sutton – 7pm.
2. Approval of Agenda
 - Moved: Don Fugler; 2nd: Ed Janes; Carried.
3. Approval of April 2016 Minutes
 - Moved: Stephen Pop; 2nd: John Dance; Carried.
4. Rideau River Multi-use pathway presentation – City Officials (Robin Bennett, Luke Frechette, Bruce Kenney, Rick Gravelle)
 - Project Manager notes from meeting appear in Appendix 1.
 - The multi-use pathway will start at MacIlRaith Bridge and stretch from Onslow to University of Ottawa.
 - Cuts through Greystone development property.
 - Target for completion is 2017.
 - Brantwood park area of the path will head towards river from Onslow, between the pool and the Fieldhouse, and connect through to where the existing trail is located.
 - Access through onto both Clegg and Greystone. Greystone portion of pathway will be developed by Greystone themselves, but will be coinciding with the 2017 timeline.

- 3rd Section represents western limit of Greystone development beginning with Springhurst park end of the pathway. Existing alignment maintained.
- Path design fairly low impact, mainly asphalt and grass on both sides.
- Closer to transit way bridge to the University of Ottawa the slope will be flattened to 5% for a gentler transition immediately before the 417 highway underpass and then connects to U of O multi-use pathway.
- New retaining wall going in as well as gravity walls.
- Switchback option well received by City and University, this was the design approved.
- Afterwards the path then connects to a low-volume, paved university service road paved that will connect to the existing multi-use pathway in the University of Ottawa.
- Rest areas (benches, garbage cans) planned along the route. One closer to University grounds, and another closer to Springhurst Park.
- Caution signage will be posted as well as “sharrows,” “bollards” and twizzies” to slow cyclists down as they head north from Onslow.
- Concerns raised regarding the number of small children who would frequent the area through CAG programs. Another issue was raised with regards to the stretch of the park between the wading pool and the field house in the winter, as it may overlap with the area allotted for winter rinks.
- Some members disappointed that the trail will not be crushed rock.
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5. Councillor’s Report – Ian Grabina

- Boat launch release at Patterson Creek held on 10 May 2016
- MacIlraith bridge project timeline lengthened to November 2016
- Will be a 1-3 week closure of the underpass
- Hydro Ottawa will be re-digging from Springhurst to Graham to put in new electrical system assets. Section of this road will be re-opened in August 2016.
- Hawthorne and Main St. set to re-open in July 2016.
- When northbound lane opens in July the block between Hawthorne to Lees closes for a two week period.
- ONB appeal – the Councillor will meet with City officials on 16 May 2016 to try to get some forward motion on this file.
- No developments with regards to footbridge plans. Design work still ongoing. Costs still being estimated.

6. Chair’s Report – Phyllis Odenback Sutton

- Report circulated by email. See Appendix 2.
- Coach Houses – an information session will be held on Tuesday, 17 May 2016.
- Paul Goodkey will attend on behalf of the OECA.
- A canoe/kayak paddle was completed the morning of 10 May 2016 with Minister McKenna and members of OECA including Phyllis, John Dance, and Don Fugler.
- Corners at Main has been hosting events through their presentation centre.
- Glen Linder has secured a meeting with our MP in May regarding sound barriers.

- Board members toured the supervised injection service at Oasis on 9 May 2016.
7. Treasurer's Report - Don Fugler
- No report.
8. Committee Reports
- a. Planning - Stephen Pope
- Discussion regarding parking North of the Queensway remains ongoing.
 - Committee of Adjustment issue over proposal for new property at 184 Main St. There will be a return of Chinese Restaurant 3.5 story building with ground floor commercial property.
 - OMB appeal on Infill 2 was discussed.
 - 129 Main is going to be a 4-story building with 32 units and parking spaces underground.
- b. SLOE – Ian McRae
- Report distributed by email. See Appendix 3.
 - SLOE held a meeting on 18 April 2016 to identify new priorities.
 - Proposal to work with CAG, RVCA, City of Ottawa work to update vegetation management plan. RVCA has offered to help with these efforts.
 - Proposals to “Green Mainstreet” include a perennial garden around Riverdale intersection. SLOE seeking volunteers to assist.
 - Longer term objective to rehabilitate Old Ottawa East stretch of Colonel By Drive which will include working with NCC to improve natural and physical characteristics.
 - SLOE will continue to influence urban canopy to continue encouragement of planting trees and establishing bird havens.
 - SLOE was approached by a professor of U of O's Master of Environment Project to Project use Deep Green process for research on community effectiveness in affecting local development.
 - Regional has requested that SLOE contribute to a “Conservation Handbook” – a draft has been prepared for comment.
 - Park clean-ups took place in May 2016.
- c. Transportation - Glen Linder
- No report.
- d. Federation of Citizens' Associations - Eddie Gillis
- No report.
- e. City Centre Coalition - Kate Martin
- Healthy Transportation Coalition is having their meeting on 11 May 2016 at the University of Ottawa. Kate will be attending.
- f. Communications - Catherine Pacella
- No report.
- g. Community Safety – Mark Seebaran
- Reports of activity on the roof of the Brantwood field house.
 - The Ottawa police response has been slow. Only one community policing rep for all of Centretown area.

- Police week will be taking place the week of 16 May 2016. Monday kick-off at Ottawa Police headquarters on Elgin. Events to take place across Centretown to display various OPS units.
- h. Membership – Suzanne Johnston
- No report.

9. Community Activities Group

- CAG barbeque starting on Thursday 19 May 2016 – CAG seeking volunteers. High school students who need volunteer hours encouraged.
- Thursdays in May and June and Wednesdays in July and August.
- CAG working with city on a canoe/kayak renting program.

10. Changes to Water Bills – Don Fugler

- To date, water bill expenses are based on consumption rates.
 - Currently, our water bills pay for water infrastructure, fresh and sewer.
 - City is considering changes because city consumption has dropped by about 5%.
- a. City is proposing fixed monthly charges. Consumption charges will be brought down a small amount. However, fixed charges will amount to about \$25/month with taxes in fixed charges, in addition to consumption rates.
- b. Residents are encouraged to look at the deck on the City website to evaluate the estimated changes in their bills.
- c. Discussion about a possible letter that may be drafted and sent to the City.
- d. Board members encouraged to send the amount of their most recent water bill so that some members can conduct a small sample evaluation.

11. Update on community survey – Ed Janes

- A lot of useful information received to date.
- A survey can be found at the bottom of the e-update being sent out the second week of May 2016.
- It will close on Survey Monkey on 18 May 2016.
- Motion to approve that up to \$200 approved to support survey costs and research be covered by the Community Association. Moved: John Dance; 2nd: Stephen Pope; Carried.

12. New Business

- An organization promoting a new downtown library in Central Ottawa have contacted the Board about making a presentation.
- Heather Jarrett sent around Dalhousie Coalition to SHCHC about Supervised Injection Site in support to see if OECA would be interested in preparing a similar letter of support. A letter will be sent around to the board to discuss.

13. Motion to Adjourn:

- a. Moved: Stephen; 2nd: Ian; Carried.
- b. Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday, 14 June 2016

APPENDIX 1 – PROJECT MANAGER MEETING NOTES RE: MULTI-USE PATHWAY

1) Several concerns were raised regarding the proposed MUP route between the fieldhouse and the wading pool in Brantwood Park; concern generally due to high volume of young children accessing the wading pool from the field house; also during summer camps - children launching canoes into the river at the SE side of the field house; also winter skating rinks located SW side of the wading pool. City/Consultants to follow up with Brantwood Park Community Activities Group (CAG) and the Councillor.

- There might be potential conflicts but the line-of-sight to the south of the FH is far better than to the north where a blind corner could certainly cause some challenges.
- Additionally, there is the possibility to add bollards at the entrance to the path and signage and have the community add other measures when larger-scale activities are taking place at the FH.
- Usage of the pathway in the winter will be very limited.

2) A resident asked for an accessible route to basketball court.

3) A few residents mentioned that they would prefer stone dust over asphalt. He noted that the existing stone dust path requires less maintenance than the existing aged (30yrs) asphalt pathway in Windsor Park. RGTS expressed that pavement pathways typically provides for less annual maintenance and reinstatement than stone dust pathways but required eventual replacement.

4) A few residents did not recommend lighting from a natural perspective. Discussions were previously held regarding lighting the basketball court in Springhurst park; this was not supported by neighboring residents due to nighttime noise and impact on the shoreline wildlife (turtles). Support for pathway lighting for security was expressed by a young lady. Lighting for safety needs was discussed and received some support to be considered in suitable locations and not necessarily throughout.

5) Request for composting bins and/or dog waste disposal facilities to be included in the parks area. (message to be passed on to City of Ottawa Parks for discussion)

6) Request for a dog run to be considered (message to be passed on to City of Ottawa Parks for discussion)

7) Request for directional signage to direct people to Grand Allee through the Greystone development

Regards,

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APPENDIX 2

Chair's report May 10, 2016

Main Street construction

- Construction work along Main Street is progressing – most notably, the northbound lane from Riverdale to Clegg closed on Monday, May 2 until November
- the City continues to release a bi-weekly newsletter on the work associated with the Main Street Renewal; #19 was released on April 15 & #20 was released on April 29
- these newsletters provide further detail on planned construction as well as planned closures of Colonel By Drive
- note in particular that the Sunday bike closures will restart on May 15 & will run until Sept 4
- I will be attending the business stakeholder meeting on **Monday, May 9**, the purpose of which is to review local business's experience following a week's worth of the closure and to answer questions about the work ahead

Coach houses

- April 13 new material from the City:

"A summary document, titled As-We-Hear-It, has been posted on the project webpage to provide an overview of the comments received. Please see: www.ottawa.ca/coachhouses

During this public consultation period, we received many comments and great feedback which require further analysis. The City has therefore adjusted the timeline of this project, from a completion in May 2016 to a completion in the Fall of 2016. This will allow for additional time to consult with key stakeholders to address some of the issues and requests brought forward during the public consultation process.

The next steps for the project are to release the Staff circulation, which will include a summary of the Zoning By-law and Official Plan proposed changes, for further public comment. It is anticipated these will be ready in the Summer of 2016. An email will be sent once this information is available to the public."

- evening information session on Coach Houses for all registered community groups on **Tuesday May 17th**; Paul to attend on behalf of OOE

Canoe/kayak access to Rideau Canal

- On Friday, April 29 Parks Canada installed some of the new paddling access at Clegg/ Col By and at Patterson (north side)
- this was one of the fastest moving files over the last month that I have ever seen ; it is truly amazing to discover how quickly change can be implemented when there is a coordinated effort for change (the Glebe Community Association & the OOECA wrote a joint letter to Ministers McKenna & Joly on April 19; media engagement (Ottawa Metro News, the Ottawa Citizen, CBC Ottawa Radio 1); and a receptive government to make the change
- John and I hope to join the canoe and kayak flotilla on Tuesday morning to celebrate!

Fifth-Clegg footbridge

- the NCC's Advisory Committee on Realty and Planning recently met (May 5) to initiate the design review process of the redesigned project
- we understand that the City's design team presented the new design features to this Committee

OOECA / CAG survey

- the deadline for completing the survey is May 18
- as of last Friday we had 147 responses to our survey
- the price of our success is that we have exceeded the 100 free mark of Survey Monkey so I will be seeking the Board's approval on Tuesday to spend \$114 (+ tax) so that we can access the results

Greystone Village

- work is continuing on the land remediation
- hopefully the river pathway will be open soon

The Corners at Main - Domicile

- the existing row houses on Main have now been demolished
- our own "Stonehenge on Main" story: thanks to Ian McRae & John Dance for the vision, Mike Powers for finding the pallets, Domicile & Novatech for saving, donating & transporting the approximately 30 limestone blocks from this demolition to lands that Regional has allowed us to use until they can be incorporated in our new park
- also keep a look-out for invitations included in the e-update to events at the Domicile Presentation Centre; I attended the birding presentation and walk last Saturday with Bruce Di Labio which was fabulous; the next planned event is Lost in Ottawa East on Wednesday evening

Off-leash dog park

- I was approached by several of my neighbours who are hoping that an off-leash exercise space can be found within our community
- they are looking at City policies and potential spaces and hope to present their findings at an upcoming monthly Board meeting

Sound barriers

- Glen has arranged a meeting with our MPP on this issue
- I will be joining him for the discussion on May 25

SHCHC needle exchange initiative

- as discussed at our last Board meeting, a special tour has been arranged for our Board of the Oasis Centre on Monday evening at 6:30

APPENDIX 3:

SLOE report to OOECA May 2016

New SLOE priorities were discussed at a meeting on April 18th. They include:

- Working with CAG, RVCA and City of Ottawa and others on the shoreline rehabilitation. This might include discussion of routing and restoration along the MUP, naturalization and ongoing restoration from Springhurst Park to the Greystone Village shoreline, Brantwood and Rideau Garden.
- Greening and naturalization beyond the shoreline beginning with Main Street. A proposed perennial garden at Riverdale is one element of this. Margaret Vant Erve has agreed to mobilize volunteers interested in building and maintaining the new garden and SLOE has adopted it in the city "Adopt-a-roadway" program.
- Encouraging the upgrading the OOE stretch of Colonel By Drive by working with the NCC on improving the landscaping, natural and physical characteristics.
- Influencing urban canopy and habitat in private spaces including working with residents to plant and nourish more trees in backyards and elsewhere and establish the neighbourhood as a bird haven.
- Celebrating the re-opening of a green Main Street that will be much more pedestrian and cyclist friendly; organizing another lantern walk along the nature trail and contributing to the sesquicentennial circumnavigation of Rideau Island.
- Working on energy and GHG issues

The more OOEasters who join in this work, the more of these initiatives can be implemented. SLOE works on individual initiative so if you have something else you're keen to make happen, we'd love to hear.

Deep Green

- SLOE is attempting to follow-up on the Deep Green projects for example by identifying governmental inertia and barriers to innovation in LID measures.

Project with UofO O Institute of the Environment

- The University of Ottawa's Masters of Environmental Sustainability Program approached SLOE with a request to use the Deep Green process as a subject for a Capstone project on "Community Effectiveness in Influencing Local Development." The study involves six masters students who would interview key players including Regional, City and SLOE representatives. To avoid wasting valuable time attention will be placed on thorough student preparation and respondents will not be interviewed more than once. Mary Trudeau is the SLOE contact and has spoken to the course and emphasized the collaborative nature of the community's relationship with the developer and the necessarily fluid and nascent state of many aspects of the development. Their assessment will be formative rather than summative. It will focus on the process rather than end results. The findings may be helpful to other communities and developers dealing with major changes. They may also help pinpoint areas for improvement such as aspects of governance that could be improved. One of the deliverables is a 10 to 15 minute presentation in mid-July. Interested OECA members, SLOE and invited Regional and City reps could attend. Mary invites comments or ideas with respect to the presentation. A description of the project is appended to this report.

Regional's request for us to contribute to a conservation handbook

- A draft has been prepared for comment.

Park Clean-ups

- Cleanups were held in Springhurst and Brantwood Parks last Saturday. The turnout of volunteers was light but luckily so was the garbage. Apparently city crews or other persons had swept the parks earlier. The strangest finds in Springhurst Park were a water logged duvet with fitted cover floating in the river and an engraved aluminum plaque memorializing JaJa, a hamster who died in 1992.

Compiled by Ian McRae