



Meeting of the Old Ottawa East Community Association Board

Tuesday, 8 May 2018, 7p.m.

Old Town Hall, 61 Main Street

MINUTES

Attendees

Board Members

Bob Gordon
Tom Scott
Heather Jarrett
Don Fugler
Phyllis Odenbach Sutton
Jocelyn Kearney
Don Stephenson
John Dance
Jamie Girard
Suzanne Johnston

Other

Stephanie Lemieux (Ottawa Police)
Lorna Kingston
Jeanie Cassidy
Monica Helm
Peter Hyland
Jennifer Johnson
Vicki Davis
Barbara Hicks
Wendy McRae
Hanya Soliman
Mitch Vlad
Doug Macaulay
Alexandra Gruca-Macaulay
Antoine Desliets
Jan D'Arcy
Christian Pupp
Bob Parkins
Stephen Dale
Lorraine Baker
Chris Osler
Michelle Coyne
Mary
Paul Goodkey
Taylor Marquis (Regional)
Richard Deadman
Rebecca Aird
Jim Strang
David Chernushenko

1. Call to Order – Phyllis Odenbach Sutton
2. Approval of Agenda
 - One item added to the agenda: Regional – River Cleanup and Construction
 - Approval of agenda, as amended:
 - o Moved: Don Fugler; Second: Heather Jarrett; Carried
3. Approval of April 2018 Minutes

- Moved: Don Fugler; Second: John Dance; Carried
4. Vandalism in OOE – Stephanie Lemieux (OOE Community Policing Officer)
- Lemieux has received various inquiries regarding restitution
 - Three individuals have been charged with mischief and criminal proceedings will unfold – investigation continues
 - o The accused (Connor Hutchinson and Thomas Gagnon-Jones (and a third who has been charged as a young offender)) are not from this neighbourhood
 - o Not a targeted crime, not a hate crime
 - Property damages must be documented through a police report (the principal report number for this matter is 2018-99183 and Detective is Elizabeth Hull)
 - o The police are looking for contact info for residents of 23 and 27 Chestnut Street
 - Process:
 - o Six to eight months before the matter goes to court
 - o Regarding restitution: it is open to aggrieved residents to take individuals to small claims court; in the criminal context, any possibility for restitution would hinge on a guilty verdict (and could be taken into account at the sentencing stage)
 - o Since the incident had elements of a hate crime, these individuals will go through the normal judicial process (post-charge diversion not available)
 - o Applicants will be informed when the matter goes to court
 - Residents are encouraged to report *any* break & enters (car, house, etc.) even if nothing was taken – this is the season for vehicle theft
5. Chair's Report – Phyllis Odenbach Sutton
- Report attached as Appendix A
 - The Chair proposed the following motion for adoption by the Board: "The Ottawa East Community Association reaffirms that Ottawa East is a community where people of all backgrounds are welcomed and celebrated. We deplore recent acts of vandalism involving racist and anti-Semitic graffiti and affirm our commitment to help make Ottawa East a safe and comfortable community for the diverse range of people who live, work and visit here."
 - o Moved: Jaime Girard; Second: Tom Scott; Carried
 - Springhurst Park: on Saturday, June 2, Springhurst Park is joining the 101 Day Event – visit the Springhurst Park Action Facebook page for link to the 101 Day Event
 - o They now have table tennis, volleyball, badminton, Jenga set, portable soccer nets, etc.
 - The Main Event will be held on Saturday, June 16 (on Main Street)
6. Councillor's Report – David Chernushenko
- The motion passed by the Board re: the vandalism is a form of reassurance and solidarity for some people who may feel they were targeted – Councillor also expressed hope that this is an isolated, stupid incident and, like the similar incident in the Glebe two years ago, not part of a broader movement

- Blue box scavengers: if you want to be generous to people in need, please give money to organizations – putting bottles out will just lead to more people coming and aluminum is a big money maker for city
 - Dogs in Parks: the City's by-law team is still working on the signage (no update on timing)
 - Community Centre: the relationship between Regional and CCOC has come to an end; Regional is now handling the Community Centre plans on its own and is in direct dialogue with the City
 - o Re: affordable housing at Greystone, there are still interested parties; CCOC won't be part of the Deschatelets project could come back to the table with respect to affordable housing development as a standalone building
 - Commitment of \$500K is still there for affordable housing
 - o Audience suggestion that Regional should invite stakeholders to come together soon to discuss project so that it doesn't lose momentum
 - Main St. road safety audit will take place this spring/summer to see if Main St. is performing as expected – Councillor's office can share the terms of reference for the audit (and will pass along any feedback from the community to the group responsible for audit)
 - At request of audience member, Councillor will look into expanding the OC Transpo Seniors' Free Day
 - Immaculata Field Development: Councillor's office continues to closely monitor this project and the issues (i.e., light, sound) over which the City has jurisdiction
 - o Councillor wants to initiate a policy review of planning procedures to ensure something like this doesn't happen again in the future
 - Regional Blocks 2A and 2B: Councillor will be submitting comments to the City Planner that will incorporate OOECA comments sent on May 2
 - 113-115 Echo: Councillor will meet with developer to strongly encourage them to reassess their plans (Councillor still has the potential to delay things if the public domain and grade change issues aren't addressed)
7. Immaculata Sports Field Update from Neighbours for Community Fields (NCF)
- NCF has submitted a letter to the school board, asking them to pause and listen to the community – haven't heard anything back
 - Trying to make this into a provincial issue – will raise it at the all-candidates meeting
 - NCF has contacted a lawyer – among the various potential claims being explored is one under the expropriation act (so need to know all persons who property values would be affected)
 - Twitter handle: @Neighboursforcommunityfields
 - Email: neighboursforcommunityfields@gmail.com
8. Bridge Naming Update – John Dance
- Trying to identify names that are meaningful to the community – came up with a list of six names (one dropped by legal) – at the next committee meeting there will be a Canada Reads-type process to select a winner
9. Treasurer's Report – Don Fugler

- OOECA has \$21,636.25 in the bank

10. Committee Reports

- a. Planning – Phyllis Odenbach-Sutton for Ron Rose
 - Planning Committee is focusing on Regional Blocks 2A and 2B, as well as proposal for addition on Glengarry Road (third story in R1 zone), application to demolish house at 80 Onslow and build on same foundation, and application for triplex with shared 1200-foot basement at 7 Chestnut
- b. SLOE – John Dance
 - Report attached as Appendix B
 - The Children’s Garden will soon be reopened (following remediation) and funding has been received for student coordinator and educator
 - Farmers’ Market opens June 2nd
 - Community garden behind St. Paul’s – regular spring meeting is tomorrow (May 9)
 - Volunteers wanted for
 - Perennial garden (at Riverdale and Main)
 - To help Vicki remove invasive species along river pathway
 - Cleanup at Springhurst on Saturday (May 12) at noon
 - River cleanup – likely to be May 19th – need Regional to do their share
- c. Transportation – Tom Scott
 - Transportation Committee meeting will be held next Tuesday (May 15) at Royal Oak (7PM)
 - (Four) bridge reconstruction update
 - Public info session will be held in the fall
 - NCC has made an intervention about designs
 - City has made an intervention about re-routing of traffic
 - Staging location decision has been deferred to the fall
 - Final design phase for Nicholas is complete
 - Main Street audit about to start
 - Greenfield cross-walk will be rebuilt with lights
 - Open house will be held on “Hawthorne as a Complete Street” (link between Main and Elgin) – date TBD
 - Audience comment: Ecology Ottawa is hosting a Sustainable Transportation Summit on May 16th
- d. Federation of Citizens' Associations – Mark Seebaran
 - No report
- e. Lees Apartment Outreach – Anne-Raphael Audouin
 - No report
- f. Communications – Catherine Pacella
 - No report

- g. Corners on Main & Greystone Village – Heather Jarrett
 - Looking for contact in Greystone Village for Mainstreeter Delivery
 - Light at St Paul's: budget meeting will be held at end of May and hopefully this will be resolved then
- h. Health & Safety – Jaime Girard
 - No report, but reminder that the Provincial All-Candidates debate will be held next Thursday, May 17 at 7pm at Glebe Community Centre
- i. Membership – Suzanne Johnston
 - Report attached as Appendix C
 - Canvassers needed for membership drive – great way to meet your neighbours

11. Community Activities Group

- No report

12. New Business

13. Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday, 12 June 2018

14. Adjournment

- Moved: John Dance, Second: Heather Jarrett; Carried

APPENDIX A

Chair's report May 8, 22018

Vandalism in Old Ottawa East

- many of you are probably already aware of the incidents in the early hours of Sunday, April 29 in the Archville area of OOE

- FYI - I received the following media release on Monday, April 30 from our Community Policing Officer, Stephanie Lemieux:

"The Ottawa Police Service is currently investigating a significant mischief/damage to property that occurred on Sunday April 29th 2018 at approximately 1am within the area bound by Lees Avenue, Chestnut Street, Springhurst Avenue and Main Street in Ottawa. The incident involved a series of parked vehicles, houses and a local park's play structure equipment that were vandalized and spray painted. Criminal Investigators have charged:

- 18 year old Connor HUTCHESON of Ottawa for one count of Mischief to Property over five thousand dollars
- 19 year old Thomas GAGNON-JONES of Ottawa for one count of Mischief to Property over five thousand dollars
- And a male Young Offender from Ottawa for one count of Mischief to Property under five thousand dollars and one count of Assault with intent to Resist Arrest

Anyone with information is asked to call the Central Criminal Investigations office at #613-236-1222 ext: 5166."

- Cst Stephanie Lemieux has agreed to attend our Board meeting on Tuesday; at that time, she has indicated that she will try to provide as much information as she can about this latest incident

Immaculata school field

- the Ottawa Catholic School Board plans for the new artificial turf field and resurfaced running track continue to move forward; fencing has been installed to remove public access to the field and construction equipment is in place

- construction details are now posted on the Immaculata school web site <http://imh.ocsb.ca>

- Neighbours for Community Fields, a group of concerned residents, are continuing to voice their concerns about the proposed development (in particular, the potential impacts from noise, lights, parking and traffic) and are considering future options

- as I have written in my most recent Mainstreeter column (to be published in the next several weeks), I continue to personally struggle with a number of issues:

Should the public have the right to access publicly funded school grounds after hours, particularly in the inner core of Ottawa where green space is at a premium? (Note that the City has instituted a policy to share school fields with school boards in the suburbs.)

And is there really no change in the use of a field when lights are installed and a commercial enterprise can operate the facility weekday evenings from 6:00 to 11:00pm and from 8:00am to 11:00pm on weekends? (Note it is only when there is a change in use that public consultations are required.)

Park / Rideau River Wester Pathway clean-up

- clean-ups by local residents have recently been undertaken at both Springhurst and Brantwood Parks; I think we should all thank the volunteers who have adopted the parks and try to ensure that they remain free of garbage and other litter

- however, one of the most problematic areas is near the dumpster behind [170 Lees](#); several 311 calls by residents have been made to try to ensure the property managers deal with the garbage that drifts from the dumpster on to the RRWP and the river front

- although the area immediately around the dumpster has been cleared, the garbage that has "drifted" has typically been left for others to deal with & the problem regularly recurs

Clegg / Fifth bridge

- while the bridge construction continues to move forward and significant milestones are being reached, I understand that there are significant noise challenges being faced by those living close to the canal

- there has been overnight construction recently which has made an already difficult situation much worse for local residents

Springhurst Park Action (SPA)

- as many of you are no doubt already aware, SPA has been promoting a 3 season game sharing program in Springhurst Park for the last several years

- Over the last two seasons, an all weather Table Tennis Table, Semi Mobile Volleyball Net, 2 Portable Soccer Nets and a permanent Soccer rebound wall, many sturdy hula hoops and two "giant" Jenga sets have been made available

- also two portable badminton sets and Table Tennis racquets, net and balls, a volleyball and lighter balls for smaller kids to volley have been donated for community use

- The total cost for all of this equipment has been less than \$1000.

- The non-fragile and non-portable items are left in the park for the season with no significant loss, theft or damage in the two years of operation.

- The smaller and fragile items (TT racquets and balls, volleyball and misc balls and badminton sets) are stowed nightly.

- check out SPA's Facebook page for more information

- on Saturday, June 2 SPA is joining the 100in1day event; SPA would like still more people to come and be aware of what SPA offers and enjoy it both that day and in the future, as well as to show the success of this great concept to other individuals, groups and City staff that want to make their local City Park an even more vibrant and joyful place for "kids of all ages" to frequent

- "100in1Day Ottawa is part of a growing global movement that is changing how people interact with their cities. The festival provides residents with a platform to showcase their ideas aimed to spark change in their communities and share a vision for a better city." <http://synapcity.ca/workshop/100in1day/>

Main Event

- also mark your calendars for the Main Event on Saturday, June 16

- once again we will be working the barbeque as one of our main fund raisers

Main Street traffic review

- note that we have heard from our Councillors's office that an initial meeting with City staff on this review was held on May 3; more information is to follow as the process gets underway

Alta Vista Transportation Corridor environmental assessment update

- the Alta Vista Transportation Corridor environmental assessment is due to expire within the next several years
- on the premise that the best defence is a good offence, Don Fugler has contacted City staff to ask that his name be considered as a public representative if there is another EA process for this project
- note that he served on the last EA, plus the EA of the transportation needs of the SE sector that preceded it

APPENDIX B

SLOE-Related Report

OOECA May 8, 2018

1. Children's Garden (Sue McKee)

Two updates: we received funding for a student coordinator for the Garden through CAG and the Canada Summer Jobs funding, but even more exciting, we received generous funding from the Ottawa Community Foundation for an education consultant through our partnership with the Sandy Hill Community Health Centre for the summer. So this summer we'll have our student coordinator and the education consultant (an adult not student) will help increase volunteerism in the garden and most importantly increase the education for children and families visiting the garden. We're super excited!

The Children's Garden volunteer board has been told we will be handed back the Garden on Friday May 18th. The City continues to complete its \$0.5 million remediation, accessibility and restoration work.

2. Farmers' Market (Cynthia Dwyer)

The market opens June 2. Same location as last year – in the parking lot beside Green Door businesses. The hours will be 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

3. SPU Community Garden (Annette Hegel)

The Ottawa East Community Garden is having their spring meeting on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Old Town Hall, and no, we are not looking for gardeners, we are barely making a dent in our waiting list for this season. Turnover, is, as it has always been, very low.

4. Nature Trail (Vicki Davis)

The annual battle against the invasives continues. Vicki Davis continues to welcome volunteers to help.

5. Climate Change Movie Tomorrow – Free – Bytowne 7:00 p.m.

SLOE has partnered with Green Screen Ottawa, Ecology Ottawa, the Sandy Hill Community Health Centre, and many other community organizations to host the free film screening of the 2018 documentary Aote's Ark (about the challenges of sea level rise on a small pacific island) on May 9th, 2018 from 7–9:30 pm at the ByTowne Cinema.

The film will be followed by a panel discussion about climate change where panelists will speak to their own experience with environmental organizing and strive to connect the struggle of the indigenous people in the film with actions we can take here in Canada. The event will also include a fun “renewable future”

photobooth, a raffle prize draw, and opportunities to get involved with climate action and all the partner organizations.

6. *Perennial Garden: Main–Riverdale (Margaret Vant Erve)*

We did a spring cleanup of the Main Riverdale Garden and put some edging in to keep the grass from encroaching. We still plan to top dress with compost and peat for better water retention.

7. *Clean-ups (Margaret Vant Erve, Vicki Davis, Petra Brougham)*

Lots of effort at Springhurst, 160 Lees and Brantwood. The continuing mess behind 170 Lees remains aggravating. The city bylaw people have essentially told us that the owners of 170 Lees have complied with bylaws but the fact remains that garbage continues to come out of the large dumpster and blow around the pathway / river area. It is particularly galling that the City seems to expect volunteers to do all of the clean-up. After almost 10 years of this irresponsibility by both the property owner and the City I've had enough – I've lost confidence in the City to take necessary action. (John Dance).

APPENDIX C

May 8th, 2018

Membership Report

By Suzanne Johnston

As we look forward to summer, I would like for members to keep in mind the membership drive that will get underway this fall. As our community continues to grow, so does the need for canvassers.

Although we have a great team of committed Captains and Canvassers' we are always in need of additional support to alleviate some of the burden from canvassers that do several streets and to ensure all streets are canvassed and notices of the AGM are distributed. As you participate in the many summer community activities, please think of your new neighbors or current neighbors that would like to get more involved in their community and suggest the membership drive.

The time commitment is quite minimal, usually 1-2 hours and involves the following:

- Go door to door on a sunny day on your appointed street to hand out notices for the Annual General Meeting and either renewing or signing up new households for \$3.00.
- Handing back the canvassing kit with information to your Zone Captain around the end of October
- Meeting new people on your street – always interesting
- Attending a get together for all the Canvassers and Captains held by the membership chair the first week of November – Best part!!

Condos and Apartment buildings continue to be a conundrum and will be a bigger issue as OOE continues to grow. Heather Jarret will be the liaison for the Domicile and Greystone developments and we will continue to spread the word within all the apartment buildings and condos in OOE. We invite residents of the OOE who live in apartments or Condos to get involved in the membership drive within your apartment building or Condo. If canvassing is not allowed, we would appreciate the ability to post the AGM notice to inform residents of the buildings.

We would look forward to having new residents and current residents be part of the membership committee.