



**Meeting of the Ottawa East Community Association Board  
Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at 7:15 p.m.  
Old Town Hall, 61 Main Street**

Board Members

John Dance - President  
Jill Wherrett - Secretary  
Ron Rose - Transportation  
Stephen Pope - Planning  
Vicki Davis - SLOE  
Catherine Pacella – Communications, CAG  
Jim Strang – Member at Large  
Jamie Brougham – FCA  
Leslie Kirk – City Centre Coalition  
Nick Masciantonio – Past President  
Barbara Hicks – Membership

Regrets: Jaime Girard, Don Fugler

Other attendees

Ron Cross  
Amelia Mendonça  
Debbie Robillard  
Paul Gagnon  
Bonnie Wepler  
Donna Jokinen  
Peggy Potvin  
Kevin Sampson  
Lea O'Reilly  
Heather Jarrett  
John Jarrett  
Howard Wasserman  
Lyse Morisset  
Josh Kardish  
Bill Ritsie  
Denis Laporte  
David Chernushenko

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

**2. Approval of Agenda**

- Approved as amended (new business item). Moved – Vicki Davis, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ron Rose

**3. Approval of September 11, 2012 Meeting Minutes**

- Approved. Moved – Jim Strang, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ron Rose

**4. Chair's Report – John Dance**

- **Footbridge Open House:** September 27<sup>th</sup> open house was well attended, with strong OOE representation. Comments were strongly in support of the recommended design and a number of suggestions were made to find seek some of the funding from non-tax sources. A key concern was that the detailed design thoroughly address pedestrian and cyclist needs/interactions and not focus simply on aesthetics.
- **200 Lees Pathway:** Opening of the new pathway along the river behind the new uOttawa 200 Lees stadium is delayed until November. The university is willing to have an official opening with community and university reps.
- **Digital Billboards:** Planning Committee approved a proposed new bylaw that would govern digital billboards. The bylaw would pretty well prevent any digital billboards in OOE because there are not to be any within 500m of Colonel By Drive or 300m of residences. Furthermore, wall digital signs were not approved.

- **Walking Conference at City Hall:** Recent conference addressed the City's pedestrian initiatives. OOE did not fare well in the evaluation guide shown because the distance to grocery stores and other key commercial centres is, generally, more than 500 metres. No financial / budget linkages were made.

#### 5. Treasurer's Report – John Dance (for Don Fugler)

- Don not able to attend; full report to be provided at AGM

#### 6. Proposed Development at 44/46 Concord – Josh Kardish, Regional Group

- Josh Kardish, with Bill Ritsie and Denis Laporte, provided an overview of a proposed townhouse development on Concord at Greenfield/Montcalm. The presentation outlined the size and location of the development, parking, and variances that will be requested. Questions addressed the soil conditions, elevations and height of the buildings, parking, the square footage of the units, price, as well as the timing of and potential disruption that would be caused by the construction. Most speakers were supportive of the project.
- **A digital copy of the presentation is to be posted on the OECA website.**

#### 7. Councillor's Report – David Chernushenko

- Meeting last week at St. Paul on how the development process works; is the start of an ongoing conversation.
- Pre-budget consultation Oct 11 at 6:30, St. Paul amphitheatre. Will make footbridge/pedestrian transport a priority.
- Main St reconstruction: good walkabout on September 28; open house on October 17 at St. Paul.

#### 8. Revised Proposed Constitution/Bylaws – John Dance

- A presentation was made on proposed changes to the OECA constitution and bylaws, followed by discussion. Key items included whether to maintain references to the Mainstreeter in the constitution and changes to the constitution with regard to board, special and general meetings (in particular, the clarification that monthly meetings would be board meetings, with only board members eligible to vote). Other topics included the process for filling vacancies on the board, timing of dues/membership, and some editorial changes.
- **It was agreed that the draft constitution and bylaws, with some revisions, would be posted on the OECA website and referenced in e-updates. The Mainstreeter and board/special/general meetings issues will be highlighted in the presentation of the proposed changes at the November AGM.**

#### 9. Agenda for November AGM – John Dance

- CAG to present first, followed by OECA. OECA committee chairs will make brief reports.
- **Ron to follow-up on the possibility of Delcan making a brief presentation about Main St. reconstruction.**

#### 10. Contamination of Lansdowne Site-Groundwater and OOE – John Dance

- Discussion of Glebe Community Association (GCA) request to contribute to their efforts regarding concerns about groundwater contamination related to Lansdowne Park development.
- **It was agreed that OECA would not contribute, but would post GCA letter on the website.**

## 11. Committee and Representatives Reports

### 10.1 Planning Committee – Stephen Pope

- Thanks to Catherine and Paul for their work. Committee is building its skills and capacity; Bob Parkins has been added as a member.

### 10.2 Sustainable Living Ottawa East – Vicki Davis

- Website: Scott Mellon has been making changes and training SLOE members to add material.
- Rideau River Nature Trail: Several volunteers continued to remove invasive plants during the summer. On September 29 Ian McRae supervised 6 Carleton students and a few volunteers doing weed seed removal from Springhurst to the transit way; on October 6 there were park clean ups for Brantwood Park, Springhurst Park and along the trail to the transit way.
- Children's garden: Good season with many activities; garden harvested and put to bed on September 29 with the help of Carleton students.
- Ottawa East community gardens: Gardens behind Saint Paul University and on the Oblate property are looking for new committee members and garden coordinators. They will have a fall clean up November 3-4.
- Lees Avenue community gardens: Good beginning this year. One member cooked a meal with some of the harvest for an organization with which she volunteers, Daybreak Housing.
- SLOE meeting: On September 17 SLOE participants met to discuss a proposal to work with Carleton University on a project called "Community First: Impacts of Community Engagement". They have funding to research how the relationship between universities and communities may be optimized. Focus is "Deep sustainability potentials in the redevelopment of the Oblate property." A core group of 5 people will work on discussing this project.

### 10.3 Traffic – Ron Rose

- AVTC: No developments
- Hawthorne traffic calming: No news
- 417 widening, Nicholas to the Split: It is still planned that the Lees Ave East-bound 417 on-ramp will be closed next spring.
- Footbridge: At September 27 open house there was general acceptance of the design, some concern about the price tag. OECA will speak to the costs at the Transportation Committee on November 7.
- 200 Lees Avenue bicycle path: Path will be closed until the end of November.
- Main Street/McIlraith Bridge reconstruction: Priorities are pedestrians, cycling, and burying hydro wires.

### 10.4 City Centre Coalition – Leslie Kirk:

- CCC is getting involved in Transportation Master Plan review; working to get AVTC out of master plan.

### 10.5 Federation of Citizens' Associations – Jamie Brougham

- FCA met on Sept. 12. Topics addressed included:
- Upcoming Greenspace Alliance round table on greenhouse gas emissions by the city (2012 targets that were outlined by the city were substantially missed). Community

Associations asked to attend the round table and indicate to their councillor that this is an important issue.

- Emerald Ash Borer: Open house to discuss the problem October 9th at the Overbrook community centre,
- FCA is working on lobbying the city so that community and volunteer organizations get free access to public facilities.
- FCA has created a definition of a bona fide community association to be submitted to select councillors for comment
- FCA is considering how to further support and promote the Hintonburg proposal regarding zoning and planning that was endorsed by OECA.
- Ottawa Hydro is considering a proposal to put a note in first correspondence to new customers in a neighbourhood regarding community associations.
- There is a grass roots organization teaching citizens about civic participation, called Citizens Academy <http://citizensacademy.ca>.

#### 10.6 Communications – Catherine Pacella

- Board members are encouraged to let Catherine know about and provide content for items that should go on the website

#### 10.7 Membership – Wendy McRae

- Halfway through 2013 membership drive. Barbara Hicks has a list of streets that still aren't covered and will send out an e-mail.

### 11. Community Activities Group (CAG) – Catherine Pacella

- PD Day activities now being offered at the Fieldhouse; full report at AGM.

### 12. New Business

#### • Award Nomination for Oblates:

- Michael Oster proposed the following motion: *“That the membership of OECA designate a volunteer member or members to advance the nomination of the Oblates, and/or a senior member or members of their Province or Provinces, for a significant award or awards such as the Order of Ottawa and/or the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal; these activities by and on behalf of OECA are to give proper consideration to deadlines, designated partners and other terms and conditions of the targeted award or awards, and should be conducted with proper consideration for the historical contributions of the Oblates to Old Ottawa East and to Canada, and should also be timed with consideration for the anticipated sale of Oblate lands in Old Ottawa East.” Moved – Vicki Davis; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jamie Brougham*
- Discussion included comments and questions about the criteria for such awards, timing, what groups might be included in such a nomination, and the need for further information.
- *An amendment to the motion, to report back at the next OECA meeting, was moved by Ron Rose and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Strang.*
- ***The motion, as amended, was then voted on, and was not carried.***

### 13. Date of Next Meeting – November 13, 2012 – AGM

### 14. Adjournment