



**Meeting of the Ottawa East Community Association
Special General Meeting and Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at 7:15 p.m.
Old Town Hall, 61 Main Street**

Board Members

John Dance - President
Jaime Girard - Vice-President
Don Fugler - Treasurer
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
Bill Baldwin – Lees Ave

Regrets: Leslie Kirk, John Baglow

Other attendees

Chris Osler
Wendy McRae
Lyse Morisset
Jan D'Arcy
Christian Pupp
Maryna Nowosielski
Heather Jarrett
John Jarrett
Kevin Sampson
Michael Oster
Paul Goodkey
David Chernushenko

Special General Meeting, 7:15 – 8:15 pm

1. Call to Order @ 7:23 p.m.
2. Proposed Changes to the OECA Constitution and Bylaws – Jaime Girard
 - Following a short introduction by John Dance, Jaime Girard provided an overview of proposed changes which are intended to modernize and update the OECA constitution and bylaws.
 - Proposed changes include updates/edits to the definitions and purpose sections of the constitution, changes to the membership provisions (# of votes/household, timing of membership). Revisions to the meeting provisions would provide for three types of meetings: Annual General Meeting (once/year); Special General Meetings (as needed, at the call of the chair or at the request of 25 members); and monthly Board meetings. Only Board members would be permitted to vote at Board meetings. The rules for Annual General Meetings would be altered only slightly, e.g., no longer requiring that the meeting take place in November. The proposed changes would also provide for a shorter process for making amendments to the constitution.
 - Comments and questions addressed a number of issues. Much of the discussion focused on the proposal that only Board members could vote at monthly meetings, with some attendees strongly advocating that all members in attendance be able to vote. Jaime noted that "Board meeting" approach is the practice of the Old Ottawa South and Glebe community associations. She also noted that all members in attendance would

vote at Annual and Special General Meetings, the latter being held "as or when required" at the request of members of the Association. It was also clarified that all Board meetings would be open to the membership, and general members would be able to make presentations by scheduling their agenda item with the President prior to the meeting. Various suggestions were made about the conduct of monthly meetings, the potential number of and quorum for SGMs, and whether appointed committee chairs could vote as Board members.

- Questions were also raised about the relationship between the OECA and the Mainstreeter, and whether this should be addressed in the constitution,
- **Next steps: John and Jaime requested that any proposed edits and amendments be provided within two weeks (by the end of September). The document will be posted on the OECA site and in the hard copy or e-version of the Mainstreeter. Proposed changes to the constitution will be voted on by all OECA members at the November 13 Annual General Meeting.**

3. Adjournment @ 8:34 p.m.

Board Meeting

1. Call to Order @ 8:36 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

- Approved as amended (addition of membership report). Moved – Don Fugler, 2nd – Bill Baldwin

3. Approval of June 12, 2012 Meeting Minutes

- Approved. Moved – Stephen Pope, 2nd – Jim Strang.

4. Chair's Report – John Dance

- Alpha Food attack: Michael Oster agreed to assist John on following up on this matter.
- Main Event: thanks to organizers and volunteers
- Bulletin Board at market: will discuss at next meeting
- 200 Lees: still lots of work to do
- Footbridge: endorsed by NCC

5. Treasurer's Report – Don Fugler

- Community gardens – issues of insurance liability and relationship to OECA. To clearly demonstrate relationship, proposal made that: 1) each garden present a monthly report to SLOE rep (which can then be presented to OECA); 2) the financial reports from the gardens be presented by the OECA treasurer at the AGM; and 3) that the structure of the gardens be subservient to OECA and SLOE.
- **Next steps: Don to write to gardens to outline request for reports; ensure with city that insurance is sufficient for liability coverage; correspondence with city on this issue to be kept on record.**

6. Draft Springhurst Park Plan – Chris Osler

- Chris outlined the process to date and the revised draft plan. The city is waiting for the community association to approve the draft plan before it goes to tender; Chris suggested two weeks for further feedback.
- **Motion: that the OECA accept the proposed plan. Moved – Jaime Girard; 2nd – Jim Strang. Carried.**

7. Councillor's Report – David Chernushenko

- Ward Council agreed to an approach to obtaining pre-budget input. Ward-wide meeting to be held in early October.
- AVTC: City is just starting process of reviewing transportation master plan.
- Main St. Reconstruction: Public Advisory Group to hold first meeting on Sept. 18.
- U of O Lees campus: construction of field and path somewhat behind schedule.
- Infill: Public meeting to discuss rules around development on Oct. 3 at St. Paul amphitheatre. **Catherine to post on website; Ron to ensure notice in Mainstreeter.**

8. City of Ottawa 2013 Budget - OECA Suggestions – John Dance

- Advise John of any suggestions. Existing suggestions include: detailed design work for proposed footbridge; design and construction of nature trail pathway ("Rideau River Western Pathway"); ash replacement/protection; cancel "hospital link" work.

9. Alpha Food Attack/Community Safety – John Dance

- Discussed during Chair's report.

10. Committee and Representatives Reports

10.1 Planning Committee – Stephen Pope

- 5 minor variances over the summer (4 in Archville); 2 deferred until Sept.
- Had an Archville residents' meeting in August – many concerns expressed

10.2 Sustainable Living Ottawa East – Vicki Davis

- *Lees Avenue Community Gardens*: Work party Sept. 15 from 8:00 a.m. All are welcome to help.
- *Children's Garden*: Fall Harvest Party October 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A videographer is wanted to make a 1-3 minute video about the garden for the Community Foundation of Ottawa which funded the start-up of the project.
- *Main Farmers' Market*: More shoppers are needed
- *Rideau River Nature Trail*: New signs (paid for by some City funds and other donations) were installed by City staff recently indicating storm sewer outfalls, silver maple and poison ivy. The damaged sign behind Saint Paul University about history of the Oblate lands has been replaced. Several volunteers have worked steadily on invasive plant removal along the river all summer. Brantwood Park fall cleanup is scheduled for October 6 between 10:00 a.m. and noon.
- *Cycling*: A cycling event will be held September 22 from Brewer Park to the Main Farmers' Market beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Ossington and Seneca.
- *University partnership*: Carleton University staff and students will work with SLOE over the next 5 years to develop new environmental sustainability initiatives. Ideas to be discussed at SLOE meeting on September 17.
- *Energy conservation competition*: SLOWest has challenged SLOE to reduce their energy consumption from November through February. Workshops will be given by Ecology Ottawa and Envirocentre to support this competition.

10.3 Traffic – Ron Rose

- *417 widening, Nicholas to the Split*: Lees Ave East-bound 417 on-ramp will not be closed until next spring. Ministry of Transport of Ontario and the City have decided to combine the construction work for the 417 widening and the Light Rail Transit Corridor work into one contract. The contractor should be selected before the end of this year, with construction to begin in spring 2013.

- *Main Street/McIlraith Bridge reconstruction*: While work will not commence until 2014, consultations are about to begin. A Public Advisory Group (PAG) will include representatives of the institutions, businesses, land-owners, interest groups, schools, relevant City Advisory Groups and the OECA. OECA has nominated Stephen Pope, John Dance, Helen Weaver, Don Fugler, and Ron Rose. The first meeting of the PAG will be September 18. OECA has also formed a community advisory group of approximately 15 people, representing the various institutions, interests and areas of OOE to advise the Community members of the PAG. That community advisory group will meet September 13, at Saint Paul. There will be a public Open House, probably late in October.
- *Alta Vista Transit Corridor*: No developments over the Summer.
- *Rideau Canal Pedestrian Bridge*: Third open house on the proposed Clegg St. -Fifth Ave. multi-purpose bridge will be held at the Glebe Community Centre, Sept. 27, from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. This public meeting will be preceded by a meeting of the Public Consultation Group on September 19.
- *200 Lees Avenue bicycle path*: OECA has been very actively involved with Ottawa U and the City to minimize the disruption to the Rideau River cycling network created by the University's construction of a sports stadium at 200 Lees Ave. The new path will follow the river's edge south-west of the new playing field and head north between the field and existing buildings to ward Lees Ave. However, the new path does provide a closer link to the existing multipurpose path through Springhurst Park, and we will be discussing with the City the need to complete the section under the Hurdman Transit Bridge.
- *Hawthorne Ave traffic calming*: OECA and the residents of Hawthorne Ave have been promised that the required budget has been allocated for the installation of traffic calming measures, including speed bumps. However, there has been no indication of when this work will go ahead.

10.4 City Centre Coalition – Leslie Kirk: Nil

10.5 Federation of Citizens' Associations – Jamie Brougham: Nil

10.6 Communications – Catherine Pacella

- Lots of activity and new/refreshed material on the website. Send Catherine information that would be useful to post.

10.7 Membership – Barbara Hicks and Wendy McRae

- 2013 membership drive launched. Team captains required for areas south of Clegg on west side, north of Clegg on west side, and north of Queensway

11. Community Activities Group (CAG) – Catherine Pacella

- Registration open, new after school program at the Fieldhouse

12. New Business: Nil

13. Date of Next Meeting – October 9, 2012

14. Adjournment @ 9:40 p.m. Moved – Ron Rose, 2nd – Catherine Pacella