

Meeting of the Old Ottawa East Community Association Board

Tuesday, September 10, 2013

Old Town Hall, 61 Main Street

Attendees

Board Members:

John Dance

Don Fugler

Jill Wherrett

Stephen Pope

Ron Rose

Bill Baldwin

Gabrielle Schaeffer

Jim Strang

Devin O'Grady

Barbara Hicks

Regrets:

Jaime Girard

Nick Masciantonio

Catherine Pacella

John Baglow

Vicki Davis

Others present:

Ian McRae

Seamus DeGrandpre

Bonnie Wepler

Rick Burrowes

J.-F. Lozier

Paul Goodkey

David Chernushenko

Geri Blinick

Chris Osler

Jamie Brougham

1. Call to order at 7:15 p.m.

2. Approval of agenda

- Moved – Stephen Pope; 2nd – Devin O'Grady. Carried

3. Approval of June 11, 2013 Meeting Minutes

- Moved – Don Fugler; 2nd – Jim Strang. Carried

4. Chair's Report - John Dance

- Main Street Renewal: On July 17 City Council voted in favour of the recommended “complete street” option. The city has begun the detailed design work and community representatives will be involved. Residents with specific questions about the impact of the redesign on neighbouring properties should contact Josée Vallée, the city’s project manager (josee.vallee@ottawa.ca | (613) 580-2424 x 21805).
- Main Event BBQ: Thanks to Wendy McRae for organizing this year's OOECA BBQ, and for the volunteer efforts of the many BBQr's from the Board and elsewhere, including Councillor Chernushenko, Paul Dewar and Yasir Naqvi.
- Board Slate for AGM Consideration: Vacancies for the Board for consideration at the November AGM are: Membership Chair, City Centre Coalition rep, Board member at large, SLOE rep (to be determined by SLOE), understudy / co-chair for Transportation may be required to help Ron Rose. Please advise John or Jaime of anyone who might be interested in these positions.
- CiLP: OOE (OOECA / SLOE / CAG / SHCHC) has submitted a preliminary list of requests for projects that could be funded from the city’s cash in lieu of parkland program.

- Alta Vista Transportation Corridor / Transportation Master Plan, Ottawa Cycling Plan; Ottawa Pedestrian Plan: City's draft Transportation Master Plan and the related pedestrian and cycling plans are not being released until the end of September with there being a short consultation period before they go to committee for approval. There has been no information on what will be proposed for the Alta Vista Transportation Corridor.
- Mainstreeter - OOECA Column for September Deadline: proposed topic is City Council's approval of Main Street as a complete street.
- Summer Activity: Thanks to the community reps on the Main Street Renewal working group; Catherine Pacella for continuing to improve the OOECA website; Jaime Girard for active role in monitoring the impact of the closure of Lees 417 on-ramp; Stephen Pope and Paul Goodkey for devoting days to the city's improvement of in-fill rules and to scrutinizing development proposals in OOE.
- Rideau River Nature Trail / Western Pathway: City held a "walkabout" of the nature trail in August as it sought input for the design of the pathway along the river from Belmont in Old Ottawa South to Sandy Hill. As OOECA has recommended, the city seems amenable to separating the cycling and pedestrian portions of the pathway (Belmont to Brantwood Park), however, they would like to have a paved portion through Brantwood Park, something that many participants of the walkabout object to. The city's initial proposal for "through the Oblates lands" would be a paved pathway some distance from the shoreline. A follow-up open house on the city's proposal will be held in October or November.
- Annual General Meeting: Joint OOECA-CAG AGM is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12.
- Jim Strang noted the good job done on the redevelopment of Harvey St, and suggested sending a positive note to the city. **Action: John Dance to work with Jim Strang to prepare a note.**

5. Treasurer's Report - Don Fugler

- \$16, 789 in the bank (\$4,000 belongs to gardens and other groups). \$900 raised by BBQ.

6. Ottawa U New Field – John Dance and Bill Baldwin

- No reports of concerns related to parking or other issues.

7. Lees On-Ramp Closure – John Dance

- Various meeting participants noted that there are intermittent back-ups, but generally drivers seem to have adjusted to the closure and speeding on neighbourhood streets does not seem to be a problem.

8. Transportation Master Plan – Chris Osler and John Dance

- Chris is compiling a contact list of people willing to volunteer to mobilize quickly to react if Alta Vista Transportation Corridor is included in the plan.

9. Main Street Renewal – Stephen Pope, Don Fugler, John Dance

- Nothing further to report – covered in Chair's report.

10. Rideau River Western Pathway – John Dance and Ian McRae

- Next open house likely in November; no plans on paper yet.

11. Councillor's Report

- ACTC/Transportation Master Plan: The councillor noted the opposition of the community to the AVTC, and spoke about the push for transit-oriented development around hubs of transit stations, which heightens the interest in the corridor. Committed to advising OOECA when the TMP report is coming out, if possible.
- Footbridge: detailed design work has been awarded; city to look at costs this fall; detailed design will follow.
- Lees ramp closure: traffic impacts seem to have settled.
- Elgin St: still no work on closure of Elgin St. south. OOECA will continue to pursue and seek improvements earlier than what the city seems to be scheduling.

12. Committee Reports

12.1 Planning - Stephen Pope

- Busy summer : 2nd phase of infill bylaws; environmental assessment of Main St complete street; Domicile project for Sisters' property

12.2 SLOE – Ian McRae for Vicki Davis

- Updates were provided on: the deep sustainability project; agreement signed with U of O Centre for Community and Global Engagement (related to restoring and managing shoreline vegetation along the Rideau River); Rideau River Nature Trail; Lees community garden

12.3 Transportation - Ron Rose

- No report – Ron absent

12.4 CCC - Gabi Schaeffer

- No report – CCC did not meet during the summer

12.5 FCA - Jim Strang

- FCA is contributing to the city's official plan; public meeting October 22
- FCA active on infill project

12.6 Communications - Catherine Pacella

- From written report: Website was recently updated with lots of changes to the planning page; separate page for the Main Street/McIlraith Bridge redesign will be set up and will include reports, maps, road closures, etc., once the construction starts.

12.7 Community Safety - Jaime Girard

- Nil – Jaime absent

13. Community Activities Group

- No report

14. Date of Next Meeting – October 8, 2013

15. Adjournment@ 8:50 p.m.

- Moved – Bill Baldwin; 2nd – Devin O'Grady