



**Meeting of the Old Ottawa East Community Association Board  
Tuesday, September 9 2014  
Old Town Hall, 61 Main Street**

**MINUTES**

**Attendees**

**Board Members**

John Dance, President  
Caroline Hyslop, Secretary  
Phyllis Odenbach Sutton, Member at Large  
Don Fugler, Treasurer  
Suzanne Johnston, Membership  
Ron Rose, Transportation  
Stephen Pope, Planning  
Jaime Girard, Vice President  
Catherine Pacella, Communications

**Regrets**

Jill Wherrett  
Jim Strang

**Others present**

Laura Mueller  
Nicki Davis  
Barry Davis  
Barbara Hicks  
Nancy MacDonald  
Eva Karpinsky  
Joanna Linsangan  
Syed Zaffar  
Noella Hinchcliffe  
Hector Hinchcliffe  
Bonnie Whepler  
Kenn Rankine  
Rick Burrowes  
Alexie Lalonde  
Wendy McRae  
Paul Goodkey  
Robin Roulston

- 1. Call to order at 7:15 pm – John Dance**
- 2. Approval of Agenda**
  - Moved- Ron Rose; 2<sup>nd</sup> - Stephen Pope; Carried.
- 3. Approval of Minutes of May 2014 and June 2014 meetings**
  - Moved- Don Fugler; 2<sup>nd</sup> - Jaime Girard; Carried.
4. Motion to confirm members of the board of directors

Moved – Don Fugler; 2nd – Caroline Hyslop:

*Be it resolved that all current elected Old Ottawa East Community Association board members retain those positions for the Old Ottawa East Community Association Inc., and that subsequent elections and appointments made at any AGM are to the Old Ottawa East Community Association Inc. positions.*

Board Members were listed as follows:

John Dance, Chair

Jaime Girard, Vice Chair

Caroline Hyslop, Secretary

Don Fugler, Treasurer

Nick Masciantonio, Past President

Catherine Pacella, Communications

Ron Rose, Transportation

Stephen Pope, Planning Committee Chair

Ian McRae, SLOE representative

Suzanne Johnston, Membership Chair

Bill Baldwin, Lees Avenue Representative

Jim Strang, Federation of Community Associations Representative

Devin O'Grady, City Centre Coalition

Jill Wherrett, Member at Large

Phyllis Odenbach-Sutton, Member at Large

An explanation was offered and discussion ensued *Confirmation is required to complete the incorporation process for the OOECA*. All Association members present were eligible to vote. Carried.

#### 5. **Chair's Report -- John Dance**

A written report was circulated in advance to board members. [Please see report as appended for details]. Thanks to many people who have done a great deal of work on community issues and events over the summer. Today the winner of the main street public art was announced, and "Main Squared" has won – the one with the stained glass panels. It is our understanding that the plan is it will be on St. Paul University property rather than right on the sidewalk. Other issues include safe pedestrian crossing on Colonel By at Clegg; expansion of Springhurst Park through a transfer of some Alta Vista Transportation Corridor lands; functional plan of the Rideau River Western Pathway; Open Houses for Main Street Renewal, Regional's public presentation on its development of the Oblate lands; efforts to advocate for the undergrounding of hydro wires on Main Street; cash in lieu of parkland projects; Lands north of Old Town Hall; contamination of Old Town Hall soil; Landsdowne Opening; Regional's naming contest for Oblates Development; Jane's Walk through the Oblates property on October 5; Open Streets festival to take place on Main street this Saturday.

In general, people were concerned that the Open Streets Festival, while theoretically a very commendable idea, may cause considerable inconvenience to residents due to redirected traffic.

#### 6. **Treasurer's Report – Don Fugler**

Nothing to report.

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

Open Streets Event – clearly the event was planned prior to the community or the councillor being consulted or even informed. This is unfortunate, but the event is going ahead nonetheless. The Main Street Farmers' Market will not be operating from its current location during the Main Street reconstruction, but a specific alternate location has not yet been determined. Rideau River

Western Parkway plan has been published and is being circulated at the meeting. Key feedback that David provided on the plan is that greenspace should not be paved in spots where there is already existing paved space on little-used roads. The City views the route as a pedestrian and cycling pathway – a transportation route – while some members of the community prefer to view it as a nature trail. The main difference is that the City insists it be a paved, accessible pathway while there are many in the community who would prefer an unpaved trail. Good news is that Springhurst Park is to nearly double in size from 1.6 acres to 4.1.

#### **8. Questions for All candidates meeting (October 2 at 7pm at Glebe Community Centre)**

We are partnering with a number of other community associations to organize an all-candidates meeting for the municipal election. The intention is that the debate will include both mayoral and ward councillor candidates. There are currently six candidates declared. Each community association will produce one question for the councillor candidates, and one for the mayoral candidates.

Potential topics for questions to be put to the candidates were brainstormed as follows:

- What is your position on undergrounding of hydro lines along Main and other streets in the City? Are you aware of the City's undergrounding policy and what is your position on it?
- Timing for the midtown footbridge
- Improving level of education of planning department staff
- How do we get more interaction between the City and the community and how does the City intend to reach out and engage with residents, particularly by electronic means?
- What is your position on a road going through Springhurst Park?
- Inequality for recreational opportunities for children in the downtown core compared with suburban areas.
- Infill – and the issue of parking being in the front yard as opposed to around the back. Intensification in residential neighbourhoods

Those present were given the opportunity to vote on the proposed questions, and the four topics selected are undergrounding of hydro lines, moving the timing of the midtown footbridge, the potential of a transportation corridor through Springhurst park, and recreational opportunities in the downtown core. Those individuals who proposed the topics will draft questions and submit them to Phyllis.

#### **9. Traffic calming – Archville**

It was noted that there is not only a great increase in traffic along Evelyn, the drivers appear to be angry and driving too quickly. It was suggested that the City install additional posted speed limit signs and stop signs. In order for the City to reduce the speed limit in the residential streets we need a petition with signatures representing two thirds of residents. A temporary speedbump has

been suggested, but David is not sure whether there is a budget for it, or if the City would agree. A temporary speedbump was suggested earlier this year but it was rejected. It was suggested that the problem is not unique to Archville but there are residential communities city wide that have traffic speeding and volume issues. Jaime and Rick and Robin have agreed that they will work on following up with some of the ideas suggested for traffic calming in Archville. It was agreed that the Association could pay for a few “Kid Alert” signs to encourage motorists to slow down.

#### **10. Membership campaign**

Suzanne is organizing this year’s membership drive. Several area captains have been identified, but additional volunteer canvassers are needed. Volunteers will go door to door soliciting membership for the association. As usual, there is always the challenge of getting access to the people who live in apartment buildings and condominiums. One suggestion is that we could have a volunteer stand at the door of the apartment buildings with flyers and membership signup.

#### **11. Discussion of Fall public meetings (Regional - Oblates; NCC safe crossing of CBD, Main Street Rebuild)**

We are hoping to get good turnout and engagement at these upcoming public meetings.

#### **12. AGM discussion / preparation**

AGM will be held on November 11

#### **13. Main Street public art discussion**

Stained glass proposal has been accepted

#### **14. Naming Contest for Regional Development**

None of the names suggested as part of the naming contest was selected, but at this point we do not know what the name will be for the development.

#### **15. Committee reports**

##### **15.1 Planning – Stephen Pope**

141 Main – the Association’s parking study was not accepted by the City. The townhouses that the Sisters are in at Main and Springhurst will be taken down for the upcoming development. A development plan is envisaging up to 200 units accessed from Clegg. 140 Springhurst – there is a question as to whether the proposal for this location represents a change to the current building type. The proposed development of the Portuguese church was discussed some months ago but we have not heard anything recently and it does not appear that any development plans are going ahead.

##### **15.2 SLOE – Ian McRae**

Lees community garden had a very successful summer and has some new garden boxes. Garden volunteers have asked if it might be possible to advocate for new benches under the cash in lieu of parkland program. The children’s garden operated this summer without a paid employee – check out their Facebook site to keep up to date. The farmers market has had a busy summer, and an apple festival is still to come. Rideau River nature trail – some invasive plants have been removed by volunteers, and cleanup the capital event will take place in October to help do cleanup along the river.

Re: Main Street landscaping review, there was a meeting with Josée Valee to look at preliminary landscape plans for Main Street. Trees and small planters were discussed. It is suggested that, pursuant to a detailed design plan and community consultation, Association volunteers take on the responsibility of maintaining two small perennial gardens. It was agreed that this is the best way to ensure the gardens are put in and maintained, and some people expressed interest in volunteering.

**Motion:** That the Association take responsibility to maintain two small gardens at the intersection of Riverdale and Main. Moved: Ian McRae, second: Catherine Pacella. Carried.

### **15.3 Transportation – Ron Rose**

Current transportation issues include volume and speed of traffic on Evelyn, planning for Main street reconstruction and Lees overpass, which will be reopening soon.

### **15.4 City Centre Coalition – Devin O’Grady**

No report.

### **15.5 Federation of Citizens’ Associations – Jim Strang**

Jim was not able to attend the meeting, and has nothing new to report

### **15.6 Communications – Catherine Pacella**

Nothing to report

### **15.7 Community Safety – Jaime Girard**

Nothing to report.

### **16. Community Activities Group**

This Saturday will be the last summer barbque and movie at Brantwood Park. CAG is looking for a few more people who are willing to serve as board members.

17. **New Business:** No additional business discussed.

18. **Date of next meeting** – October 14, 2014

### **19. Adjournment.**

Moved – Stephen Pope; Seconded Phyllis Odenback-Sutton –. Carried.

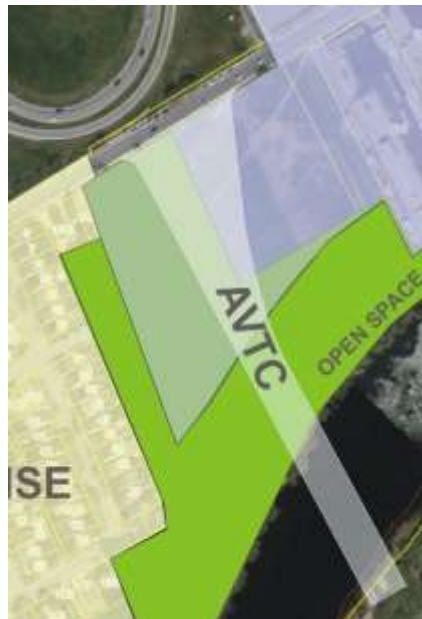
## APPENDIX 1: CHAIR'S REPORT

September 3, 2014

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### Chair's Report – September 2014

1. **Col By – Clegg Safe Crossing:** NCC's CEO Mark Kristmanson wrote to OOECA to say the NCC is now preparing designs for a safe pedestrian crossing of Col By Drive at Clegg and will consult with the community this fall. Furthermore, in a subsequent conversation Gary Lacey, the NCC's Executive Director of the Capital Stewardship Branch, said the new crossing will be constructed in the fall of 2015. These are, in my view, excellent (and long-desired) commitments. The preliminary view is that the new Col By – Clegg crossing will be like the new and excellent signalized crossing at Queen Elizabeth Drive and Fifth.
2. **Expansion of Springhurst Park through transfer of some AVTC Lands:** The City has confirmed that a large portion of the Alta Vista Transportation Corridor lands at 160 Lees (the would-be parking lot site) will become part of Springhurst Park – more than doubling its size from 1.6 acres to 4.1 (see picture below: the "medium" green area to the west of the remaining AVTC property is being added to Springhurst). This is a longstanding desire of the community and will ensure the permanent creation of much-needed recreational space. The transfer is in the context of the creation of the transit-oriented development at Lees LRT station and AVTC no longer being on the affordable roads schedule (although it still is within the Transportation Master Plan). There are limitations on how the new park land can be used because of contamination beneath a "cap" but possibilities are being explored.



3. **Rideau River Western Pathway (nature trail):** We still have not seen the final concept plan. That said, the city's Robin Bennett reports that: "In terms of timing for construction, please be advised that even though this project is identified on the Ottawa Cycling Plan's Affordable Network, that network is predicated on annual funding being granted for the cycling projects each year. While we will be requesting funding for year 2015, we have been advised that the detailed engineering design for the pathway may require a year, so the actual construction might not occur until 2016, providing funding is granted within the 2015 budget." In terms of the path's location through the Oblate lands, the OOE CDP and Secondary Plan call for the pathway to be located in a 10m strip just to the west of the 30m corridor of open space along the river.
4. **Open Houses (agenda item):** Regional's public presentation of its plans for the development of the Oblate lands is set for Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> in SPU's Amphitheatre; the city's Main Street Renewal open house will tentatively be in November; and the NCC's open house for the Clegg-CBD crossing will be some time this fall.
5. **Undergrounding of Hydro Wires on Main Street:** In July the Citizen published an interesting story on our efforts to get the hydro wires buried on Main between Clegg and Immaculata, however, the city hasn't budged in the slightest in its refusal to undertake this work.
6. **Cash in Lieu of Parkland Projects:** There has been no progress in getting the approved items implemented (notice board at 166 Lees, concrete ping pong table at Brantwood, dock at Springhurst). Councillor Chernushenko approved these items back in April. In terms of the concrete ping pong table, the city says it must have proper accessibility pathway. Nick, Carol Workun and I have argued these paths will be provided through the river pathway upgrading or through making the necessary improved access to the wading pool but the city says "Sorry, the path must be done first and must be paid for out of CiLP unless you want to wait another year or more when the Rideau River Western pathway is built."
7. **Lands North of OTH:** The city will not acquire the "for sale" land between Old Town Hall and the Queensway (we've sought it to provide expansion etc. possibilities for our community centre). Apparently the reason for the city's refusal is that there are contamination issues that would make the cost prohibitive but I've not been able to get any documentation from the city on this.
8. **Contamination OTH:** Contaminated soil was found on the lands around Old Town Hall (61 Main Street) and a \$104,000 clean-up was required. Fortunately, samples of the shallow soil collected within the vicinity of the playground structures did not contain any contaminants in excess of the Ministry of the Environment standards. See the OOECA website (noted below) for additional details on the contamination
9. **Lansdowne Opening:** Ron Rose kindly represented OOECA at the opening of Lansdowne Park. As Ron has noted in emails, OOE hasn't experienced significant traffic / parking problems as a result of football games etc. I suspect this may change when all of the stores and the cinema are opened and the condos and town homes are occupied. Personally, I am unimpressed with the large TD sign that is on the OOS/OOE facing side of the stadium. When I asked about it I was told

that the stadium is not within NCC's jurisdiction and city council approved the signage some time ago. That complaint aside, there are a number of features of the "urban park" portion of the renewed Lansdowne that OOE residents will enjoy.

10. **Clegg-Fifth Canal Footbridge:** The Mayor's election ad in the September Mainstreeter highlights the accomplishment of "Detailed design work for the Clegg-Fifth pedestrian and cycling bridge," however the planned construction still is not until sometime during the 2020-2025 period, assuming budget gets approved at that time. Examples of similar new and more economical (and award-winning) footbridges built elsewhere were provided to the city but the sense I get from the city is that the Clegg-Fifth footbridge must be built as it is now designed so as to satisfy the NCC.
11. **AGM (agenda item):** So the joint CAG-OOECA AGM will be held Tuesday, November 11, 2014. Church of the Ascension has kindly agreed to allow us to meet there with the "after" reception downstairs. This year we'll get our updates available in advance so that there will be more time for questions and answers.
12. **Regional's Naming Contest for Oblates Development (agenda item):** Great thanks to Catherine Pacella and John Arthorne for creating and running the naming contest on the OOECA site. Also, thanks to Don Fugler, Ron Rose and Stephen Pope for their assistance. Regional may announce the name they've chosen at the public meeting September 16, 2014. It may be that they use a name other than what was submitted but the silver lining of that would be that the community association will then receive the \$2,500 that the winner would have otherwise had.
13. **Jane's Walk for Oblates Property:** Tentatively, there will be a "Jane's [as in Jane Jacobs] Walk" of the Oblates property Saturday, October 5, 2014. Regional has agreed to participate.
14. **Main Event:** Ron Rose did a superb job organizing the OOECA BBQ at CAG's wonderful Main Event in June. And great thanks to the many of you and politicians Paul Dewar, Yasir Naqvi, David Chernushenko, and Scott Blurton who helped out.
15. **OOECA Column for Next Mainstreeter:** I'd propose to address the upcoming AGM, speaking of what's been accomplished and what we face.
16. **417 Closure – Detour: September 6-8:** The installation of the new Lees-417 bridge will result in various closures and detours. Specifically, starting the afternoon of Saturday, September 6 and ending very early Monday morning, eastbound 417 traffic will be detoured onto Main. This will result in no parking restrictions on Main. The good news is that the new Lees bridge is to be opened for traffic "mid-September."
17. **Open Streets Festival (Main Street) – Saturday, September 13:** In conjunction with the Main Farmers' Market the city is holding Ottawa's first "Open Streets Festival" "to have fun and learn more about transportation options for getting around your community." From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Main Street traffic from Hazel to Herridge will be rerouted onto Glenora via Hazel and Herridge. "Police will be on hand to manage traffic along the detour." Although OOECA supports the goals of the festival we only recently learned of it. Thanks to the efforts of Ron Rose and Stephen Pope suggestions were made to reduce impacts resulting from the detour.



## APPENDIX 2 SUSTAINABLE LIVING OTTAWA EAST REPORT

### SLOE Report to the OECA Meeting of September 9, 2014

#### Lees Community Garden

It has been a great summer for the Lees Community Garden. Five new boxes were built and filled and a water meter was purchased to monitor water use from 170 Lees. Two boxes have been planted for St. Luke's table program serving healthy meals from the St. Luke's church on Somerset Street. This will include things such as: carrots, cucumbers and zucchinis - all much appreciated. We are experiencing a little more theft this year, but overall still good.

Ian Detta and Kristal Harding have asked whether community funding might be available to replace benches for the garden that are heavily used by the community. The ones that were donated are now breaking. Since they are primarily used by the community in particular the apartment residences not just gardeners it may not be possible to justify the use of the gardeners' fees. The benches are a nice feature for the apartment dwellers in the area and they seem to enjoy using them - there are usually people there. Someone tried to fix one the best they could but they are in rough shape. If it is true that 50% of the population of Old Ottawa Ottawa East is in the five apartments, benches here would benefit that population.

The garden appeared in a CBC news item on community gardens over the labour day weekend. <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/community-gardens-taking-root-in-ottawa-s-urban-centres-1.2752437>

#### Ottawa East Community Garden

It was a fantastic and highly successful growing year for the Ottawa East Community Garden. Margaret van Erve and Chris Bishop of St. Paul will be meeting in the fall to discuss the Garden's parameters and formalize their agreement.

#### Children's Garden

Programming and activities will be continuing in the Children's Garden until October. This year, the garden operated without a paid coordinator. Playgroup and special activities were run by volunteers. A working day is scheduled for September 13th to begin preparing the garden for the winter and to build additional raised beds for the purpose of sharing with the community. Work is still ongoing to create a dedicated website for the Children's Garden, however the Facebook page is a good source of information about happenings at the Garden for now.

#### Farmers' Market

It was a busy summer for the Farmer's Market with a Strawberry Social in June, a Summer picnic in July, a free corn roast and a community canning event at the Green Door in August. An Apple Festival is still to come.

On Saturday September 13 from 10:00am-1:00pm EnviroCentre is coordinating an Open Streets Festival on Main Street between Hazel and Herridge, on behalf of the City of Ottawa, in partnership with the Farmers' Market. The Festival's goal is to animate the street in front of the market and celebrate the public space in interesting, imaginative and collaborative ways. Parking will be allowed for market goers on the Grande Allée to replace the parking temporarily unavailable in the municipal lot on Main Street. Everyone is encouraged to come out to this event.

Regarding future years, unfortunately the Farmer's Market has not identified a site for 2015/2016 at this time.

### **Rideau River Nature Trail (RRNT)**

There was some invasive plant removal from Springhurst and Brantwood Park areas and from the ramp of the McIlwraith Bridge. We will be holding "Cleaning the Capital" events in Brantwood and Springhurst Parks in October and there will be volunteers from Carleton Services involved in maintenance activities on September 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **Deep Green Project**

As reported elsewhere, SLOE and OOECA board members met with the Regional Group and City staff in a novel all day session to discuss the Regional proposal for the Oblates land in July. Subsequently the four objectives of the Deep Green proposal are under consideration and SLOE will continue to argue for the sustainable development of this project.

### **Other - Main Street Landscaping Review**

In a meeting between Delcan's landscape architect, Martha Lush, the city project engineer, Josée Vallé, and several community members, the issue of one or two small perennial gardens at the intersection of Riverdale and Main was raised. These would be in addition to tree planting in that place. I would like to make a motion that OOECA/SLOE consider taking responsibility for operating two small gardens at that site conditional on detailed design and pursuant to community consultation.

Compiled by Ian McRae

## APPENDIX 3 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Old Ottawa East Community Association

Membership Report

The membership drive for 2014 is officially underway.

Wendy has once again diligently prepared the packages for canvassers

Although we have a great team of Captains and Canvassers' we continue to look for more. If you or anyone you know would like to get involved, please contact myself, Suzanne Johnston

Condos continue to be a conundrum and will be a bigger issue as OOE continues to grow as condos will become more numerous. We invite residents of the OOE who live in apartments or Condos to get involved and help us spread the word within your apartment building or Condo.

Currently we are looking for several canvassers in the North End, the South West and the Central part of OOE. The time commitment is quite minimal, usually 1-2 hours and involves the following:

- Picking up canvassing kit from your Zone captain over the next few weeks
- 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 our canvassing kit with information to your Zone Captain around the end of October
- Attending a get together for all the Canvassers and Captains held by the membership chair the first week of November – Best part!!

The past three years have seen the membership of the OOECA grow from 616 to 655. With the continued intensification in OOE, we would like to see these numbers to grow in tandem with this intensification. We are fortunate to have an engaged community and look forward to reaching out to new residents and current residents to be part of the growth in the neighborhood.