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**Annual General Meeting
Of the Old Ottawa East Community Association and
the Old Ottawa East Community Activities Group
Tuesday, November 8, 2011 at 7:15 p.m.
St. Paul University, Ottawa, Ontario**

Call to order 7:15 p.m.

Welcome

- Nick Masciantonio President, Ottawa East Community Association (OECA), and Claire Farid, Chair, Community Activities Group, Ottawa East (CAG) opened the meeting and welcomed participants.
- MPP Yasir Naqvi provided greetings and highlighted two issues of concern to the community: 1) overdevelopment, noting the role of Community Design Plans and how they are to be implemented ; and 2) public transit, commenting on the future of the second phase of light rail transit, concerns about traffic congestion and the need to expand the O-Train further south.

Approval of 2011 AGM Agenda

Moved – Jaime Girard; 2nd – John Baglow. Carried

Approval of 2010 AGM Minutes

Moved – John Jarrett; 2nd – John Baglow. Carried

CAG President's and Treasurer's Reports - Claire Farid (See Annex 1)

- Motion to adopt CAG Treasurer's Report
Moved – Jaime Girard, 2nd – Rebecca Aird. Carried

Elections – CAG 2011 Executive

Proposed new members

Maureen Ward – Board Member

John Williams – Board Member and Treasurer

- Motion to approve the slate
Moved – Heather Jarrett; 2nd – Bill Baldwin. Carried

OECA President's Report- Nick Masciantonio (See Annex 2)

OECA Treasurer's Report - Don Fugler (See Annex 3)

- Adoption of OECA Treasurer's Report
Moved – Jan D'Arcy; 2nd – Jamie Brougham. Carried

Sandy Hill Community Health Centre – David Gibson

- Mr. Gibson announced a new project for Springhurst Park (play structures, fitness circuit). The City will provide a 50% matching capital grant for the project. Consultations on design and look of structures will take place in the new year.

OECA Committee Reports

- **Membership: Barbara Hicks**
 - Membership has grown from 155 members in 2007 to well over 500 today.
- **Transportation: Ron Rose**
 - Main issues: 1) Loss of #16 bus – link to Smyth hospital complex; 2) McIlraith Bridge rehabilitation – has not yet gone ahead. Will push for this, and Main St. redesign, to be done in the context of a larger plan; 3) Traffic/speeding on Hawthorne – calming measures have not been implemented; 4) Alta Vista Transportation Corridor – continue to question its utility. Working with other community associations and councillors to have it removed from official plan.
- **Footbridge/Cycling – John Dance**
 - A second footbridge open house will be held in November. City will review evaluations on locations and design concepts. The City will be reviewing cycling routes next year – provides a chance to review routes in OOE.
- **Sustainable Living Old Ottawa East - Rebecca Aird**
 - Initiatives include community gardens, Main Farmer's Market, children's garden, Rideau River shoreline work, and other projects. Over the past year, there has been more programming in the children's garden and more external groups volunteering in the community.
 - More assistance is needed for Market board and communications.

Elections – OECA BoardProposed Board of Directors 2012-14

President: John Dance

Vice-President: Jaime Girard

Secretary: Jill Wherrett

Treasurer: Don Fugler

Past President: Nick Masciantonio
 Communications: Catherine Pacella
 Transportation: Ron Rose
 Planning Committee Chair: Stephen Pope
 SLOE Rep: Vicki Davis
 Membership Chair: Barbara Hicks
 CAG Rep: Catherine Pacella
 Lees Ave Rep: Bill Baldwin
 Federation of Community Associations: Jamie Brougham
 City Centre Coalition: Leslie Kirk
 Member at large: Jim Strang
 Member at large: John Baglow

- Motion to permit Don Fugler, Barbara Hicks, and John Baglow to serve three terms. (Article 6(b) of the OECA Constitution requires that members occupy any given office for a maximum of two two-year terms unless a simple majority at the AGM is in agreement to extend the term.)

Moved – Heather Jarrett; 2nd – Wendy McRae. Carried

- Motion to approve the slate.

Moved – Jan D’Arcy; 2nd – Heather Jarrett. Carried

- Wendy McRae thanked out-going president Nick Masciantonio for his two terms as president.

City Councillor’s Report – David Chernushenko

- Councillor Chernushenko commented on the City budget in relation to OOE, the possible sale for the land adjacent to Old Town Hall (soil tests show that land is contaminated – too expensive to remediate, so the City will not buy the land), and Main St. Redesign. He responded to questions about the #16 bus and the Alta Vista Transportation Corridor.

Open Forum

- A motion related to a **potential development on the 99 Greenfield site** was proposed and discussed.

Motion: That the OECA support the intent of the City of Ottawa Official Plan and the Community Design Plan for Ottawa East, by vigorously opposing the development of a 4-story, 8-unit apartment building on the 99 Greenfield site, the plans for which were present by the development’s architect at the October 11, 2011 meeting of the OECA.

Moved – Robert Eagan; 2nd – Heather Jarrett. Carried.

- Steve Furr spoke in opposition to the installation of an “**art wall**” (**digital signs**) **on the Ottawa Convention Centre**. It was proposed that he make a presentation at the next meeting of the OECA.
- Concerns were also raised about student parties and **community safety** in OOE.

Motion to adjourn – 9:30 p.m.

- Moved – John Dance. Carried

Annex 1 – President’s Report, OECA – Nick Masciantonio

- Many active organizations flourishing in the community.
- OECA active in recent elections – hosted all candidates meetings.
- Thanks to retiring members of the executive – Christian Pupp, Jennifer Drew, Martin Adelaar, Paul Goodkey.
- Thanks to Barbara Hicks and Wendy McRae and canvassers for the success of the membership drive.
- Highlights from the year:
 - Community Design Plan finally passed in August.
 - City Budget: Main St. Redesign and McIlraith Bridge redesign in draft budget
 - Footbridge: Lots of progress
 - Education: Catherine Pacella representing OOE in catchment area discussions
 - Safety in the community: some isolated incidents of graffiti, recent frat house issue
 - Communications: working to improve communications in the community, get more information out in a timely manner
 - OECA Constitution: looking at updating the constitution; possibility of incorporation.

Annex 2 – Chair’s Report and Financial Report, CAG – Claire Farid

CAG is a voluntary, not for profit, community-based organization. We work in partnership with the City of Ottawa, to provide our community - that is, Old Ottawa East - with programming, recreation and special events. We strive to ensure that these events are local, affordable and of interest to a broad cross-section of the community.

Fieldhouse

January 2011 saw the beginning of programming at the Fieldhouse in Brantwood Park, after extensive renovations which revitalized the building. The Fieldhouse has been transformed into a multi-use facility.

CAG programming was at capacity at the Old Town Hall, and so while the Fieldhouse is not a huge space, it gives us more options in terms of the programming that we are able to offer to the community, at the same time that the space can be used by skaters in winter and swimmers in the summer.

The revitalization of the Fieldhouse would not have been possible without the financial contributions of the City of Ottawa, the Sandy Hill Community Health Centre, as well as numerous other business and individual donors.

Community Design Plan

CAG took an active interest in this process, particularly from the perspective of ensuring that we have adequate programming space in our community.

CAG is using the Old Town Hall to capacity and we expect that the Fieldhouse will soon be used at capacity as well, within the existing population of Old Ottawa East. With the anticipated development of the Oblates Land, as well as intensification of our community, there will be a large increase in our community, bringing with it increased demand for programming options and space. As a result, CAG worked with our partners in the community, and Councillor Chernushenko’s office to ensure that this perspective was heard during the finalization of the CDP. We are pleased to report that the CDP makes specific reference to “indoor programmable public space.”

Looking Forward

CAG, in the past few years, has been going through significant transitions. Our programming attendance has grown significantly over the past few years and we are now offering a larger number of programs than ever before. In order to ensure that the organization remains sustainable on a long term basis we need to ensure that we have the infrastructure in place to make this happen.

The Main Event and Winter Party were successful this year. Unfortunately, however, CAG had to cancel our Valentine's Party due to a lack of volunteers.

CAG's main objective as an organization over the next year is to increase our volunteer base.

Finances

The Sandy Hill Community Health Centre provided us with funding this year towards babysitting services during morning fitness classes, as well as to partially support the salaries of certain staff members.

Total revenue for the year was \$125,433. This is an increase of \$34,882 over the previous year. Programming revenue was \$115,639 and special event and other income was \$9,794. Total expenses for the year were \$103,833 and are comprised of direct programming costs and management expenses. Total expenses for the prior year were \$92,974. Cash balances at the end of the year were \$58,245.

We have a surplus this year of \$21,600 and have already committed to contributing \$20,000 towards the redevelopment of Springhurst Park, a project that the Sandy Hill Community Centre is leading. A summary financial report will be available on the CAG website.

Annex 3 – Treasurer’s Report, OECA – Don Fugler

All OECA banking takes place at the TD-Canada Trust branch at Pretoria Bridge. There are four sub-accounts included in the OECA account, where the OECA takes care of banking for subgroups or committees within the Association. Figures are valid as of 17 October 2011.

A) The Ottawa East Community Garden at Saint Paul started this fiscal year with a balance of \$1287.27 and ended with a balance of \$1992.97. Their revenue was membership fees and they had no expenses paid from this account in 2011.

B) There is a new account for the Lees Avenue Community Garden. In this fiscal year, they received \$6100 in start-up from the Social Planning Council of Ottawa. They had not yet drawn on this account (as of October).

C) The Ottawa East Main Farmers’ Market had a residual balance of \$292.00 at the start of the fiscal year and did not use these funds. Their banking is separate from the Community Association. These funds should be turned over to that organization.

D) Citizens for Healthy Communities (CHC): is a multi-community group which coordinates resistance to the Alta Vista Parkway. There was no movement in this account during the past year and the account still has a balance of \$66.77 in October 2011.

E) Ottawa East Community Association – 2010/2011: For the OECA, there was a record income of \$1673.10 from the sale of OECA memberships. CD sales were \$115.00. The Main Event made a net profit this year of \$631.19, less than what we made last year. However, the purchase of a BBQ for the community association came out of expenses and will result in far less rental costs for future events. The major expenses were the costs of web redevelopment, web hosting and other internet expenses, and support for the spring meeting refreshments, plus the contribution to Friends of Lansdowne. The OECA started with a total of \$8179.10 in October 2010 and ended in October 2011 with a balance of \$7951.94. The money collected from the sale of memberships and CDs covered the day-to-day expenses of the OECA (bank charges, supplies, and web costs).

Item	Income (\$)	Expenses (\$)	Totals (\$)
OECA account October 2009			8179.10
Memberships sold	1673.10		
CDs sold	115.00		
Repayment of meeting expenses by others	211.05		
Room rentals/meeting supplies		438.10	
Bank charges		4.95	
Web expenses		292.39	
FCA membership		30.00	
Redshift Media website upgrade		1250.00	
Main Event revenue	\$1600.00		
Main Event expenses		968.81	
New projector for meetings		342.06	
Contribution to Friends of Lansdowne		500.00	

Total	3599.15	3826.31	7951.94
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In Attendance: 2011 Joint AGM – OOECA & CAG

Rebecca Aird	George Haydu	Marlie Poirier
Caroline Andison	Barbara Hicks	Stephen Pope
Derek Baas	Christine Honsl	Christian Pupp
John Baglow	John Jarrett	Peter Roberts
Bill Baldwin	Heather Jarrett	Ron Rose
Janet Barnes	Jerzy Jurewicz	Kevin Sampson
Alan Barnes	Maciej Karpinski	Owen Savage
Trevor Berg	Barbara Kirk	India Singh
S. Boudreau	Ian Kirk	Julia Sneyd
Sylvain Briand	Evan Kuetz	Jim Strang
Jamie Brougham	Stephanie Kuetz	Z. Jurewicz
Andrew Caddell	Len Kuchar	Dell Walker
David Chernushenko	Anthony Lenzo	Terry Walker
Erica Claus	V. Macy	Maureen Ward
Bob Eagan	Nick Masciantonio	Howard Wasserman
John Dance	Sue McDougall	Jill Wherrett
Wlad Danielak	Ian McRae	Carl Wilkins
Barry Davis	Wendy McRae	John Williams
Vicki Davis	Jenny Mitchell	Yvonne Williams
Michael Dawson	Taya Morris	Doug Wollidge
Gillian Dawson	Heather Moxley	Carol Workun
Judy Delaute	Elisabeth Nadeau-	G. Young
Ian Detta	DeBané	
Siobhan Devlin	Maryna Nowosielski	
Catherine Dondell	Claudia Simineau- Berg	
Margaret Dunn	Chris Osler	
Kristina Ewen	Dan Roach	
Claire Farid	Oliver Rich	
Anne Finn	Cheryl McWatters	
Steve Furr	Ian Grabwa	
Toni Forsythe	Carol Anne Owen	
Gloria Fox	Mary O'Donnell	
Don Fugler	Michael Oster	
Andrew Giallonardo	Jane McGarry	
David Gibson	Dale Smith	
Jaime Girard	Scott Mellon	
Paul Goodkey	Ellen Ramsey	
Christine Gordon	Josie McCoy	
Bob Gordon	Fay McNeil	
Cynthia Grant	Marie Peart	
D. Hadden	Bing Peart	