



**Meeting of the Ottawa East Community Association Board  
Tuesday, January 8, 2013 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  
Stephen Pope – Planning  
Ron Rose – Transportation  
Vicki Davis – SLOE  
Jim Strang – FCA  
Bill Baldwin – Lees Ave  
Barbara Hicks – Membership  
John Baglow – Member at Large

Regrets: Nick Masciantonio, Catherine  
Pacella,

Other attendees

Wendy McRae  
Matt Eason  
Christine Loth  
Lyse Morisset  
Mousaya Dabboussy  
Bonnie Wepler  
Jan D'Arcy  
Christian Pupp  
Rick Burrowes  
Michael Qaqish  
Devin O'Grady  
Kevin Sampson  
Ian McRae  
Chris Osler  
David Chernushenko

**1. Call to Order @ 7:17 p.m.**

**2. Approval of Agenda**

- Moved – Vicki Davis, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Bill Baldwin. Approved

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

- Moved – Don Fugler; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ron Rose. Approved.

**4. Chair's Report – John Dance**

***Proposed Parking Lot / Staging Area on 160 Lees Avenue Greenspace:***

- Very strong community opposition to the City/University original plan has thus far resulted in elimination of the proposed Light Rail Transit construction staging area which would have consumed about half the greenspace and the postponement of Planning Committee's consideration of the proposal until February. However, the proposal for a 362 spot parking lot remains. Christine Loth-Bown will provide full update.

***Meeting with Immaculate Principal and VP***

- John and Carol Workun met with Christopher Mes and Donald Nault, principal and vice principal at Immaculata on Dec. 12. It was agreed that the school and community organizations working together is a "win-win" proposition.
- Regarding student "deportment" issues, they acknowledged issues raised by community members. The administration stresses to students the need for "respect" of co-students, staff and the community. Principal Mes advised us to call the office regarding incidents of students committing vandalism / trespassing on private property.

- The many volunteer opportunities available for students in the community were of interest; John/Carol to email them with specifics . Also, Immaculata will use the community e-Update managed by Carol so that school events (e.g., plays, clean-ups) can get publicity.

**Brantwood Rink:** Thanks to the efforts of many volunteers and particularly rink coordinator Cindy Courtemanche and Marco Devries, the Brantwood Rink opened December 25.

**Capital Ward Cup:** Councillor-hosted hockey tournament scheduled for Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at Windsor Park.

**Board Vacancies:** Leslie has resigned from the OOECA Board in order to pursue teaching opportunities at uOttawa. A replacement is needed as the OOECA representative on the City Centre Coalition. Currently have 2 board vacancies – advise Jan D'Arcy or John if interested.

**Rideau River Pathway:** City is to undertake a study to plan the route from OOE to Windsor Park.

#### 5. Treasurer's Report – Don Fugler

- Balance remains at approximately \$10,000.

#### 6. 160 Lees Parking Proposal – Christine Loth-Bown

- Meeting was held between OOE, the city and Ottawa U on January 7. Discussed number of spots (Ottawa U agreed to look at its needs. City has MOU with university, so it is in the university's court to identify whether they can live with fewer); phasing in of parking, based on need; alternative locations.
- Matt Eason from the City of Ottawa described a map of the proposed location and explained the process leading up to the choice of 160 Lees (which other sites were considered and why they were not chosen). He noted that there will be public consultation and studies before the location is finalized.
- Discussion addressed: alternative locations; challenges that would be posed by the closure of Hurdman Bridge/re-routing of buses; phased use of the land; timing of construction; number of cars that actually use current parking lots; maintenance of trees at 160 Lees; concerns that once the lot is built, it will continue to exist.
- In closing, Christine suggested that OECA/community members enhance communications with the university. John noted that OECA will present at the Planning Committee on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> and will seek the support of others to present.

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

- 160 Lees also raises bigger issues – Alta Vista Transit Corridor
- Good news regarding design work going ahead for Rideau River Nature Trail
- Discussion addressed the 160 Lees proposal

#### 8. Community Status List - John Dance

- John asked for thoughts on the list for monitoring OECA projects and initiatives (attached): corrections, input, ways to improve the document.

#### 9. OECA Column for the Mainstreeter – John Dance

- John presented a proposal for the OECA to write and pay for a regular column in the

Mainstreeter.

- Most of the discussion was in favour of the proposal. **It was agreed that John would discuss the cost with the editor of the Mainstreeter and come back with a motion at the next OECA meeting.**

## 10. Committee and Representatives Reports

### 10.1 Planning Committee – Stephen Pope

- 44-46 Concord North has received final approvals from the City and will be proceeding early this year
- Received new sketches for 73/75 Harvey today

### 11.2 Sustainable Living Ottawa East – Vicki Davis

- nil

### 11.3 Transportation – Ron Rose

- no changes from last report

### 10.4 City Centre Coalition

- nil

### 11.5 Federation of Citizens' Associations – Jim Strang

- No regular meeting of the FCA in December.
- FCA press conference in mid-December addressed the following issues: 1) a request that the City immediately end the practice of hiring private planning consultants to process development applications within the City's Planning Approvals Branch. A policy review on this practice is required so that the possibility of conflicts of interest cannot occur as when consultants have processed applications and represented applicants at the same time; 2) to put an end to the practice of the City committing to support any specific change in zoning during confidential pre-consultations with a developer or property owner; 3). a request to update the comprehensive zoning bylaw so that it implements the Official Plan. Clarification of the policy for awarding developers spot zoning changes is required. It is not acceptable for the City to continue to re-zone the city spot by spot behind closed doors.
- The City has responded that they are already taking action on these matters. This however, in the opinion of the FCA, certainly does not appear to reflect the reality of the situation. The FCA feels that individual Associations should make their own representation to the City on these issues. The Board may wish to consider acting per this suggestion.
- The next regular meeting of the FCA is scheduled for the 22<sup>nd</sup> January in Overbrook. Items of concern from our Association will be presented, particularly the 160 Lees project. This will give us an opportunity to share our early "light rail experience" with other communities who may have similar concerns.

### 11.6 Communications – Catherine Pacella (absent; comments below are from her written report)

- Much work was done on the website re: 160 Lees Avenue. There was a record number of hits to the website in the days leading up to the public meeting.
- A volunteer stepped forward after the AGM to offer graphic design services for an OECA/CAG "brochure" that can be used during the membership drive. Catherine

will be speaking with her soon and once we have some ideas, will investigate the printing costs

**11. Community Activities Group (CAG)**

- Nil

**12. Other Business**

- Congratulations to Bill Baldwin and Jan D'Arcy on receiving Queen's Jubilee medals

**13. Date of Next Meeting – February 12, 2013**

**14. Adjournment at 9:05 pm**

- Moved – Stephen Pope, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Bill Baldwin

**OOECA Project / Initiative / Development Monitoring**

*(First Draft - January 8, 2013: oeca\_statusMonitoring\_13002)*

<b><i>Project / Initiative</i></b>	<b><i>Description</i></b>	<b><i>Lead / Contact</i></b>	<b><i>Plan/Status</i></b>
<b>1. Safe Crossing "Elgin" North</b>		Councillor	- NCC reviewing proposed closure of north end of Elgin
<b>2. Hawthorne Traffic Calming</b>		Ron Rose	- proposed speed bumps in spring summer 2013
<b>3. Ballantyne Skatepark</b>		CAG / Carol Workun	- funding application under consideration by City
<b>4. CiLP Improvements</b>		Councillor	
<b>5. Springhurst Improvements</b>		SHCHC / Chris Osler	
<b>6. Institutional Lands Sale/Development</b>		?	
<b>7. Old Town Hall - North Lot Acquisition</b>		Councillor	
<b>8. Canal Footbridge: Detailed Design</b>			
<b>9. Canal Footbridge: Construction Funding</b>			
<b>10. Nature Trail - Completion through uOttawa 200 Lees</b>			
<b>11. Nature Trail - Linkage to LRT pathway and past Transitway Bridge</b>			
<b>12. Nature Trail - Brantwood Portion</b>		John Dance	- to submit to City SLOE-developed plan
<b>13. Nature Trail - City acquisition of CDP 40m strip</b>		John Dance	- to request City's acquisition
<b>14. Bench at foot of Clegg</b>		Catherine Pacella	-
<b>15. Safe Crossings Col By Drive</b>		John Dance	
<b>16. Bus Service Improvement</b>		Ron Rose	