



Meeting of the Old Ottawa East Community Association Board

Tuesday, April 14, 2015

Old Town Hall, 61 Main Street

MINUTES

Attendees

Board Members

John Dance
Don Fugler
Jim Strang
Ian McRae
Bill Baldwin
Ron Rose
Jill Wherrett
Joe Sayed
Stephen Pope
Catherine Pacella

Others present

Wendy McRae
Alex Robinson
Connie Copps
Vicki Davis
Carol Workun
Joanna Linsangan-Coke (for Councillor
Chernushenko)
Marny Nowosielshi
Bartosz Nowak
Tara Hogeterp
Robb Barnes
Bonnie Wepler
S. Luedi
Mark Seebaran
Alex Robinson
Paul Goodkey

1. Call to Order – John Dance – 7pm
2. Approval of Agenda
 - Added to new business: Garden comments by Connie
 - Motion to adopt the agenda as amended. Moved: Bill. Second: Jill. Carried.
3. Approval of March 10, 2015 Minutes
 - Moved: Jim. Second: Ian. Carried.
4. Chair's Report – John Dance. A report was circulated by email. [See appendix 1]

A few items to highlight are as follows:
 - The Greystone Village work is underway.

- The Colonel By/Clegg intersection work is underway.
- Rideau River flooding preparation – Thanks to Pauline Lynch Stewart and Peter Croal the flyers were distributed and the community was well prepared for flooding. However, the Rideau River conditions were such this spring that no flooding is anticipated.
- There is a Lansdowne Community Working Group dealing with the development and use of the Lansdowne facilities. John attended a meeting but Tara Hogeterp, introduced to the Board at the meeting, will be the representative for OOECA.
- John is looking for members for a Search Committee for candidates for OOECA board membership in the fall. We will have several vacant positions. Anybody? Anybody?
- John did a tour of the Deschatelets building led by Josh Kardish, with David C in the group as well. He found it a fascinating building with a wealth of facilities. The cafeteria/dining room could be a new community centre. The chapel architecture is amazing. Going up on the fifth floor and viewing OOE from a height was inspiring. Question from Jim: Have they offered us any particular square footage? John: The gymnasium plus meeting rooms are possibilities. The dining room area is a possibility at about 7,000 sq. feet. The chapel might be too expensive or maybe it is too glorious for such mundane usage. Jim asked when do we show official interest? John suggested within 6 months. CAG is the major player for usage of the facilities. There are some limitations to usage of the facility such as the fairly basic electrical system (60 amps), and other items that would have to be brought up to date.

5. Treasurer's Report

- Don reported that the Association had just over \$19,000 in the account at the beginning of April.

6. Councillor's Report – Joanna Linsangan-Coke reported at the meeting. Notes were submitted by email. [See appendix 2]

- Colonel By construction begins this week.
- Main Street construction Open House is scheduled for May 11. A contractor has been selected. Rough timelines for the construction staging are now available on the City and OOECA websites. David met recently with local businesses and churches on construction
- Nominations are being accepted for the Order of Ottawa and pamphlets were available at the meeting.
- Question to Joanna: Has anyone told commuting motorists what is coming? Joanna: City has been releasing PSAs. The ward councillor of Alta Vista is holding an Open House for Alta Vista residents to inform them of the repercussions of Main Street construction on their commuting options. Ron Rose volunteered that there will be signs detouring people away from Main on the south side of McIlraith Bridge.
- Question from Paul: Is there a chance for an Infill II meeting with David to see Paul and Stephen? Joanna said she would check with David.

- Paul's 2nd query: The zoning review and bylaw did not incorporate council-approved height limitations on Main and Hawthorne. Paul says it is important to go over these apparent omissions and correct them. Joanna said that they can talk about the implications of these changes with Paul and Stephen.

7. Committee Reports

- 7.1 Planning – Planning committee and infill (report in) A report was distributed by Stephen by email. [see appendix 3]
- Infill 1 will probably be approved by OMB. Infill II is still being worked on as bylaw, and will probably go to OMB. It deals with rear yard setbacks, building heights, rooftop decks, projections, etc. Hawthorne and Main received bylaw notice to bring these streets into the Official Plan as traditional main streets but Stephen and Paul have some problems with the details. Some zoning details are obscure and incomplete. The motion approved at Council restricting heights on these streets has disappeared. So, do we go to OMB? See the report for details.
 - There is an application at Havelock and Greenfield for an apartment with 23 units. Planning committee members will hold a meeting with the developer.
- 7.2 SLOE – Report submitted by Ian McRae. [see Appendix 4]
- The Springhurst and Brantwood Park clean-up dates are April 26 and May 16 respectively.
 - Low Impact Development (LID) details are in the report. Josh Kardish is planning an early May meeting on LID at Greystones.
 - Stephen Pope earlier this evening reviewed the Algonquin Bachelor of Building Science class term project on renewable energy applications which dealt with district energy possibilities for Greystone Village.
 - Ian went to a sustainability meeting with reps from City, province, and federal governments.
 - Ian moved: That OOECA endorse a letter to City Hall supporting The Community Association Forum on Environmental Sustainability (CAFES) letter to the mayor and all councillors recommending making climate change a priority. Second: Ron. Discussion: Jim says this is “nice to do” but not a “necessary to do”. This is not an issue that can be reasonably affected by a community association in a city. Ron: The City has indicated support but needs a push for commitment. Robb: It is important to support the motion. The City can have impact on many decisions. John: He supports the climate change push. Voting: For: 6. Opposed: 1. Carried. [see Appendix 5]
 - There were questions about Rideau River Nature Trail: will it be a soft trail or a standard bicycle path hard trail? Ian: The City has approved typical paved bike path. John: There will be both hard and soft paths through the Oblate lands. Question: Is the Woonerf inside the 30 m setback? Ian: the 30 m does not include the roadway itself. Ian is looking for volunteers to discuss the pathway details.
- 7.3 Transportation – Ron Rose
- The Main Street Working Group meeting is scheduled for 29 April.
 - Detour drawings are available on City website. Details are there.

- There is a meeting at the Brantwood field house tomorrow night re buses on Marlowe.
- Riverside may be very busy with AVTC construction coincident with Main Street construction: all four lanes are planned to remain open.
- The Bell construction on Main Street is still in progress: it is now at the Old Town Hall and Clegg. It will move next from Clegg south to McIlraith Bridge. The Bridge reconstruction birdhouses are now up and the under bridge netting installed.
- The LRT earthmoving traffic will be run on Queensway and Isabella, mostly out of the OOE neighbourhood.
- Question: What is OOECA doing re: Marlowe objections? Ron: The OOECA did look at and offer other options to the City. We have discussed ways to mitigate the problems that arise and we have met with some of the Marlowe citizens. The policy of the OOECA is not to shift the traffic problem from one street in the neighbourhood to another where the same problems will be created. John: Said he appreciates residents being active in the discussion. He also mentioned the traffic monitoring done by Don, Liz Fulton, and Gail Young on establishing baseline traffic volumes in the sector bounded by Clegg, Riverdale, and Main. Other comments: There are 7 school buses using Marlowe as well – how will this current bus traffic mesh with OC Transpo plans? Ron suggested coming to working group April 29 if you want to address City officials about these issues.

7.4 Federation of Citizens' Associations: A report from Jim Strang was distributed by email. (see Appendix 6) The Alliance to End Homeless in Ottawa is looking for volunteers. Rebecca acknowledged that she is getting involved in survey work with homeless people. A current hot topic at FCA is about corporate and union donations for political candidates. Community mailboxes are also being discussed: the City should make sure that communities are satisfied with box location. (Ron has not been able to get Canada Post to respond on issues)

7.5 Communications – Catherine Pacella. Flooding information and advice went on website in time for the river breakup. There is a “New” section that links to updates on the Oblate development and Main Street construction details.

7.6 Community Safety – nothing to report from Jill Wherrett. No news is good news.

7.7 Membership – Suzanne Johnston – no report

8. Community Activities Group – Carol Workun: The Main Event is to be moved to Brantwood during construction on Main. We will miss Farmers’ Market, and we should

make an effort to visit them at the Museum of Nature. There may be some market-type items for sale at the Main Event.

9. Construction notices and contractors' liability insurance – Katherine Simonds – moved to next meeting
10. Proposed expansion of airport parkway: The Glebe Community Association (GCA) is asking for support in its letter to the City on the Environmental Assessment (EA) re: the widening of the airport parkway. They hope to see how to mitigate a likely increase in Bronson traffic, if that is predicted by the EA. Motion: That the OOECA support the GCA and its request for additional information in EA on Parkway expansion: Move: Don. Second: Ian. Discussion: Robb: David Chernushenko suggested that transit improvements will negate need for increased vehicle capacity on the Airport Parkway. Wendy: We did support the Glebe position on the last airport expansion, and we should repeat our support now. Jim: This is just another delaying tactic. We do need a better gateway to Ottawa. It should be improved as quickly as possible. Get a train out to the airport, too. Ron: The OOECA should support the GCA position. Bronson gets down to 2 lanes. Traffic will move to other places, like Ottawa East, to get downtown. OOE will not benefit from the Parkway expansion. Bonnie: Much of the traffic is intrasuburban. John: We will likely need support from GCA on AVTC. We should support them now on this issue. Voting: For: 4. Against: 1. Abstentions: 1. Carried. [see letter Appendix 7]
11. Cash in lieu of parkland (CILP) issue: Carol Workun (CAG) to speak. John: CILP is generated by developers who do not set aside adequate parkland as per specs. There is \$680K in this account for Capital Ward right now. It has to be used for capital items concerning parkland. John says costs are very high, often due to accessibility requirements e.g. \$17K ping pong table in concrete (needs a path, soil remediation, an apron). The proposed dock is \$50K, but has been nixed by the City due to maintenance requirements. The City is willing to use the AVTC lands at 160 Lees willing to have a soccer field built for \$300K but is for city-wide use, not OOE usage specifically. Why should OOE allocate \$300K of its CILP funds for a facility that is used by everyone in the City? John: What should we be looking for? Comment: The proposed soccer field might discourage AVTC development eventually. There could be some work in the Springhurst park horseshoe pits area. Wendy: The prices quoted are ridiculous. The City charged the community CILP \$10K for a picnic table and 2 garbage cans last year. She would like to see cost accounting for \$300K soccer field. Where do other current users of that field going to go for their recreational activities if the City puts in a formal soccer field with reserved times? One possibility is to have contractors at least fill in uneven ground at a relatively low cost. Jim: Get a Citizen columnist to make this costing issue more public. Ron: OOE does not want to subsidize City in developing a city-wide soccer field. An OOECA member should be on selection committee for RFP and bidding processes for these RFPs and purchases. Carol: She agrees with Wendy. We would lose soccer field to City and current multiple uses would be discouraged. Nick M. sent around email with these comments. John: Heron Park got money for fieldhouse/ community centre planning. Ian: The current standards for CILP projects were developed for new suburban areas, and are perhaps not appropriate for existing neighbourhoods. Stephen: We need to reconcile reasonable accessibility issues and greatly increased costs. Rebecca: We can carry CILP

allocations to next year and it will not be lost. Joanna: There is \$240K available for OOECA if the currently planned projects are undertaken; there is just over \$300K if they are not done. A consensus at the meeting (and in following emails) was that the currently planned projects be suspended due to excessive costs and that we look into some way to be part of the CILP planning, in order to get a handle on the costing.

12. Possible uses of OOECA funds – Don Fugler – Moved to next meeting

13. Infill II: Covered in Stephen's planning report

14. Healthy Transportation Coalition: Should OOECA join? Rebecca sent around information in last month. They are looking for local member to speak about active transportation issues. There are about four meetings a year. The Coalition will help promote OOECA objectives as well. Motion: That OOECA join HTC. Move: Ron. Second: Stephen Pope. Discussion about costs: These will probably negligible and only ad hoc. Vote: Carried.

15. New Business:

- Rebecca spoke on housing options for older people on Greystones site. There has been a group meeting and some funding has been provided for initial coordination. They are looking for design facilitator for workshop in June, and are also looking for participants. It would be preferable if some units could be affordable housing. The group is looking at having an older adult population that deals with aging issues with community support instead of institutional approaches.

- Michael Dawson spoke on the OOECA branding work. There is an opportunity to improve local branding and identification, which could include a new logo or even changing the name of the community. Michael will take lead and will work with CAG. A notice about the initiative appeared in the April Mainstreeter. Those interested should get in touch with Michael.

- Community garden committee: Connie Copps reported that the garden group is getting ready for spring. There will be a meeting of all the local garden users and there is a seed swap coming up. The group hopes to prepare plots in next couple of weeks. The current waiting list for spaces is 30 families.

16. Date of Next Meeting – May 12, 2015

17. Adjournment at 9:00 pm. Moved: Ron Rose. Second: Jim Strang. Carried.

APPENDIX 1 – CHAIR’S REPORT

Chair's Report – April 2015

(* Indicates agenda item at OOECA Board meeting of April 14, 2015)

1. ***Cash-in-Lieu (CIL) of Parkland Funding – Options:** Melanie Gilbert (Chair, CAG) and I met with David Chernushenko April 2 to discuss previously-requested and new OOE CIL projects. We learned the following (back-up documentation is to be provided by the Councillor’s office):
 - The previously Councillor-approved concrete ping-pong table and 166 Lees community notice board would now cost, respectively, \$17 K and \$5.7K (vs previous estimates of \$9K [started at \$4.5K] and \$4.5). I’m of the view that the notice board should go ahead but not the ping-pong table. Indeed a ping-pong table might better fit in the new parks (Grand Allée or Forecourt) where it would not require expensive soil remediation underneath.
 - Staff are recommending against the proposed dock for Springhurst and the cost is now estimated at \$50K rather than \$25K. I recommend that we not pursue this but instead see if Regional Group would like to pursue the dock they had been proposing in front of Greystone Village.
 - Staff are supportive of constructing a full natural turf soccer pitch (60m x 100m) with permanent goal posts on the AVTC lands (can be used as a “temporary” park) with an accessible stone dust pathway around the pitch. Estimated cost: \$275K for the field and \$25K for the pathway. If the field were built it would be “on the understanding that the field may be lost if and when the AVTC is constructed...AVTC is not anticipated to be constructed until 2031 at the earliest, according to City’s current transportation master plan.”
 - Councillor Chernushenko would also be supportive of OOE receiving funding for community centre planning similar to what was spent from CIL funds for Heron Park’s Community Centre/Fieldhouse Redevelopment Plan (\$30K).
 - OOE’s population-based share of the 2010-2015 CIL Capital Ward pot is \$415.5K and with completed projects plus the yet to be done 166 Lees notice board OOE will have used \$117.1K, leaving a notional \$298.4K available. The 160 Lees soccer pitch/pathway would cost \$300K + another, say, \$30K for community centre planning, for a total of \$330K but we expect the “missing” \$32K will be generated by new development over the next year or so.
 - So my recommendations to the OOECA board are:
 - o Yes, to 166 Lees notice board;
 - o No, to Springhurst dock;
 - o Yes, to 160 Lees soccer pitch and pathway;
 - o Yes, to planning money for community centre.

2. **Greystone Construction Update:** As per Regional's March 19, 2015 newsletter: "The Oblate Lands will be developed in four phases based on sections of the property. Exact timing of many activities will depend on when planning approvals are received from the City of Ottawa. Phase I is the southern-most area adjacent to Clegg Street. Selected tree removal begins spring 2015, and soil clean-up will begin in September 2015. Servicing with sewers and water mains will begin immediately after soil clean-up; the desired start would be in the late fall. Home construction will begin early spring of 2016. Phase II is the southern-middle area of the property facing St. Paul University. Selected tree removal begins spring 2015. Soil clean-up will also occur in fall 2015. Servicing with sewers and water mains will also begin immediately after soil clean-up in the fall. Phase III is the area of the existing Deschatelets building. No other construction activity is planned for the imminent future." See their bulletin (OECA_Greystone_Newsletter_15078).
3. **Ideas for Parks on Greystone Village Site:** Carencia Rouse, a student at Carleton University has, as a practicum course, conducted research for the parks committee, including the attached survey of parks ideas from around the world – [see attached](#).
4. **Domicile – 141 Main Update:** Dave Renfroe, Domicile's lead for their "Corners on Main" reports: "Site plan is at Delegated Authority and we are waiting for the City to revise one condition. At that time, we will concur with the report and it will be registered. The vehicle link [from Springhurst to Oblate] will be private, not a public link. The public can use it but it will still be legally over private property. Demolition of the row houses can't proceed until we are Site Plan registered and a new building permit has been issued. We will begin a soft launch sales process starting this month. We will meet with potential buyers off of our sales registration list. If sales dictate, we will begin the sales office later in the year."
5. **Col By – Clegg Safe Crossing:** Work on the fully signalized safe crossing of Colonel By Drive at Clegg will begin April 13 with a planned completion date by the end of June (to be confirmed). The improvements will allow safe access to the canal pathway and the Skateway.
6. **Rideau River Flooding ("610 Action Plan") Update:** In a great effort by Pauline Lynch Stewart and Peter Croal, a flyer has been distributed to Brantwood area residents, giving them key information on possible flooding of the Rideau River.
7. **Main Street Update:** Two issues that have been of concern to a number of residents are the cut-through traffic to the west of Main (Mason, Bower, McNaughton, etc.) and the use of Elliott-Marlowe-Clegg as the northbound bus detour route for one of the two six-month construction seasons. Don Fugler has led an effort to do base-line traffic counts of cut-through traffic in the west of Main area. The data will be useful in examining the case for taking additional measures (beyond the few existing turn restrictions on Main) to reduce cut-through traffic at rush hours. Ron Rose and I are meeting residents concerned with the proposed bus detour on Marlowe. The city's position is there is no other feasible alternative for the daily 50 northbound #5 and # 16 buses if OOE is going to continue to have bus service during main reconstruction.

As noted previously, Josée Vallée reports the proposed schedule is:

- Working Group Meeting – End of April - Tentatively April 29th
- Commence Work Order - beginning of May
- Public Open House – May - Tentatively May 11th
- Construction Start – end of May or beginning of June

8. **Lansdowne Update:** I attended a meeting of the just-formed Lansdowne Community Working Group on March 23, initiated by Councillor Chernushenko. The meeting had reps of the city, OSEG and the neighbouring communities and the idea is to meet occasionally to get updates / provide feedback on Lansdowne events and operations (Transportation issues will continue to be considered by the Lansdowne Transportation Management and Operations Committee, of which Ron Rose is our rep.)

There is a lot going on at Lansdowne and I think some of the events would be of interest to OOE community members - they are going to make a better effort at providing means of letting residents know what's being offered by the city, OSEG and merchants.

GCA, the Councillor and I raised the issues of ensuring noise levels of concerts are within defined limits (volume - including "bass" - and times). We should be "hearing" more about this. The events with a significant "noise" aspect will be the large AC/DC concert and the City-folk four day festival - all in September.

So there are many upcoming events, including resumption of RedBlack and Fury games and Women's FIFA world cup (nine games over six days).

The Farmers' Market begins the new season May 3rd and the Cineplex opened March 28 - will be interesting to see what impact it has. According to Mike Cerha, OSEG's VP venue operations and entertainment, by the summer there will be 90-95% occupancy of the retail spaces in the park. Although Rexall isn't going ahead with its planned store others will be in the space ... there appear to me to be many restaurants - I wonder how they will do when nothing is going on in the park... Also, all but one of the Holmwood townhouses have been sold we were told.

Tara Hogeterp has volunteered to be the ongoing OOECA rep for this committee.

9. **OOE / SLOE Presentation for Carleton Students:** I gave a presentation outlining OOE issues / OOECA/SLOE progress for Prof. Abra Adamo's first year Geography class. What's happening here ties in to the "place-making" theme of the Carleton course. *A summary of presentation is attached.*

10. **OOE Cycling Routes:** The city and the NCC's cycling map - in a very convenient booklet form - shows an interesting image of Old Ottawa East - it's almost as tho. we were terra incognita - like those old 17th century maps where the explorations hadn't yet taken place. In looking at the attached map you'll see:
- **Rideau River Western Pathway** - the map shows that the pathway is already completed ... nice thought but far from the truth.
 - **Main / Smyth Bridge** - it is as tho. Main (for much of it) and the Smyth bridge were not on the cycling network - we know this will be corrected over the next few years but the lack of access to/from Alta Vista and beyond really needs correction.
 - **Both the Rideau River and Canal are real barriers** to cycling from the east. The Fifth-Clegg footbridge will help but in the future a simple bridge from the foot of Clegg across the Rideau River to the NCC lands would be a valuable connection.
 - **Lees LRT / Hurdman footbridge to downtown:** there are lots of dotted lines ("suggested link route") more or less along the transitway / LRT corridor but having clean, safe linkage really will make it so much better for people to get downtown from the eastern side of the Rideau River and to travel between the uOttawa campuses.
 - **Mutchmore:** I continue to think that Mutchmore from Main to McGillivray is a key cycling route but is not shown as such on the map and it is one that will become more important when the Fifth / Clegg footbridge is built. It sure has the width to accommodate lots of bikes
 - **Lees** is not shown as a cycling route but by virtue of the work done last year - and the additional work we hope will be done this year I hope - it should be safe and good.
 - **Lansdowne** appears as a bit of a non-entity on the map - surely it needs to be highlighted along with how people get to it via bike (build the footbridge please!)

Perhaps getting some of these cycling improvements made would constitute a good sesquicentennial project for the community and the city. We've seen lots of progress made on downtown cycling routes and the downtown east - west, with O'Connor to be done before long, but I'd argue many cyclists need to go through OOE yet, aside from wonderful Main Street improvements, not much is clearly planned for OOE.

11. ***OOE / OOECA / CAG Branding:** CAG is going ahead to solicit ideas from a consultant who has agreed to help with a new logo. This information will be shared with OOECA. Michael Dawson, OOECA planning committee member went to considerable effort to draft a detailed project plan for OOE branding but CAG is of the view that there is not enough volunteer capacity to properly execute so is opting for a simpler approach. So the question is what should OOECA do? See attached draft terms of reference.
12. **Sesquicentennial Planning Meeting:** I'll try to schedule over the next month or so. Possibly at the Royal Oak upstairs.

13. **OOECA Projector / Screen:** The association's projector was ailing so I've sent it to be fixed. Meanwhile the city – thanks to the intervention of Dan Chenier, General Manger of Parks and Recreation - kindly has bought a projection screen so that we can now readily use the projector in the upstairs of OTH.

14. **Vacant Board Positions:** Glen Linder has put his name forward as the new Transportation director when Ron Roes steps down. But at the moment we are also looking for new board members for the following positions (to be voted on at the fall AGM): president, vice-president, City Centre Coalition (analyses and advises on central transportation issues), and Federation of Citizens' Associations (analyses and advises on city-wide issues). Who's interested in joining a "search committee" with me?

March 25, 2015

Examples of Well Regarded Public Spaces from Around the World

Carencia Rouse

- The following is a link to the Project for Public Squares website which describes top ten principles for a successful square. They include image and identity; attractions and destinations; amenities; flexible design, seasonal strategy; access; an inner and outer square; reaches out to surrounding neighbourhood; central role of management and diverse funding sources. See the link below for details.

<http://www.pps.org/reference/squaresprinciples/>

- Similarly, Project for Public Squares provides a list for the world's best squares. See the links below. <http://www.pps.org/reference/internationalsquares/> <http://www.pps.org/reference/uscanadasquares/>

- Below is a link to ten urban spaces around the world that have been revamped as green parks. They include Paddington reservoir in Sydney, Australia; Cheonggyecheon Public Park In Seoul, South Korea; Vitor Civita Park in Sao Paulo, Brazil; The High Line in New York City; Promenade Plantee in Paris, France; 'Ghost Train' Park in Lima, Peru; Pier 57 Park and Market in New York and Hofplein Viaduct in Rotterdam Netherlands. <http://www.treehugger.com/slideshows/sustainable-product-design/10-urban-spaces-around-the-world-reborn-as-vibrant-green-parks/#slide-top>

Award Winning Public Spaces Around the World

Full descriptions may be found at The Centre for Contemporary Culture in Barcelona website at:

<http://www.publicspace.org/en/prize>

Europe

The European Prize for Urban Public Space: an award that acknowledges recovery projects and exciting public spaces in European cities. It was initiated by the Centre of Contemporary Culture of Barcelona in 1999 and it awarded every two years. Below are the winners since 2000.

- **Centre Multi-funcional de Can Mula (Mollet del Valles, Spain)**: an urban space comprising of a municipal market, City Council, residential buildings around a central public space. Click the following link for images <http://www.publicspace.org/en/works/a001-centre-multi-funcional-de-can-mula/prize:2000>

- **Smithfield Public Space (Dublin, Ireland)**: New public space in the Smithfield esplanade. Click the link below for images and description. <http://www.publicspace.org/en/works/a002-smithfield-public-space/prize:2000>
- **Stadtteil Park Reudnitz (Leipzig, Germany)**: New city park on land of the former Eilenburg railway station: Click the following link for images and more in depth description. <http://www.publicspace.org/en/works/b077-stadtteilpark-reudnitz/prize:2002>
- **Remodelación del Paseo del Ovado, la Escalinata y su Entorno (Teruel, Spain)**: Construction of a new set of lifts by the flight of steps. Click the link below for images and description. <http://www.publicspace.org/en/works/c041-remodelacion-del-paseo-del-ovalo-la-escalinata-y-su-entorno/prize:2004>
- **A8erna (Zaanstad, Netherlands)**: Layout for the space covered by motorway A8 in the historic centre of Koog aan de Zaan. Click the link below for images and description. <http://www.publicspace.org/en/works/d046-a8erna/prize:2006>
- **Barking Town Square (Barking, London)**: New town square in the suburb of Barking, London. Click the link below for images and description. <http://www.publicspace.org/en/works/e061-barking-town-square/prize:2008>
- **Urban Activators: theater, podium and brug Grotekerkplein (Rotterdam, Netherlands)**: the insertion of a pavillion-cum-theater programmatically revitalizes the Laurenskerk cathedral square and articulates its relationship with the Delftsevaart canal. Click the link below for images and description. <http://www.publicspace.org/en/works/f042-urban-activators-theater-podium-brug-grotekerkplein/prize:2010>
- **Prireditve nabrežij in mostovi na Ljubljana (Ljubljana, Slovenia)**: Renovation of the banks of the river Ljubljana in the section flowing through the old city centre, a collective effort that concentrates resources in a range of specific interventions. Click the link below for images and description. <http://www.publicspace.org/en/works/g072-prereditve-nabrezij-in-mostovi-na-ljubljani/prize:2012>
- **La Vall Trenada (Elx, Spain)**: A braided network of paths and footbridges have transformed the bed of the Vinalopó River into a linear park that re-stitches together the neighbourhoods through which it passes, connecting them with natural spaces to the north of the city. Click the link below for images and description. <http://www.publicspace.org/en/works/h190-la-vall-trenada/prize:2014>
- **Renovation du Vieux-Port (Marseille, France)**: The renovation of the Old Port clears the docks of visual and architectural barriers, thus making the presence of leisure boats compatible with access for all citizens and their recreational activities. Click the link below for images and description. <http://www.publicspace.org/en/works/h193-renovation-du-vieux-port/prize:2014>

Urban Open Space Award Winner

Full descriptions may be found at the Urban Land Institute's Website at: <http://uli.org/awards/urban-open-space-award-winners-finalists-years/>

- **Klyde Warren Park (Dallas, Texas)**: a cultural district with burgeoning mixed-use neighborhoods, reshaping the city and catalyzing economic development. Click the link below for image. <http://www.klydewarrenpark.org/resources/images/location-map-link-new.jpg>
- **Parks and waterfront at Southeast False Creek (Vancouver, British Columbia)**: Located on a previously industrialized 32-hectare (79-acre) waterfront site in Vancouver, the Parks and Waterfront at Southeast False Creek articulate the public realm for Vancouver's premier sustainable neighborhood. Click the link below for image. http://www.pwlpартnership.com/sites/default/files/imagecache/large/8894703628_ec432131be.jpg
- **Yards Park (Washington, D.C)**: The Yards Park highlights a regeneration effort that brings local communities and visitors to the Anacostia River while providing a transformative and vibrant public space that generates social, economic, and ecological value under an innovative public/private funding model. Click the link below for image. <http://www.yardspark.org/files/images/yards-park-home.jpg>
- **Railroad Park (Birmingham, Alabama)**: Railroad Park occupies the historical seam created by a rail viaduct that bisects downtown Birmingham. The new topography integrates the train experience with a variety of new open-space activities that help organize and stimulate growth in the southern part of downtown while promoting connections north of the railroad. Click the link below for image. http://uli.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/UOSA12024_RailRoadPark_Page_17.jpg
- **Citygarden (St. Louis, Missouri)**: Citygarden, a 2.9-acre richly landscaped sculpture garden and park that has altered the perception of the city's downtown and catalyzed nearby development. With a design that draws on St. Louis' chief natural feature—its rivers—Citygarden has succeeded attracting a diverse public and creating an outdoor destination attraction and meeting place. Click the link below for image. http://www.stlrunningtour.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/285720-idx090801_dw03_2.jpg
- **Campus Martius Park (Detroit, Michigan)**: Campus Martius Park has become the heart of downtown Detroit's development story and its signature public space. Surrounded by offices, residential space, and restaurants, it is a magnet for everyday visitors and high-profile events. The goals of the park were to revitalize the center of downtown—to be the city's gathering place, a catalyst for economic development, a beautiful signature square, and a positive image for Detroit locally and internationally, year round. Click the link below for image. <http://www.quickenloans.com/blog/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/Ice-Skating-in-Campus-Martius.jpg>

DRAFT Terms of Reference

Old Ottawa East – Better Branding of the Community and its Organizations

Objective: Engage the community to better understand what residents feel are the key themes and the identity of the community. Based on this engagement:

- I. Propose options to for a new logo for the OOECA and CAG to help make these volunteer organizations more clearly known, understood and appreciated
- II. Provide options for better establishing and promoting the identity of the community, including consideration for alternative names for the community

Background:

- CAG and OOECA's logos are images of Old Town Hall, which, while of historical significance, don't clearly convey the essence of the community.
- The two organizations are volunteer-based but some members of the public erroneously view them as tax-funded parts of the City of Ottawa, leading to different expectations than what are possible with volunteer-based organizations.
- Old Ottawa East is a growing, centrally located community but it's not particularly evident to people outside (and some within) the community just where OOE is and what it consists of ... indeed the recent creation of the new office of the AIDS Committee of Ottawa was repeatedly described as being in Sandy Hill while it is very much in Old Ottawa East. Similarly, some think of Ottawa East as being the St. Laurent area or beyond or they view it as part of Old Ottawa South or even, in some cases, the Glebe.
- With the Main St reconstruction and Regional & Domicile developments occurring over the next several years, there will be both an influx of new residents and an increased focus on the community. This presents a unique opportunity to help establish and better promote the identity of the community.

Outputs:

- Options (i.e. designs) for a new logo that would be shared by OOECA and CAG but, with two versions, supporting clear differentiation between the two organizations.
- Recommendations for how to better establish and promote the identity of the community.
- Consideration of alternative names for the community, including a discussion of the merits (or not) of renaming the community. This work would involve reviewing similar analyses / efforts elsewhere.

Process/Schedule:

Further to the Boards' approval of terms of reference (March 2015) the following activities will be undertaken:

Option 1 – Working Group Approach

PHASE ONE

1. Establish a working group - March
2. Conduct an environmental scan – April-May
 - Review History of community
 - Review pertinent background documents re: CAG and OECA
 - Review Branding initiatives in other Ottawa communities to identify tactics to promote brand awareness
3. Identify themes and differentiators– May
 - Identify themes and differentiators to support logo design contest
 - Identify OOE 'story', tag lines to support logo design contest
4. Conduct community logo design contest: June-July
 - TBD what would be involved
5. Hold focus groups (August-September)
 - Conduct 'table talk' style focus groups:
 - To review and validate the logo designs and narrow selection
 - To discuss options for better establishing and promoting the identity of the community
 - To solicit interest in more seriously considering alternate name for the community
 - Gather required information to be used together to provide recommendation to Boards
 - Number of interviews and reporting methods to be determined
6. Present recommendation to Boards based on collected inputs: October
 - Draft and present recommendations to Boards:
 - Draft and Propose recommendation for new logos and motion to move forward with formal design asset development
 - Draft and Present recommendations to better establish and promote the identity of the community
 - Recommend motion for Phase 2 (Phase 2 of the project (if approved by OOECA board), would be to continue further development/refinement of the alternative naming activity). Where necessary carry forward recommendations to joint AGM: November
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7. Development of design assets for selected logos: November
8. Launch and communicate new logos (OECA and CAG): December

PHASE TWO (would require refinement based on Phase One outcomes)

9. Research means for establishing alternative community name: November 2015 – February 2016

- Review Branding initiatives in other Ottawa communities to identify tactics to promote brand awareness
- Consult City to investigate requirements and steps associated with formally changing the community name
- Consult with other community associations to understand challenges, barriers and opportunities with formally changing the community name
- Consider community engagement to solicit interest in more seriously considering alternate name for the community (key stakeholders to include: community members, businesses, education sector, etc.)

10. Summary of analysis on merit of alternative name for community and recommendation: March-April 2016

11. Options analysis presented to OOEAC and CAG Boards – May 2016

Option 2 – High Community Engagement Approach

PHASE ONE

1. Establish a working group - March
2. Conduct an environmental scan – April-May
 - Review History of community
 - Review pertinent background documents re: CAG and OECA
 - Identify key areas for survey
3. Community Engagement – May - September
 - i) Draft and implement survey (May-June)
 - Design survey (most feasible option given timelines and resources)
 - Communications and promotions (opportunities to promote survey and initiative include: Main Event (June 20), community BBQ/picnics, etc.)
 - ii) Data collection and reporting (June-July)
 - Collect data from the community to better understand what residents feel are the key themes and the identity of the community
 - Collect data from the community understand how the community feels current OOE name reflects the identity of the community and opportunities to improve
 - Collect data community that informs ideas for new logo
 - Produce survey report (suggest using Fluid Survey where reports can be generated)
 - Identify themes and differentiators to test in focus groups
 - Identify OOE 'story', tag lines to test in focus group

- iii) Hold focus groups (August-September)
 - Design focus group questions document
 - Conduct 'table talk' style focus groups:
 - To review and validate community engagement findings
 - Test OOE 'story', tag lines to test in focus group
 - To discuss options for better establishing and promoting the identity of the community
 - To solicit interest in more seriously considering alternate name for the community (note: this may fit better in phase two)
 - Gather required information to be used together to provide recommendation to Boards
 - Number of interviews and reporting methods to be determined
4. Present recommendation to Boards based on collected inputs: October
- Draft and present and recommendations to Boards:
 - Draft and present community design themes and differentiators
 - Draft and present community brand statement
 - Draft and Propose design requirements for new logos
 - Draft and Present recommendations to better establish and promote the identity of the community
 - Recommend motion for community logo contest to develop new logos for OECA and CAG
 - Recommend motion for Phase 2 (Phase 2 of the project (if approved by OOECA board), would be to continue further development/refinement of the alternative naming activity). Where necessary carry forward recommendations to joint AGM: November

PHASE TWO (would require refinement based on Phase One outcomes)

5. Conduct community logo design contest: November-December
- TBD what would be involved
6. Research means for establishing alternative community name: November 2015 – February 2016
- Review Branding initiatives in other Ottawa communities to identify tactics to promote brand awareness
 - Consult City to investigate requirements and steps associated with formally changing the community name
 - Consult with other community associations to understand challenges, barriers and opportunities with formally changing the community name
 - Consider community engagement to solicit interest in more seriously considering alternate name for the community (key stakeholders to include: community members, businesses, education sector, etc.)

7. Launch and communicate new logos (OECA and CAG): January 2016
8. Summary of analysis on merit of alternative name for community and recommendation: March-April 2016
9. Options analysis presented to OOEAC and CAG Boards – May 2016

Budget:

Estimate for initial logo design: \$500 (\$250 from each organization)

Project Team: Kevin Farrell (CAG); Michael Dawson (OOECA); John Dance (OOECA) + ?

**Old Ottawa East:
Sustainable Change
Sustainable Living Ottawa East (2007 – 2015)**

**Presentation for Abra Adamo, Carleton University
April 1, 2015**

Overview

- **OOE Background**
- **What's SLOE?**
- **Community Amenities**
- **Rideau River Nature Trail**
- **Transportation**
- **Planning**
- **Why Successful?**

OOE Background

- **Ottawa East: 125th anniversary**
- **Little known community**
- **The poor sister of the “three sisters”**
- **Diversity: Jean Chrétien and the rest of us**

- **Seven distinct neighbourhoods**
- **Population: 8,000 vs. projected 30,000**
- **Superb location:**
 - Central
 - Between river and canal
 - Considerable green space
 - Relatively quiet

What's SLOE?
(Sustainable Living Ottawa East)

- **Committee of community association**
- **Broad “environmental” mandate but apolitical**
- **Focus on tangible, practical, sustainable improvements**
- **Clear perspectives on future**
- **Your idea? You lead**
- **Leverage support of others**

Community Amenities

- **Children's Garden**

- **Community Gardens**
- **Farmers' Market**
- **Adopt-a-park**

Vision for the RRNT

- **A path and amenities that support continuity, health and connection**
- **An approach that maintains and enhances tranquility**
- **Picturesque and well-treed – no “hardening” of the shoreline**
- **Restore terrestrial and aquatic habitats and ecological conditions**

Nature Trail Issues

- **Plan for Oblates lands (30+m corridor)**
- **Use of AVTC lands**
- **City's plan for “Rideau River Western Pathway”**
 - Hard vs. soft surface
 - Priority: natural or “road bikes”?

Transportation

- **Fifth-Clegg canal footbridge**

- **Main Street renewal**
- **Nature trail – Rideau River Western pathway**
- **Cycling improvements**
- **AVTC opposition**

Fifth-Clegg Canal Footbridge Justification

- 1. Promotes sustainable & safe transportation**
- 2. Supports active and healthy living**
- 3. Links communities**
- 4. Builds commerce**
- 5. Accesses canal / enhances World Heritage Site**
- 6. Fosters intensification**
- 7. Provides eastern accessibility to Lansdowne Pk**

Footbridge Progress

- **Included in City's cycling and pedestrian plans, community design plan, trans. master plan**
- **EA approved**
- **Progress Ottawa footbridges**
- **Council's approval of design \$**
- **Issues: \$18M and other priorities**

Main Street Renewal - Issues

- End of life-cycle
- Not supportive of CDP
- Once in 100 years
- Traditional main street AND arterial
- Substandard pedestrian and cycling facilities
- “Complete street” option approved in July, 2013
- Construction beginning (2 years)

Main Street Renewal Benefits

- Safety for pedestrians and cyclists
- Supportive of CDP
- Lane reductions: less, slower traffic
- Fewer vibrations, more vibrancy
- New / rebuilt features (Brantwood Gates)
- A “liveable” street
- Balanced needs (vs current bias for “peak” servicing)

- **BUT: some councillors link to AVTC justification**

Planning

- **Community Design Plan**
- **Transit-Oriented Development: Lees & Hurdman**
- **“Deep Green” Research – Oblates Lands**

What is a Community Design Plan?

- **The CDP is a City planning instrument;**
- **Interprets City Official Plan for the local community;**
- **Guides zoning amendments and development applications;**
- **Can be adopted as a Secondary Plan under the Official Plan.**

Scope of the CDP

- **Future vision - 25 years**
- **Main Street: community heart**
- **7 distinct neighbourhoods each with own character**
- **Bounded by the Canal, Nicholas, River, and OOS**
- **Includes institutional lands.**

Community Vision and Major Themes

- Theme 1: **Ecological Sustainability;**
- Theme 2: **Maintain and Enhance the Distinct Character of the Community;**
- Theme 3: **Revitalize and Improve Main Street and Hawthorne Avenue;**
- Theme 4: **Manage Growth.**

Ecological Sustainability: Green Space

- Integrate and connect existing green corridors and parks as a system
- Rehabilitate natural features (river and urban forest)
- Encourage bio-diversity
- Create community gardens
- Green unused lands / expand the urban forest.

Lees Transit Oriented Development (TOD)Issues

- Accepts AVTC as elsewhere proposed
- No provision for services, facilities, amenities
- Not connected to OOE community
- Tall building bias not endorsed by community
- Potentially huge population increase

Oblate Lands - Progress

- Sound relationship Regional Group & Domicile
- Regional's plan: improvements to CDP
- Requires remediation
- Respects SLOE's themes
- Multi-year effort

Why Successful: Transformation Drivers

- Intensification
- Sustainability
- Climate change
- Value evolution
- Affordability (individual and municipality)
- Concept of community
- Institutional decline and growth
- Individuals / organizations

Why Successful: Organization

- **Leadership**
- **Volunteers**
- **Support from community, city, NFP, private sector, universities**
- **Success breeds success**
- **Model: tangible, practical & short-medium term projects**
- **Organization: informal, project champions, consensual, collegial, fun.**

APPENDIX 2

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APPENDIX 3

PLANNING REPORT SUBMITTED BY STEPHEN POPE

Infill 1 (parking, front yard setback, front door location, Street Character Assessment):

The City has settled with the builders and Council has approved sending the final revisions to the Ontario Municipal Board for their approval. OMB approval is anticipated for mid May.

Infill 2 (rear and side yard setbacks, building heights):

Comments closed for City staff to write the first official draft of the bylaw at the end of March. The current draft has been rather confusing and there are concerns that the City will cave in to pressure from the builders and not enact the reductions in building heights that are the principal benefits of the bylaw. Community associations and the FCA is continuing with conversations intended to reinforce whatever benefits are currently in the draft against the counter requests from the builders. A new working group for Infill 2 has been created within FCA with Paul Goodkey and myself representing OOE. Under Paul's lead and with his considerable effort OOE Planning Committee has put together the attached brief on the Infill 2 issues as a statement of OOE's preferred conditions. This is largely an internal record as we plan to support any direction that has a significant number of other community associations with it. I will be happy to answer questions regarding the attached outline.

2014 Zoning Review (rezoning on Hawthorne between Col.By and Main, rezoning on Main):

Last week we received notice that bylaw 2015-59 has just been passed implementing the conditions for the rezoning of Hawthorne and Main developed during the 2014 zoning review. OMB appeal period runs until 29 April 2015. This file has not got much attention yet as we have been occupied by Infill 2, but an early scan appears to show that the Councillors motion limiting heights on the south side of Hawthorne, passed by council last fall, did not get included in the bylaw. There is a need to revisit the idea of objecting to the terms of the bylaw at OMB.

Committee of Adjustment:

Two requests to review projects that will required minor variances have come forward to the Planning Committee. One, a new detached house at 32 Simcoe has not made the CofA application yet. The other, 43 Chestnut sent us documents that appear to also have been submitted to Cof A.

32 Simcoe is a bloated house that takes more space than the relatively recent semi at the corner of Springhurst and Simcoe. Two variances will be required to which OOECA will object.

43 Chestnut is a repeat of the appalling project at 35 Chestnut, with a poorly disguised attempt to get around the Infill bylaw removal of the ability to later put in a fourth unit. Almost everything about this project is objectionable and OOECA will say so at CofA.

APPENDIX 4

Report of SLOE to the OOECA for April 14, 2015 meeting

The Rideau River Nature Trail - There will be a Cleaning the Capital event in Brantwood Park on May 16th and in Springhurst/160/166 Lees on April 26th.

Main Farmer's Market has announced a new temporary home at the Museum of Nature for the 2015 and 2016 seasons. This year's season starts on May 2nd. For more information see the Garden's website. www.mainfarmersmarket.org

The Children's Garden programming is being developed through CAG. Sign up at CAG or see the Garden's face book page

The old Ottawa East Community Garden and Lees Community Garden are preparing for a new gardening season.

The Deep Green Project

LID –

Nick Sanders from the Ottawa Eco Talent Network has volunteered to help support the LID work and help to engage the City and build a case for their support.

Josh Kardish has informed us that a one day charette to explore opportunities for incorporating LID opportunities in Greystone Village is planned for early May. Erika Mayer of Envirocentre who is managing LEED ND certification process for the development is to lead the process. City staff would be involved.

District Energy -

As reported by Stephen Pope, the Algonquin Bachelor of Building Science class on renewable energy applications is presenting its term project on district energy for Greystone Village on April 14th. This project is part of the SLOE Deep Green work for Greystone Village and 'Stephen is attending as one of the course advisors.

CAFES - The Community Association Forum on Environmental Sustainability

CAFES held a meeting on the morning of March 28. Ian McRae attended as a representative of SLOE and OOECA. This is a Forum for the environmental concerns of Community Associations of central Ottawa.

Trees were a major focus of the meeting. Elected political representatives from all three levels of government attended as well as almost 20 community associations.

During the meeting it was agreed that two letters would be drafted for CAFES members to consider signing. Both letters will be addressed to the Mayor and all Councillors.

One letter was to be on the Urban Forest Management Strategy.

The second letter asks that Climate Change be a priority of the term of Council. It needs to be sent very soon as the \$37 million in budget priorities will be decided soon.

A draft of this letter is attached to this report below. A resolution of the Board is requested to endorse the letter with the other community associations.

MP Paul Dewar later made a statement in the House of Commons about the CAFES meeting and the text is attached for interest.

“This weekend I joined almost 20 local community associations and environmental groups for a meeting of the Community Association Forum on Environmental Sustainability.

CAFES brings together community organizations from across downtown Ottawa to discuss environmental issues, share best practices, and create solutions.

It was great to see the creative thinking and collaboration coming from my fellow residents of Ottawa Centre.

One of the key issues at Saturday’s meeting was developing a plan to promote urban trees in Ottawa.

Urban trees help to mitigate climate change, and they also make our cities better places to live. All levels of government should support this agenda. In particular, Canada should join other G7 countries in supporting urban forests at the federal level.

From responsible development to public transit to shoreline cleanup, Ottawa’s grassroots community organizations are showing great leadership in building a greener, more sustainable Ottawa.

I am very proud to represent such an engaged and informed constituency.”

OTHER -

A Volunteer is sought for a liaison opportunity for the University of Ottawa sustainability committee, “Sudecom”. Are there any volunteers to represent the community on this committee which meets approximately once every two months? The committee is considering a new sustainability policy for the university. Participation in this committee represents an opportunity for Old Ottawa East to have a voice as a neighbour in the development of uOttawa’s sustainability efforts.

Upcoming Events

There is a Public Event presented by the Glebe Community Association environment Committee this evening, Tuesday April 14, at Ecclesiastical, 2 Monk St. The discussion is on local development strategy for Ottawa centered on a shift to 100% renewable energy by 2050.

There will be a workshop on trees in the City on the evening of April 22nd sponsored by Tree Ottawa. RSVP if interested.

http://www.ecologyottawa.org/tree_ottawa_workshop_apr2015

Compiled by Ian McRae

Sunday, April 12, 2015

APPENDIX 5

Community Associations Forum on Environmental Sustainability

CAFES Ottawa

April 13, 2015

Mayor Jim Watson
City of Ottawa
110 Laurier Avenue West
Ottawa, Ontario K1P 1J1

Via email: Jim.Watson@ottawa.ca

Dear Mayor Watson,

Re: Term of Council Priorities and Strategic Initiative funding

As the City of Ottawa's Official Plan says: "Climate change is one of the critical environmental challenges facing the world and measures to both reduce GHG emissions (mitigation) and prepare for the impacts of climate change (adaptation) need to be incorporated into all levels of City decision-making..."

Municipalities are key to addressing and preparing for climate change. According to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, "up to half of Canada's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions are under the direct or indirect control or influence of municipal governments."

The Official Plan also says that "the City has made a commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in both corporate operations and at the community level." We appreciate this commitment and thank and congratulate you for presiding over the renewal of the City of Ottawa's Air Quality and Climate Change Management Plan.

Given the commitments by the City and its opportunity to tackle this costly and harmful issue, it is essential that climate change be identified as a Term of Council Priority. Forward movement on climate change will then be possible for the citizens of Ottawa, including using strategic initiative funding reserved for these priorities.

Yours truly,

Pat O'Brien

Co-organizer, Community Associations Forum on Environmental Sustainability (CAFES)

CAFES Ottawa members (endorsing this letter)

APPENDIX 6

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FCA Report to OOECA 14 Apr 15.pdf

APPENDIX 7

LETTER FROM GLEBE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION RE: AIRPORT PARKWAY

Colin Simpson, MCIP, RPP
Senior Project Manager, Transportation Planning
City of Ottawa
110 Laurier Avenue West, 4th Floor
Ottawa ON K1P 1J1
Sent via e-mail: colin.simpson@ottawa.ca

Mr. Simpson:

The Glebe Community Association (GCA) is a membership-based organization that represents the 10,000+ households on either side of Bronson Avenue between the Canal and the Queensway: the Glebe, Dows Lake and the Glebe Annex. The GCA is deeply concerned about the impact the proposed widening of the Airport Parkway will have on our community in view of the high volume of traffic that already uses Bronson and the impact increased traffic will have on congestion, cut-through traffic on residential streets and on pedestrian, cyclist and driver safety. We are particularly concerned about the lack of in-depth analysis within the Environment Analysis (EA) presented by the City of Ottawa on the impact this widening will have on Bronson Avenue. To that end the GCA has unanimously passed the following resolution:

Whereas the City of Ottawa is undertaking an Environmental Assessment regarding its proposed widening of the Airport Parkway (and Lester Road) from two lanes to four lanes south of Brookfield; and

Whereas the City has not provided an in-depth analysis of the downstream impact this widening will have on traffic volumes or congestion on Bronson Avenue as it passes through Old Ottawa South, the Glebe and Centretown; and

Whereas the City is also planning on making welcome investments in rapid transit services and wishes to shift driving patterns, particularly that of commuters, from car-use to transit; and

Whereas the City is committed to using a "Complete Streets" approach in its urban planning and needs to be mindful of the mixed residential, commercial, and educational institution use of Bronson Avenue including that of pedestrians and cyclists;

BE IT RESOVLED THAT

(1) The GCA request the City to undertake a more thorough analysis of the downstream impact of the proposed Airport Parkway widening on Bronson Avenue from a traffic/congestion and pedestrian/cyclist safety perspective, as a result of the additional traffic that will be accommodated on the widened parkway (e.g origin-destination or license plate surveys and intersection performance); and

(2) That this analysis report on the anticipated benefits (after taking into account the downstream impacts) of the project and to express those benefits in terms of the expected costs; and

(3) Should this study confirm increased traffic volume/congestion on Bronson Avenue as a result of this widening, that the City will alter the project and/or include within the project scope mitigation measures to minimize the impact of any increased congestion and traffic volume on the communities and residential streets surrounding Bronson; and

(4) That all possible alternatives (e.g. short term measures to improve capacity from the south) be thoroughly evaluated for their potential to enable a more desirable (and possibly more cost effective) scenario which is to expand the Trillium Rapid Transit line ("O-Train") first and then after that to evaluate whether a widening of the airport parkway is still required.

We trust that the additional analysis and identification of alternatives and mitigation measures we have requested will be added to the EA you are conducting and that there will be due community consultations once this information is available. We also trust that there will be a further examination of alternatives to the proposed widening, particularly "transit-first" options which will encourage much greater use of OC Transpo by Ottawa commuters.

Should you have further questions about our concerns please do not hesitate to contact the Chair of our Traffic Committee, Brian Mitchell (traffic@glebeca.ca).

Sincerely,

(original signed by)

Christine McAlister

President

cc. David Chernushenko, Councillor, Capital Ward