



Meeting of the Old Ottawa East Community Association Board

Tuesday, March 10, 2015

Old Town Hall, 61 Main Street

MINUTES

Attendees

Board Members

John Dance
Caroline Hyslop
Phyllis Odenbach Sutton
Jim Strang
Ian McRae
Bill Baldwin
Ron Rose

Others present

Ryan McGarry
Alex Robinson
Connie Copps
Eddie Gillis
Jamie Broughan
Paul Goodkey
Councillor David Chernushenko
Christian Pupp
Jan D'Arcy
Glen Linder

1. Call to Order – John Dance – 7PM
2. Approval of Agenda
 - Added to new business: Connie Copps to speak about concerns on Regional development; Jamie Brougham to speak about boathouse proposal.
 - Motion to adopt the agenda as amended. Moved: Jim Strang; 2nd: Ian McRae. Carried.
3. Approval of February 10 2015 Minutes
 - Moved: Phyllis Odenbach Sutton 2nd: Ron Rose. Carried.
4. Discussion of new parks on Regional lands – Eddie Gillis
 - Eddie is heading up the new parks committee. Representatives from CAG, SLOE and Sandy Hill Community Health Centre have agreed to participate.
 - The parks committee's primary role is to gather input about how the new parks will be developed. Focus is on the Grand Allee, the forecourt and the linear park.
 - So far, the parties (Regional, the City, Rideau Valley Conservation Authority and the community) are working well together.
 - Louise Cervený from City of Ottawa has agreed to host a workshop for the community to solicit ideas and speak with members of the community about the park spaces.

Moved that the OECA endorse and accept the City's offer to organize a workshop to solicit input on parks planning and that representatives of Regional Group be invited as observers.

Moved: Ron Rose. 2nd : Jim Strang. Carried.

5. Tree Ottawa program – Ryan McGary, Ecology Ottawa

- Ecology Ottawa aims to plant 1 million trees before 2017.
- Ecology Ottawa is a local non-profit grassroots volunteer-driven organization. Goal is to make Ottawa the green capital of Canada.
- Ecology Ottawa works on several different environment-related campaigns. One of these is Tree Ottawa.
- City of Ottawa has committed to planting 500,000 trees. Other partners include businesses, schools, Scouts Canada etc.
- Tree Ottawa also aims to protect trees and promote tree protection.
- Ottawa has lost a large number of trees due in part to the emerald ash borer.
- One of Ecology Ottawa's efforts is to promote an adopt-a-tree campaign, whereby residents are encouraged to adopt a tree. Adopters commit to taking care of the tree, watering it if necessary in the summer, mulching it if necessary, and adding the tree to the Ecology Ottawa tree map.
- The map is used in part to calculate the benefits that the trees are providing in the City.
- Ecology Ottawa is also initiating a number of tree-planting events.
- For example, in Beacon Hill, a volunteer is going door-to-door asking people to adopt the tree that is on their property, and if they do not have a tree to contact the City to inquire about the City's tree planting program.

6. Chair's Report – John Dance. A report was circulated by email. [See appendix 1]

A few items to highlight are as follows:

- Rideau River flooding meeting on March 2 was well organized and well attended.
- We are interested in knowing who is planning not to run for the Board next year so we can be sure to recruit new members to run for the Board
- It does not appear that any of the items that we suggested got into the City budget.

7. Treasurer's Report

- Don was not able to attend the meeting. He reported by email that the Association had just over \$19,000 in the account at the beginning of March, with no major expenses looming on the horizon.

8. Councillor's Report – David Chernushenko. Notes were submitted by email. See appendix 2

- Councilor Chernushenko has been setting up meetings one by one with key players at the City on certain aspects of the new developments. Key areas include low impact development, a desire for a community centre, affordable housing, restoration of the Rideau River pathway, parks development etc.
- Councillor Chernushenko is hoping to organize a walk-through with John Dance and some others to look more carefully at the Deschatelets building with an eye to allocating a community centre space.
- Main Street reconstruction is expected to begin in earnest in April. The City will have a dedicated communications person throughout the project.
- A Main Street business-owners meeting is expected for March 26.
- During the Main Street reconstruction, it is suggested we may want to consider having block captains to keep an eye on specific parts of the neighbourhood during the construction to communicate issues to the City and to ensure that residents and business owners have the information they need.
- Residents raised concerns about issues such as noise, traffic, and questions as to how the developer will move its trucks in and out while Main Street is under reconstruction.

9. Committee Reports

9.1 Planning – A report was distributed by email. [see appendix 3]

9.2 SLOE – Ian McRae

Proposed: That the OECA join the Healthy Transportation Coalition to show its support for the Coalition's important work in researching, convening, advocating and directly contributing to communities where walking, cycling, public transportation, and other means of shared mobility are well supported.

- There are about twenty groups already in the coalition. We would be the first community association, but they are planning to put a push on to get more community associations to join. The primary reason to join would be to show solidarity with the aims of the Coalition.
- There is no cost to join. There is no particular expectation that we appoint a representative to attend meetings or engage in specific activities.
- It was suggested that we circulate the text of the motion and the benefits of membership document prior to the next meeting and we will vote on the proposal at the next meeting.

9.3 Transportation - Ron Rose – a report was distributed by email. [see appendix 4]

9.4 Federation of Citizens' Associations - Jim Strang – a report was distributed by email. [see appendix 5]

- Efforts are being put into preventing and reducing gang presence in communities in Ottawa.
- The City is keen to protect and promote small businesses in communities in Ottawa.
- A motion was passed that the FCA would make representations that it would be best if municipal elections prohibited corporate and union donations to political candidates.

9.5 Communications – no report

9.6 Community Safety – no report

9.7 Membership – no report

10. Community Activities Group – no report

11. Terms of reference for joint CAG-OECA branding

- See the document and we will discuss at a subsequent meeting. These are appended to the Chair's Report [see appendix 1]

12. New Business

- Connie Copps is a resident in the community, and is involved with the community garden. She proposes that she will provide information at the monthly meetings about activities with the community garden. She has also sent a letter to the City about the Greystone development; she is particularly concerned about the plan for nine storey tower behind Saint Paul.
- Jamie Brougham spoke for a few moments about his thoughts that the Rideau River ought to have a boathouse and riverfront access for the community. In particular, he proposes that there should be a boathouse at the end of Clegg. He would be willing to spearhead fundraising for the building of the boathouse. It would be for non-motorized boats such as paddleboards, kayaks and canoes. Some members support the idea in principle, but there does not seem to be consensus about whether it is feasible or appropriate to advocate for the building of a permanent structure right on the river.

13. Date of Next Meeting – April 14, 2014

APPENDIX 1 : CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair's Report – March 2015

1. **Greystone Village “Plan of Subdivision” Meeting (March 3, 2015):** The well-attended mandatory public meeting on Regional’s plan of submission, now under consideration by city staff and other agencies, was consistent with information previously provided to the community by Regional (see <http://oblatesredevelopment.com/> - as of March 4 the site didn’t have the presentation used at the March 3rd meeting but it is to be posted). The key difference that I noticed was that the graphics showing proposed building types were more detailed than what we’d previously seen. Concerns raised in the Q&A session were such matters as: compatibility of the development’s architectural style with “OOE” style; the reasons for and extent of tree removal; use of Clegg Street for soil remediation trucking; access along river during construction; and jurisdiction over the 30m open space along the river. As Councillor Chernushenko noted at the outset, the proposal has been well-consulted on.
2. **Greystone Construction Update:** Josh Kardish says Regional Group will provide regular updates on upcoming work on the Greystone Village site. In recent emails he notes that probably before the end of March, Regional will begin stockpiling clean fill from the LRT excavations. The stockpile will be near the Oblate tennis court and the material will be used to replace the contaminated fill that Regional will be removing from the site. Related to this effort will be the need to fence off adjacent Regional property. The actual clean-up is now scheduled for some time in the fall when the stockpile will be used up.

The question arose whether there would be a conflict between CAG’s paddling camp and Regional work and Josh Kardish responded: “[Regional has] no work planned on Clegg until the fall and we could work around any access issues in September if we do need to overlap at all...the only time that we will be disturbing the Clegg/shoreline area will be tie in services and (if) the City wants us to help grade out lands for the MUP...we would work with the OOECA and the paddling group to do this at times that don’t conflict with the planned use.”

“In terms of interrupted access on the Oblates lands along the River – there will be one or two periods that I can think of now where we need to close off access entirely but they won’t be long and it will be our stated goal to try and always maintain the corridor through the duration of the development.”

Other dates of note, as per Josh Kardish’s remarks at the Plan of Subdivision meeting, are:

- April, 2015: sales centre construction to begin
- Summer, 2015: sales begin
- Winter, 2015-2016: civil works (e.g., sewers for phase 1)
- House construction: ??? (need to check site)

3. **Rideau River Flooding (“610 Action Plan”) Meeting (March 2, 2015):** Thanks to the efforts of Pauline Lynch Stewart and Peter Croal, a public meeting to discuss readiness for possible serious flooding of the Rideau River in the Brantwood Park area was held March 2 at Old Town Hall. The city was well-represented by Jim Montgomery, Bryden Denyes, Nadine Leduc, city volunteers Real St-Amand and Sharon Pypops, and Joanna Linsangan of Councillor Chernushenko's office; and Patrick Larson of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority provided valuable knowledge.

The three-part discussion dealt with how residents can individually prepare for emergencies such as flooding; what are the specific issues pertaining to flooding in the Brantwood Park area; and how can the community better communicate key information pertaining to flooding of the Rideau. Lots of questions were raised (e.g., just how high / how far would the waters rise in the Brantwood Park area with a “one in a hundred year” flood; what would be the impact of the sewers simultaneously backing up; would there be merit in having the Onslow dike raised; what’s the best way of sand-bagging).

Peter Croal has proposed that the community response be called the “610 Action Plan since 610 cubic metres/second is the point at which things may get a bit wet.” Pauline and Peter, working with the community association and CAG, will run a trial flooding communications response this spring. For details please see Pauline’s presentation on the website.

4. **Main Street Update:** Josée Vallée reports (March 4, 2015): “The Main Street Renewal contract is presently out for tender and we are still on track for a spring construction start. Here is our proposed schedule at this time:
- Tender Closing: end of March
 - Meeting with business owners - March
 - Council approval for additional project authority (Budget Adjustment Report) – April
 - 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

“The schedule was pushed by a few weeks because the budget is being approved partly under the Budget Adjustment Report in April instead of solely under the normal budget in March. We will try to expedite the process as much as possible to start construction as early as possible in May.

“The Councillor's Office is presently organizing a meeting with business owners for the end of March.

“As far as other up-coming construction work, it is my understanding that Lei Gong just sent you some information on the bridge project. [This information is that there will be “a lane closure to allow for the

construction, between Elliot Avenue and Riverside Drive. One lane will remain open to traffic in either direction at all times. This preliminary work as part of the McIlraith Bridge rehabilitation project is to install wildlife mitigation measurements to protect barn swallows and turtles. Work is expected to commence March 2015. Completion of all work is anticipated by the end of April 2015." {I have no idea what this work entails!}}

"Also, Hydro Ottawa will commence work on Main Street (close to the bridge), around May 4th. Public notification for this work will be done in April.

"As for Marlowe, traffic staging involving a bus route cannot change on a weekly basis and the Contractor will need some space to efficiently and safely complete the work. We anticipate that the contractor will need to close the northbound lane between Riverdale and Clegg for 1 construction season (we are anticipating a maximum of 6 months at this point).

"We are presently reviewing our cut-through traffic strategy with the Councillor."

5. ***Domicile – 141 Main Update:*** Dave Renfroe, Domicile's lead for their development on the "Sisters' Property," met February 17th with Stephen Pope and myself to provide an update. The plan remains essentially the same as what we've seen but with much better detailing, especially the vertical elements and, of significance, they now are proposing public access between the six storey condo on the west half of the property and the four-storey condo on the east half. This will provide greater connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists and will also mean cars will be able to go out onto Oblate rather than having to exit down (eastbound) Springhurst thus reducing the amount of new traffic on Springhurst ... looks like a good improvement to me. Dave also asked if the community had any particular enterprises it wanted to see on the ground floor. Stephen noted the desire for healthy / sustainable lifestyle shops and also the lack of restaurants/pubs in the community. The new drawings of the development should be available on the Domicile site before long. The name of the development will be "The Corners on Main."

6. ***New Officers / Volunteers Sought – November AGM:*** I'd appreciate knowing who does not want to stand for re-election at the AGM in November. I will have served two two-year terms as president and will be stepping down so the Board will need to find a new candidate. Also, we continue to have the unfilled positions of Vice-President and City Centre Coalition representative. Ideally these would be filled for the balance of the term.

The Board also would like to find a lawyer within the community who could do pro bono work pertaining to incorporation implementation and other matters from time to time. Similarly, as Eddie Gillis has noted, if there is a person with park planning expertise it would be great if they could volunteer to serve on the Parks Creation and Expansion committee.

7. ***Mural on Main Street Underpass:*** After the completion of construction on Main I'd propose the association approach the city to support the creation of murals on the walls of the Main Street – Queensway underpass, just as there are two with the Metcalfe underpass. Yasir Naqvi commented that "another underpass mural is a great idea." The underpass mural project is a partnership between various departments at the City of Ottawa, the Ontario Ministry of Transportation, and the National Capital Commission. Nick Masciantonio had originally raised this idea some time ago.

8. **NCC Approves CBD Bus Detour and Safe Clegg-CBD Crossing:** The NCC recently approved the temporary detouring of northbound OC Transpo service from Main Street onto Colonel By between Clegg Street and Hawthorne Avenue. This detour is necessary to maintain northbound bus service within the community during the Main Street 'Complete Street' transformation from 2015 to 2017. The NCC has also approved an intersection improvement, including signalization, at the Colonel By / Clegg Intersection. This work will also commence this spring.

9. **Community Mailboxes – Canada Post:** Terry Kelly of Canada Post reports that the corporation “has been working on proposing Community Mail box locations in existing neighbourhoods in efforts to be as least intrusive as possible. The proposed placement of the mail boxes will be utilizing municipal property and the only possible private land would be on Condominium Corporations or business property with signed agreements. No Community Mail boxes will be placed on private residential homeowner property. There is no standard distance from a residence. However, we are trying to keep the locations centralized to best serve everyone. We are in the process of the community outreach process and all residents will be receiving letters describing our proposed locations. We welcome feedback from residents on our proposed locations.” Ron Rose has asked for a meeting so we get a better sense of what might be proposed in OOE.

10. **TD Sign on Veil at Lansdowne:** It’s interesting to note that John Smit, the City’s officer responsible for Lansdowne signage, made no mention of the possibility of a large sign on the Lansdowne stadium veil when he responded to questions when the Lansdowne Signage policy was before the city’s Planning Committee, June 12, 2012. Indeed it’s my view that he – intentionally or otherwise - misled councillors and deceptively answered questions from the Glebe’s Bob Brocklebank and Councillor Chernushenko. My research continues.
https://app06.ottawa.ca/city_hall/webcast/committee/index_en.html?vod=2012/plan-20120612.flv
(10:00 - 26:00)

11. **City Budget, 2015:** None of the budget requests that we suggested seem to have made it into the city budget. Also, it looks as though the Hospital Link will get an extra \$4M bringing the total of about \$70m for a 1.2k roadway.

12. **99 Greenfield OMB Decision:** Dedicated King’s Landing residents had partial success with their appeal. As one of the appellants noted: “the requirement for a redesign presents hopeful possibilities.” It was a very serious and admirable effort, one that may have relevance if other community members or the association itself launches an appeal.

13. **OOE / OOECA / CAG Branding:** Draft terms of reference for “branding” work are attached. Michael Dawson has volunteered to take the lead on this for OOECA. Kevin Farrell would be the CAG rep.

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:

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 OEAC Board – May 2016

Budget:

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

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

APPENDIX 2: NOTES FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID CHERNUSHENKO



Chernushenko notes March 2015.pdf

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APPENDIX 3: PLANNING REPORT

Planning Report 10mar15

Infill 1: Bylaw 2012-147 revised

The results of the mediated settlement between the City and the appellants representing the infill builders for Infill 1 is at Planning Committee Tuesday 10 March 2015. Planning Committee has been requested by staff to recommend Council accept the revised bylaw as adjusted by the negotiations. Council would in turn indicate to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) that it has approved the revised bylaw, upon which the OMB will approve it and it will become law.

One surprise has surfaced so far. An increase in the exemption for providing parking in small apartments has been provided. Apartments with less than 12 units do not require parking for residents.

Infill 2: Close of initial consultation period

The initial comment period for the proposed Infill 2 bylaw closed at the end of February. OOECA Planning committee members sent in comments as individuals as there was sufficient chaos in the discussion to make a formal position pointless.

The proposal reduces allowable heights across all residential zones, and control encroachments on rear yards by enforcing a rear yard setback equal to the height of the proposed dwelling. As the discussion continues we will be pressing the City to integrate the new tools provided under the Infill 1 bylaw with the Infill 2 bylaw.

Considerable activity through the FCA is ongoing with discussions between FCA representatives, community association representatives, representatives of the builders community and the City. The next FCA sponsored meeting in this Wednesday 11 March 2015 at 6:45 PM at the McNabb Community Centre, 180 Percy. At least two of the OOECA Planning Committee members will attend.

2014 Zoning Study

As of the February OOECA Planning Committee meeting it was decided that the best way to encourage the kind of development we desire on Main Street was to abandon the discussion with the City. Accordingly the City was advised that OOECA would not be proceeding with an objection to the OMB regarding the proposed rezoning on Hawthorne and Main. Nor would OOECA be requesting any further adjustments to the zoning in a future omnibus zoning bylaw amendment.

While divergence of opinion remains on how the final bylaw will be interpreted, Hawthorne will get the ability to develop all building types within both the R3P and TM12 zone descriptions. Main Street may be more restrictive, with owners given development rights to reproduce the type of dwelling existing on the property, but otherwise being forced to follow the zoning description of TM7.

Omnibus and Anomaly Zoning Amendment

During the Infill 1 discussion of the existing underlying zoning and street character it became obvious that the physical character of some streets was not correctly represented by the setbacks described in the current zoning. One such example is the R1TT neighbourhoods south of Clegg and west of Main, which have a common front yard setback of 3.0 m, but have many streets where the houses are actually 6.0 m or further set back from the property line. In the proposed amendment the performance conditions of selected properties would be adjusted to reflect the reality rather than the existing zoning.

Parts of Mason Terrace and Echo Drive south of Clegg have this conflict. These locations are included in the proposed bylaw. In November of last year the City was made aware of similar situations on Elliot and Centennial, but these locations are not yet included. The public circulation advises that new locations may be considered on a priority basis.

The city is proposing to correct some of these situations with an omnibus amendment and has asked for comment. The OOECA Planning Committee has not yet started their discussions of this amendment, but comment period closes 31 March so time remains to suggest other areas.

Greystone Village

The first public meeting for the plan of subdivision on the Oblates property was held Tuesday 3 March 2015. A little over 70 people attended the session where City Planner Erin O'Connell presented for the City, and Gord Lorimer, Partner at B.J.Hobin & Associates Architects with Josh Kardish presenting for the Regional Group. The big picture has not changed, but details in how the development will unfold are becoming clear.

The details of parks planning are being worked. CAG and SLOE will be participating in the oversight committee.

The remediation of the land slated for single detached homes will be ongoing, starting in the Fall of 2015. In the interim, Regional has taken advantage of the offer of clean fill from the excavators of the Confederation Line Sandy Hill section. Soil will be stockpiled on the Oblates property at the location of the existing tennis courts. This opportunity will dramatically reduce the GHG emissions for the houses due to trucking. The contaminated soil will be taken to the hazardous waste site at Moose Creek. Construction of the actual houses on Clegg is scheduled to start in the Spring of 2016.

APPENDIX 4: TRANSPORTATION REPORT

Transportation report. March, 2015.

Main St Reconstruction.

There has been only one development since the open house held in November! The NCC has agreed that northbound OC Transpo busses (#5 and #16) will be allowed on Col By drive. The current plan is that when the northbound lane between Riverdale and Clegg is closed, #5 busses will cross Main St from Riverdale at Elliot, take Elliot, Marlowe and Clegg to Col By and proceed over the Pretoria Bridge. The #16 bus northbound (which runs twice a day south of Hazel) will also turn onto Elliot and follow the same route.

There has not been a community working group meeting since October 29th, 2014, and the next one is tentatively planned April 29th, with a public open house for the whole community tentatively planned for May 11th.

Clegg/Col. By intersection.

The NCC has approved the construction of a signalized pedestrian crossing at the corner of Clegg and Col By. The City of Ottawa has tendered the work, which should begin in April and be completed by the end of May-early June.

Alta Vista Transit Corridor.

The current City of Ottawa draft budget includes an additional \$4.0 million for the "Hospital Link", bringing the total to \$70.0 million. Work is due to get underway on the Riverside Drive interchange for the link, which will create additional delays for traffic using Riverside Drive to avoid delays on Main St., as well as for OOE residents accessing the eastbound 417 at the Vanier Expressway.

Bell construction on Main St.

The work north of Clegg has been going on for four months, and is scheduled to be completed the week of May 5th. The contractor has completed work between Clegg and Hazel, and the City has reopened the curb lane for those two blocks. Work is currently underway at the corner of Lees and Main. The portion north of Clegg is scheduled to be completed in early May. HOWEVER, once the portion north of Main is completed, work will start on the portion of Main St between the McIlraith Bridge and Clegg, thus ensuring a continuation of the chaos and increased traffic on side streets both east and west of Main.

Ottawa Hydro Pole Replacement on Main between Riverdale and Clegg.

There was a lane reduction in place northbound between Riverdale and Clegg during the construction, which seems to have been completed.

McIlraith Bridge Reconstruction.

Curbside lane reductions start this week on the McIlraith Bridge. The work is required to facilitate the installation of measures to mitigate harm to barn swallows and turtles resulting from the reconstruction of the Bridge in 2015 and 2016.

Greystone Village.

Regional Group has indicated that dumptrucks will soon be moving fill from the Ottawa U LRT station to the area near the St Paul's University tennis courts. There is no indication of the timing, number or route of these truck movements.

General.

Traffic chaos continues on Main Street with northbound traffic today backed up to Riverdale at 3:00 pm and lots of road rage in evidence. And this even before the Main Street reconstruction project actually gets underway.

APPENDIX 5 – FCA REPORT

Federation of Citizens Association

Report to:

OOECA General Meeting 10 March 2015

The February meeting of the FCA was held at the McNabb Community Centre. Approximately 65 present including Paul Goodkey, Phyllis Oldenbach Sutton and Jim Strang from the OOECA.

Public Safety: Inspector Mike Laviolette of the Ottawa Police Services gave a presentation on current activities within the Police Services stressing that the #1 priority was to deal with the current gang situation. He mentioned that the majority of shootings that have occurred are drug related and that investigation has been hampered by the culture of silence amongst those involved with these crimes. He assured the meeting that the Police Services is committed to work with Ottawa's communities on all Police matters and to contact his office when required.

Zoning Study on Commercial Business in Residential Neighbourhoods: Andrew McCreight of the City Planning Department outlined its policy to maintain or increase small commercial establishments in the city such as corner stores, barber shops etc. For example, if a small corner convenience store went out of business it could be replaced by a bicycle repair shop. The idea seemed to find favour with those present however some questions remain to be answered. It is my understanding that the properties within Old Ottawa East that fall within this zoning category have been identified and the OOECA Planning Committee is conversant with the proposal.

Panel Discussion regarding Zoning: Representatives of the City Planning Department, the Ottawa Builders Association along with several members of the FCA with much planning experience presented their thoughts to the meeting. Some items discussed were: The importance of Associations to educate themselves and to stay informed. The importance of identifying heritage properties and getting them on the heritage list noting that properties can be added to existing lists with city councilors involvement. The danger of densification around Transit stations destroying the character of existing neighbourhoods and that transit should not trump the Official Plan. The fact that Park Zoning such as L1 or O1 is confusing and really does not protect land natural areas such as local parks, forest remnants, wetlands, rivers, creeks etc. Associations are advised to check on and understand the Zoning of these areas in their communities.

Corporate and Union Political Donations: A motion was carried to express FCA policy not to allow such donations for Civic Elections.

Jim Strang, OOECA Rep to the FAC