



Meeting of the Old Ottawa East Community Association Board

Tuesday, September 8, 2015

Old Town Hall, 61 Main Street

MINUTES

Attendees

Board Members

John Dance
Caroline Hyslop
Jim Strang
Don Fugler
Phyllis Odenbach Sutton
Catherine Pacella
Katherine Simmonds
Stephen Pope
Bill Baldwin
Ron Rose
Ian McRae

Others present

David Chernushenko
Paul Goodkey
David Gibson
Eddie Gillis
Elaine Henderson
Jan D'Arcy
Christian Pupp
Chris Osler
Bonnie Wepler
Jocelyn Kearney
Ed Janes
Kate Martin
Jamie Brougham
Mark Seebaran
Sarah Loomis
Heather Jarrett
John Jarrett

1. Call to Order – John Dance – 7:04 PM
2. Approval of Agenda
 - Amended to add AGM to New Business.
 - Moved as amended: Stephen Pope; 2nd: Don Fugler. Carried.
3. Approval of June 2015 Minutes
Amendment: FCA report: Phyllis Odenbach Sutton has not been appointed to the FCA board
 - Moved as amended: Don Fugler; 2nd: Ron Rose; Carried.
4. Chair's Report: A report was distributed by email. See Appendix 1.
Some issues of note:
 - Main Street reconstruction is on track. Main Street northbound lane will continue to be closed as construction continues.

- There is still an issue with speed on Glenora.
- Greystone village sales office will be opening September 24.
- Plans are underway for an early 2016 construction of Corners on Main. Townhomes on Main cannot be demolished until a permit has been obtained.
- A big thanks to Ron Rose for organizing the barbeque at the Main Event. Thanks to CAG for putting on the event.
- A new brochure has been printed and is ready for distribution: *Welcome to Old Ottawa East*. Thanks to everyone who worked on it!
- Both CAG and the OECA have objected to the use of cash-in-lieu funds for regular maintenance.

5. Treasurer's Report

- As of the end of August, we have just over \$19,000 in the account.

6. Main Street Reconstruction

A number of comments have been received. There are still traffic delays, but overall construction is moving ahead as expected.

7. Sandy Hill Community Health Centre Update – David Gibson, Executive Director of SHCHC

- Big news is that the SHCHC has moved from 88 Main Street.
- The dynamics of the neighbourhood have changed a lot and the target clientele of new Canadians has been dispersed to some degree.
- The office is moving to 95 Main (where the driving school used to be).
- The approach has shifted so that rather than running programs on site, the office will support programming in appropriate programming spaces.
- SHCHC is still hoping to work toward a community space in the Oblate development.
- SHCHC sees an influx of students into the Lees apartments, although it is difficult to know for sure how many students are there as compared with recent immigrants or other residents.

8. Councillor's Report – David Chernushenko / Sarah Loomis

- Main Street reconstruction: we are still seeing more traffic than we would normally expect but overall the project has settled down and is moving fairly smoothly.
- The question of Main Street re-opening during the winter construction slow-down has arisen, and it has been determined that it would be better to keep to one lane of traffic through the winter season rather than trying to open traffic in both directions while construction ceases for the winter.
- Western Rideau river pathway – the planned pathway along the Rideau River: the City is likely going to deal with it in phases; they are going through a tight budget time.
- In planning for the pathway, the design folks at the infrastructure department are looking now at the steep incline between the Oblates land and Brantwood Park.
- Colonel By and Clegg intersection: there have been a number of comments received, particularly about traffic congestion, but the plan is to keep the intersection as-is.

- Some citizens raised concerns about the intersection, particularly about a tree that makes it difficult for motorists to see oncoming traffic while trying to turn right. This sight-line issue has the effect of making it dangerous for cyclists crossing Colonel By on the north side of the intersection while motorists are preoccupied with the challenge of looking around the tree.
- David will be voting against a proposed City policy change that would see cash-in-lieu money spent on regular maintenance.
- There were issues with the recent ACDC concert with noise levels.
- A question was raised about the councillor's commitment to work toward revising traditional mainstreet policies to make overhead wire burial a matter of course and to develop a funding formula and cost-minimization approach in partnership with Hydro Ottawa. Local resident, Paul Goodkey, indicated that the city consultant's report referred to potential for positive return on investment when undergrounding is performed in combination with street renewal. The councillor's response is that he has not gotten to that yet.

9. Committee Reports

9.1 Planning – Stephen Pope

- A summary of planning events was circulated by email. See Appendix 2.
- Pre-hearing meeting will be scheduled sometime in January for the appeal to Infill 2.
- 12 Hazel: Committee of Adjustment is coming to terms with distinctive trees on private property. There is a lot of discussion going on currently about trees.
- 43 Chestnut : Friends of Chestnut residents have registered their concerns about the triplex planned for Chestnut.
- Bill 73 proposes to give more control to communities in managing development. For the City of Ottawa, Bill 73 does not really have a lot, as many of the proposed systems are already in place. May be a "lot of noise about nothing."

9.2 SLOE – Ian McRae

- A report was circulated by email. See Appendix 3.
- Ian attended a CAFES meeting on August 29 – subject was complete streets.
- 40-50% of trees in the Bank street reconstruction have died. This is due in part to inadequate soil, and the fact that street trees seem to be planned at the end of the planning phase of street reconstruction but ought to be at the beginning.
- Urban Forest Management Plan event to take place on September 23rd
- Ontario Conservation Authorities Act is currently under reconsideration. There is an ongoing public consultation and request for input.
- It is suggested that the community association should work on encouraging private property owners to accept and maintain trees on their property.

9.3 Transportation

- LTMOOC – Lansdowne Traffic Monitoring Committee. OOECA is represented on the committee, but so far our community has not experienced issues in traffic and parking as a result of events at Lansdowne.
- Cycling is very challenging on McLraith Bridge.
- Speedbumps on Glenora: we have to be cautious about suggesting that they might happen. Advocating for speed bumps is not necessarily easy.

9.4 Federation of Citizens' Associations - Jim Strang

- FCA has not been meeting over the summer, although working groups continue.
- First Fall meeting of the FCA will be taking place tomorrow. Kate Martin has agreed to take over as FCA representative, as Jim is stepping down in that role.

9.5 Communications – no report

9.6 Community Safety – no report

9.7 Membership – volunteers are sought for the upcoming Fall membership drive. see appendix 4.

10. Community Garden – No Report

11. Community Activities Group

- Thursday night barbeques were a great success this summer, and there will be another Brantwood Park barbeque this Friday night, with a movie: Princess Bride.
- Main Event was very successful in Brantwood Park this year.
- Summer day camps in Brantwood Park were very successful

12. New Business

- Annual General Meeting in November. One suggestion was that there might be a bit more time for OECA and CAG, as it was a bit rushed last year. We hope to allow plenty of time for questions and answers.
- Is there interest in organizing an all-candidates meeting for the federal election? There will be one on September 29 at Carleton University. There are also plans for one at the church at Elgin and Laurier.

13. Date of Next Meeting - October 13, 2015

Adjournment moved: Jim Strang. 2nd: Stephen Pope. Carried

APPENDIX 1: CHAIR'S REPORT

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Chair's Report – September 2015

(* Indicates agenda item at OOECA Board meeting of September 8, 2015)

1. ***Main Street Construction:**

Project manager Josée Vallée reports:

“While the General Contractor, Karson Konstruction will shut down for the winter (from just before Christmas to approximately April), it will still be a construction site with lane restrictions (no northbound lanes from Clegg to Lees) because Hydro will be on site moving the hydro poles/wires.

“What the site will look like for the winter will depend on how much work the Contractor will get done by then. We will have a better idea in a couple of months. Temporary asphalt will be placed on sidewalks that are not done by then.”

From a traffic point of view City Traffic Operational Studies Officer Stacey Rathwell says:

“Generally speaking, the Main Street Renewal Project is on schedule at this point in time. With respect to traffic concerns surrounding the work zone, we have been addressing each individual inquiry in an attempt to constantly improve conditions in the Old Ottawa East community. The area has seen additional regulatory, warning and information signage, as well as increased enforcement by the Ottawa Police.

“The McIlraith Bridge Rehabilitation is also on schedule at this point. Since this project began, there have been alterations to conditions across the bridge to encourage a ‘Single File’ scenario between cyclists and cars. With a number of ‘Single File – 20km/h’ warning signs, ‘Do Not Pass’ regulatory signs, and lane centred ‘Sharrows’ painted in each direction, we have seen drastic improvement in cyclist safety on the bridge.

“With regard to traffic on side streets, I actually have not heard of any speed/volume concerns or inquiries from the community as of lately. With the most recent two week hard closure between Hawthorne and Lees there was definitely added cut through traffic attempting to find other routes within the community. I imagine this will continue to decrease back to volumes similar to before this closure. So far this week, volumes have already decreased in comparison. Average speeds, as well as 85th percentile speeds have continued to remain in the same range, generally below the posted legal speed limits.”

In terms of upcoming work, Stephen Fitzpatrick, the new communications officer and Associate Environmental Planner with Parsons reports:

“I want to provide you an update on some of the works along Main Street. Towards the end of next week (August 31 - Sept 4), the southbound traffic lane between Springhurst Avenue and Clegg Street will be moved to the east side of the road (on the new asphalt).

“The pedestrians will also be directed to the east side of the road with crossing opportunities at intersections. The new asphalt cycle track in front of St. Paul University will be used for pedestrians while the sidewalk gets constructed. Construction will then start along the west side of the road. The major work (between Springhurst and Clegg) after the traffic flip will be:

- Hydro duct work for the LRT (requires excavation)
- Connection of water and sewer services to buildings (requires excavation)
- Installation of temporary waterlines for affected business owners to minimize disruptions
- Removal of current street furniture (benches, planters)
- Pouring of curbs and resurfacing.

“Access to businesses will be maintained during this work (the business owners would appreciate your help in advertising ‘business open as usual’ on your various social media outlets, and community outreach materials).

Connections are planned to begin at Springhurst, and proceed south down Main to Clegg. It will be an intensive time for construction, but the brunt of work should be complete by November ahead of the winter break. During the winter, it is expected that only Hydro will continue work to relocate the poles. Once I receive a timeline for servicing excavations and temporary water connections, I will communicate it with those affected.”

Other points:

In view of the installation of speed bumps on OOS’s Ossington and the increased traffic on some side streets should options be considered / proposed to the city so that there isn’t permanent significant increase of traffic (often speeding) on side streets? Of note, Glenora residents have experienced considerable additional traffic and remediation measures may be required.

Also, I continue to be dismayed that the only way to deter motorists from breaking rules like illegal turns and wrongful passage (e.g., northbound on Echo at Church of the Ascension) is by having

police enforcement. Surely there are other means - means that are relatively economical. Why is it that there can't be cameras to ticket such offenders just as there are cameras to ticket red-light runners or speeders?

2. Greystone Village Update:

Josh Kardish of the Regional Group notes:

- sales center will open in late September
 - Regional is working with Josée Vallée to coordinate traffic management with the sales office
 - marketing materials are being prepared to get potential customers onto the Regional site, where Regional will have full time parking attendants for the first few weeks
 - Regional is nearing "draft approval" from the City and will notify the CA when they get it (The City will do the same)
 - the draft conditions will be posted on the Regional website
 - the site clean-up start date has been slightly delayed until October
 - Regional will have formal follow up to the LID (stormwater) working session on its website shortly (including detail lists and descriptions of projects that Regional is now pursuing onsite)
 - Regional will provide a separate update on the district energy work that has been done this summer
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- If there are people in the CA who would like a tour of the presentation center the week that Regional opens it, Josh Kardish will arrange a lunch-time walkthrough.
 - In terms of the 30m open space along the river, Regional continues to engage the RVCA Trust. Regional provided new information to RVCA this summer which re-opened the discussion...Regional will let the CA know if there is "something new that is tangible."
 - My observation: I remain, shall we say, puzzled, that the City of Ottawa is not willing to invest in the 30m open space - surely it is a good uses of some of the "city-wide" cash-in-lieu of parkland funding. My analysis shows that Capital Ward has not benefited from the city-wide CIL funding. . We should. The 30m strip along Greystone Village will be of value to Ottawans from across the city.

3. Greystone Village - New Park:

Eddie Gillis is arranging a public meeting with the City and Regional Group - likely some time in October - that will allow residents to review what Regional and the City have produced as a result of the public workshop on proposals for the Grand Allée / Forecourt park. This is a glorious opportunity to help ensure the new park works well for the "village" and OOE as a whole.

4. Corners on Main Update:

Info pending

5. *Main Event - BBQ*

Many thanks to Ron Rose for so thoroughly organizing the association's BBQ and thanks to the many of you who volunteered. The CAG-led "Main Event" worked superbly at Brantwood Park on a beautiful June day. Now, with Ron's pending retirement from the OOECA Board, there is the need for a new leader of the BBQ organization.

6. **Organization of AGM (November 10, 2015, Church of the Ascension)*

I would propose that we follow the pattern we used for last year's OOECA-CAG AGM in terms of agenda and organization. OOECA would cover the donation to Church of the Ascension, the liquor licence and the wine. CAG would look after the food (it has have a \$200 budget for this).

Last year we successfully limited the "talking heads" portion of the meeting, focusing more on Q&As with SHCHC's Chris Osler moderating. We also invited Joe Paraskevas and Rebecca Aird to speak briefly of, respectively, the Mainstreeter and SLOE. I suggest we do this again.

The one outstanding question is whether more than 10 minutes should be allowed for each of OOECA / CAG presentations ... perhaps an extra two or three minutes?

7. *New Slate for Board, 2015-2017*

A new slate will be proposed for the membership's consideration at the AGM. Volunteers have come forward for most positions, including Phyllis Odenbach Sutton who is willing to have her name stand for president. The outstanding vacancies are: Community Safety and the association's representative on the City Centre Coalition.

8. *"Welcome to OOE" Brochure*

Thanks to the hard work of Jan D'Arcy with significant contributions from CAG and others, the long-talked about "Welcome to OOE" brochure is nearing completion and will be available for the membership drive. Through an email vote, Board members approved expenditures for a professional layout and the actual printing of the brochure. And many thanks to Steve Fick who created a special map for the brochure and Jamie Brougham who provided photographs. Finally, Sandy Hill Community Health Centre is providing a generous \$250 contribution to offset printing costs, the balance being covered by OOECA.

9. *City Budget: Footbridge and Pathway*

I'd propose that the association write to Mayor Watson and Councillor Chernushenko requesting that the 2016 budget allow the advancing the Clegg-Fifth Canal Footbridge from the proposed 2020-

2025 period and that the completion of the Rideau River Western Pathway / nature trail be funded. Unfortunately, the federal government did not approve the city's request that sesquicentennial infrastructure funding be provided for the pathway.

10. *Proposed Use of "Cash-in-Lieu of (CIL) Parkland" Funding for Operational Expenditures*

Both OOECA and CAG have strongly objected to the proposed change in the CIL policy that would allow this development-driven funding source to be used for anything other than the creation of additional parkland or capital improvements to existing parkland. Councillor Chernushenko has spoken against the proposed change as well.

11. **Planning Committee Work*

While over the summer there has been relatively little activity on the part of the Board this is most definitely not been the case for Stephen Pope's planning committee. A great thanks to the committee for its efforts, including the provision of advice to residents of Chestnut and Hazel and also for the ongoing efforts of challenging the City's Infill 2 bylaw as it pertains to R3 neighbourhoods.

APPENDIX 2: PLANNING REPORT

Below is an account of the Planning activities undertaken on behalf of OOECA since June. July and early August were fairly busy, but we are now in a period of calm, awaiting bigger things.

OOECA challenge to Infill2 Bylaw

OOECA has registered an objection to the exemption of three unit buildings from the reduction in height for the R3 zone. We have received confirmation of our status from the Ontario Ministry of the Auditor General. There are four appellants: Domicile; Greater Ottawa Home Builders Association; OOECA, and one property owning couple. The planning representative for the OMB is now looking to arrange a pre-hearing conference for some time in early January. I can forward a copy of the OOECA objection to anyone who wishes it.

43 Chestnut Committee of Adjustment application

OOECA and neighbours were unsuccessful in defeating the proposal for 43 Chestnut at CofA, but the decision of the panel was not unanimous. Two parties (one being the Chair) gave written rationales for why they did not support the application, which opens the door for an appeal of the decision at OMB. The published rationale in support of the decision was odd. In the meeting one got the clear impression that the supporting decision was made on the basis of precedent (other similar buildings having been approved in the past), while no recognition was made of recent changes in bylaws. The "four tests" were not consistently applied, which is a good reason to go to the OMB.

Friends of Chestnut Neighbourhood Association (FoCNA) was formed to make the appeal. Members of the OOECA Board were polled regarding financial support for the appeal. While supporting the appeal morally the board did not support covering costs. The deadline to make the appeal was 3 September, and I will attempt to confirm that the appeal was made for the meeting.

12 Hazel Committee of Adjustment application

An application was made to subdivide 12 Hazel and construct two semidetached dwellings. The application did not identify a cluster of "significant trees" as identified under Ottawa's Tree Bylaw, and as a result the adjacent neighbour and OOECA prepared to object at CofA. Prior to the meeting the new owner (a real estate broker) agreed to a two week adjournment to allow further discussion. That discussion took place over the summer resulting in an additional mutually agreed adjournment to November 4th to allow time for investigation of alternatives that will preserve the trees.

Judy MacDonald of 8 Hazel is capably managing the discussions with the current owner. This application will be of significant interest to anyone with mature trees on their property. I have asked Judy to forward any reference material that has arisen from the discussions.

Bill 73 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing consultations on the definition of "minor" variances

On behalf of FCA I have been participating in a consultation on minor variances being held by MMAH. From that consultation there has been an interesting discussion of the case law around the authority of Committees of Adjustment and minor variances. MMAH is looking for direction with regard to the creation of new regulations around planning as part of Bill 73. However, the discussions with a wide group of participants including the Ontario Home Builders Association, BILD (a Greater Toronto Area builders group), Ministry of the Environment, Ministry of Rural Affairs,

Toronto Regional Conservation Association, Canadian Environmental Law Association, Ontario Bar Association, NAIOP (a commercial real estate organization), the City of Toronto, and a variety of GTA Ratepayers associations, has reinforced the value of the four tests and resisted calls for new legislation.

A variety of groups are following the development of Bill 73, which ostensibly amends the Development Charges Act and the Planning Act to provide for more local control of development. From what I have seen, the potential benefits (if they can be called that) will only accrue to smaller municipalities that have not yet made the investment in Official Plans, Committees of Adjustment and other formal planning structures. Arguably those municipalities will now face additional costs to set these structures up. For large cities like Toronto or Ottawa, there won't be much change to the status quo.

The working group as had 6 meetings to date, and will be looking to wind up in late Fall.

OOECA Planning Committee is recruiting

With the new board, we will be losing potentially two members, so there is an opportunity for anyone who is interested in the arcane world of municipal planning to join the committee.

The purpose of the OOECA Planning Committee is to provide a resource to residents of Old Ottawa East with regard to property development. This means being able to explain what can happen and what shouldn't happen according to the planning regulations in the City. We are also an ad hoc advisory group to the Regional Group for the Greystone Village development and to Domicile for "the Corners on Main" development. Other duties included commenting on all applications for minor variances in our neighbourhoods, and defending or opposing applications when it is in the interest of the community association.

Pre-established planning knowledge is not mandatory. However, in it's absence, the patience to work through the comprehensive zoning bylaw (bylaw 2008-250) and the subsequent amendments such as the Mature Neighbourhoods bylaw (2012-147), the Conversions bylaw (2014-189), and the Infill2 bylaw (2015-228), will be considered essential. Participation in the Planning Primer courses offered by the City would also be beneficial. There is an extensive amount of information on the City's Planning and Development web page that takes a little while to absorb, but ultimately provides the roots of each discussion and decision.

Ideally, the planning committee will have one or two representatives from each of the 5 neighbourhoods in Old Ottawa East. Currently we require up to 2 from the North of Queensway neighbourhood. We have two from Archville (not counting FocNA), but may need one replacement. We require 2 from Spenceville. We have two from South of Clegg West of Main. We require 2 from Rideau Gardens.

APPENDIX 3: SUSTAINABLE LIVING OTTAWA EAST

SLOE report to OECA, September, 2015

CAFES meeting of August 29, report

Colin Simpson, City Transportation Branch, or representative: Overview of **Complete Streets Implementation Plan**:

https://www.dropbox.com/s/2zr3klutk9ruaqh/Community_Cafe_Presentation%202015-08-29-English.pptx?dl=0

Graham Saul, Ecology Ottawa presentation - questions on transportation during the municipal election & analysis of results, and recommendations for action related to each level of government:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/pjthycjboxyw8rg/15%2008%2025%20-%20Ecology%20Ottawa%20Presentation%20to%20CAFES%20Group%20on%20Active%20Transportation.pptx?dl=0>

In discussion Colin Simpson disagreed with some of Graham Saul's numbers stating that a lot of walking and biking infrastructure would be subsumed in budgets for rebuilding of other roads, e.g. the Airport Parkway expansion would also include bike pathways.

Re Trees

Four community association reps advocated for trees including Angela Keller-Herzog from the Glebe who noted that the failure of street trees on Bank Street and elsewhere is caused by inadequate soil volumes due to conflicts with underground and overhead utilities. They should be considered first rather than last in the design of complete streets. To this Colin Simpson replied with the standard line that utilities are entitled by provincial rules to access the rights of way. I think the consensus of community reps is that this must be dealt with and that trees have to get a higher priority in complete streets. There may not be time to include this in the Complete Streets Implementation Framework on the Transportation Committee agenda for October 7, 2015.

Other

Urban Forest Management Plan

There will be an initial consultation on Ottawa's new Urban Forest Management Plan to be held at the horticulture Building at Lansdowne Park from 6 to 8 pm on September 23. Guest speaker will Philip van Wassenauer an internationally renowned arborist and urban forestry consultant. I highly recommend seeing this guy.

RVSP at <http://ottawa.ca/en/city-hall/public-consultations/environment/urban-forest-management-plan>

Health Transportation Coalition

Trevor Haché of the [the Healthy Transportation Coalition](#)

“We are asking Community Associations across the City to please 'endorse' our campaign for a Low-Income Public Transit Pass in Ottawa. Read the petition and please sign it if you agree here:

http://healthytransportationcoalition.nationbuilder.com/transit_pass_petition (just shy of 300 people have already signed)

In addition to the Low-Income Public Transit Pass, they have a few more Budget 2016 related 'asks' of Ottawa City Council:

- Ensure that Budget 2016 includes core funding for pedestrian and cycling infrastructure improvements;
- Spend \$3.5 million on the Pedestrian Facilities Program in 2016, and increase the budget for winter maintenance (snow clearing) of sidewalks;
- Create a protected bicycle lane network throughout the city;
- Spend \$20 million a year on cycling, matching the overall transportation budget to the per cent of people currently riding their bikes; and
- Commit to studying user-pay for roads as part of its Term of Council Priorities.

If our Community Association would like to 'endorse' this campaign please write

HealthyTransportationott@gmail.com or call at 613-789-0604

Ontario review of the Conservation Authorities Act

In light of question raised by community members about the Greystone Village shoreline issues and related authorities, a current review by the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry may be interesting. A discussion paper has been posted for a comment period ending in October.

Following are links to the Conservation Authorities, press release and MNR discussion paper:

<http://www.conservationontario.ca/>

http://apps.mnr.gov.on.ca/public/files/er/Discussion_Paper_2015.pdf

Ian McRae

APPENDIX 4 : MEMBERSHIP

September 8th, 2014

Old Ottawa East Community Association

Membership Report

The membership drive for 2015 is officially underway.

Wendy has once again diligently prepared the packages for canvassers

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

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

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

- Picking up canvassing kit from your Zone captain over the next few weeks
- Go door to door on a sunny day on your appointed street to hand out notices for the Annual General Meeting and either renewing or signing up new households for \$3,00.
- Handing back our canvassing kit with information to your Zone Captain around the end of October
- Attending a get together for all the Canvassers and Captains held by the membership chair the first week of November – Best part!!

The past three years have seen the membership of the OOECA grow from 655 to 855. With the continued intensification in OOE, we would like to see these numbers to grow in tandem with this intensification. We are fortunate to have an engaged community and look forward to reaching out to new residents and current residents to be part of the growth in the neighborhood.