



Meeting of the Old Ottawa East Community Association Board

Tuesday, 8 March 2016, 7p.m.

Old Town Hall, 61 Main Street

MINUTES

Attendees

Board Members

John Dance
Eddie Gillis
Paul Goodkey
Don Fugler
Ed Janes
Suzanne Johnston
Jocelyn Kearney
Glen Linder
Kate Martin
Ian McRae
Phyllis Odenbach Sutton
Catherine Pacella
Stephen Pope
Mark Seebaran
Katherine Simonds

Others present

Mary Jo Aquilina
Bill Baldwin
Ian Grabina
Heather Jarrett
John Jarrett
Wendy McRae
Erin O'Connor
Chris Osler
Frederick Richings
Jim Strang
Bonnie Wepler

1. Call to Order – Phyllis Odenbach Sutton – 7:00pm
2. Approval of Agenda
 - Moved: John Dance; 2nd: Glen Linder; Carried.
3. Approval of February 2016 Minutes
 - Moved: Glen Linder; 2nd: Mark Seebaran; Carried.
4. Chair's Report – Phyllis Odenbach Sutton
 - **Mainstreet reconstruction:** Newsletter recently distributed
 - Construction underway; hydro poles out and trees cut down
 - **5th Ave-Clegg bridge** – letter sent to the city manager on behalf of OECA
 - **Greystone village park discussions** – one special meeting held on park design (not well attended).
 - Semi-detached homes on the corner of main and Springhurst (corners on Main) slotted to come down.
 - Presentation centre to open soon.
 - **Coach Houses** - special meeting about coach houses was held at old town hall with city planner responsible for file. The matter was discussed with planning committee, and then a letter was sent to the councilor asking him to be involved.

- Councillor's office has promised to call about coach houses.
 - Paul Goodkey detailed a number of concerns with regards to the Coach House issue.
 - **The Main Event** – BBQ will be coordinated by Ed Janes.
 - **Queensway sound barriers** - letter sent off to our MPP, copied to other representatives including the Councillor's office, about the townhouses close to the Queensway that have no noise barriers . Glen has made an audio clip to demonstrate the extent of the noise. Sent via email.
 - A letter also sent to Councillor regarding safety concerns south of Bank St. bridge about visibility issues heading both north and south.
 - Councillor's office replied on 8 March 2016. The letter asked for a road safety study (also requested by Glebe and Ottawa South community associations)
 - A letter was also sent to the Ottawa public school board about the proposed changes to Elgin St. Public school.
 - The next issue of the Mainstreeter will contain an article written by John Dance about potential sesquicentennial events
5. Erin O'Connor, Greystone Village presentation
- Moving of contaminated fill offsite. Started onto Clegg now, beginning phase 1
 - Pedestrian access will be impeded starting where the multi use path connects (Springhurst park to St. Paul's) to accommodate the moving of contaminated soil out. Will be refilled.
 - Would be willing to go to the site with members of CA to mark where the path should run.
 - Effort will be made to ensure the new detour is safely marked.
 - Material will be added to make path safe and accessible.
 - The new path will be put into the final location of where the new path will be.
 - At the end of it we will have a roughed in accessible pathway .
6. Councillor's report
- Report delivered by Ian Grabina on behalf of the Councillor.
 - **Maple Grove Project** – each ward is getting 150 maple trees for the sesquicentennial celebrations, City's vision is to put all the trees for each ward in one grove (approx. 1 hectare of land)
 - Heron Park area across from the RA centre has been identified as a potential location– not many other large parcels of land that can accommodate 150 full grown maple trees in Capital Ward.
 - Sesquicentennial project proposals – community associations can apply for grant up to \$3000 for any event falling in 2017 whether or not they take place on an official holiday – can receive up to \$10,000 for cross-community partnership projects.
 - **Main St.**– Clegg North - timing challenges getting in cement crosswalks.
 - Further closures of Lees and Hawthorne corner expected.
 - Cycle safe initiatives for the ward – safe cycling group has offered to put out some signage in the community to promote safe cycling.
 - The OECA was asked by the Councillor's office to think about the key areas we want to promote safe cycling (i.e. Pretoria bridge). Would include literature on safe cycling, as well as etiquette training. They provide materials and human resources to put up posters and messaging around areas of concern.
 - As of March 19th, certain parts of Colonel by is set to close as a result of events – Starting on St. Patty's day –less closure events than last year are to take place.
 - **Bank St. bridge** – area traffic management study - The Councillor will recommend that a study be undertaken to assess collision injury data and speed and volume. Currently not a high collision area because people are afraid to use it.

- would explore whether a traffic light could go in to the area next to kaleidoscope kids shop.
- speed boards on bank St. bridge will be happening in both directions.
- safe cycling events will be held to help mitigate unsafe cycling feeling for pedestrians on the bridge
- Bank St. bridge is a heritage bridge it creates additional constraints in terms of available options.
- A question was put to Ian about photo radar as a means of mitigating speeding and asked that the Councillor speak to this issue in the future.

7. Treasurer's report – OECA balance \$20,468.31 as of 7 March 2016.

8. Committee reports

a. Planning - Stephen Pope

- Report sent by email. See Appendix 2.
- Email from City about Infill 2 sent to Planning Committee. Meeting to be held on March 17th.
- 184 Main St. to be heading the committee of adjustment, though date has been postponed for now
- Domicile site demolition and site excavation starting soon

b. SLOE - Ian McRae

- Report sent by email. See Appendix 3.
- Monday March 14th, 166 Drummond St. Unit B - SLOE general meeting will be held
- Greystone stormwater measures including rain gardens etc. above construction required by standards
- Apparently such measures would have to be approved by the Ministers of the environment – MPP's office has been requested to act quicker than the 9 months required for approval.
- Additional tree sites have been identified – will discuss with city to see if more trees can be planted
- OECA's support has been requested for concept of rogue user fees in the downtown area – Ian will send email about the request
- Wesley Church on Graham Avenue to be completely renovated, about 6 months behind schedule to start construction. Ian and John discussing a new tree to go out from of the church to replace one that was removed

c. Transportation - Glen Linder

- Lansdowne transportation meeting held 7 March 2016
- Discussions concerning length of time to access Lansdowne from various areas, how full the parking lot is etc. Plan to put up signage to show that Lansdowne parking lot can be accessed from Queen Elizabeth as well as bank St.
- Focus of meeting on Bank St. bridge issues
- Police service has new mechanisms to determine if cars are less than 1.2m away of cyclists – new radar detectors to determine this
- In 2018 Bronson avenue will be redone from canal to north of the Queensway

d. FCA – Eddie Gillis

- Report distributed by email. See Appendix 4.
- Open House held on the 29th of February – final design concept of the park area between the forecourt and the grand allee of the Oblates development. Erin and Jessica the landscape architect were thanked for their efforts.
- In terms of next steps, as the concept is turned into actual plans, the committee (John, Ian and Eddie) will be kept in the loop about community input into the process

- **Sesquicentennial funding** – want to keep in mind opportunities to be gained by partnering with other community associations. Proposal deadline by end of September. In October a jury selection will take place and recipients will be notified in mid-October
 - Another meeting also held on homelessness. The following stats were provided: there are 1100 people every night in shelter, 500 in shelters for over 5 years, 1 in 5 is a child under 17, about 120 people sleeping outside without shelter.
 - Affordable housing options within communities is an issue being explored
 - **Coach houses** – FCA passed a motion calling for greater consultation – will send email to Phyllis with motion.
 - e. City Centre Coalition – Kate Martin**
 - No report
 - f. Communications - Catherine Pacella**
 - No report
 - g. Community Safety – Mark Seebaran**
 - Provinces are consulting about reforming police services, including governance of police services and civilian oversight, looking at how linkages can be improved between community service providers and police
 - OOS Fire Hall will host one of two Ottawa consultations – to be held Saturday April 2nd 1-3pm.
 - An online survey is available (link to survey in Chair’s report) about mental health services and homelessness.
 - h. Membership – Suzanne Johnston**
 - No report
 - i. CAG**
 - Registration going well for spring. Summer camp registration open, one is full and other close to full.
 - Brantwood after school program is full. CAG taken over Old Town Hall after school program, a few places still available
 - Vendors for Main event being sought (food, crafts, jewellery etc.) \$25/table – can register straight from the CAG website
 - OOE survey regarding OECA 2016 priorities
 - Elgin St. Public School boundary change issue
9. OOE survey regarding OECA 2016 priorities – Ed Janes
- Priorities based on community feedback starting in the fall
 - Objective to identify priorities for community members
10. Elgin St. Public School Boundary Change Issue
- Elgin is overcrowded. Proposal to move English program out, and change boundaries for OOE, (north of Oblates essentially for French immersion you go to Elgin, south of Oblates to Hopewell school)
 - a. Hopewell would stay the same but the area north of Oblates would now go to Viscount Alexander
 - b. General acknowledgement that there still needs to be an accommodation review
 - c. Trustees voted to temporarily relocate incoming jk students and then the following year sk students to Centennial school (status quo for OOE pending full accommodation review)
 - d. Motion passed with two votes against. One of the dissenting trustees may seek to re-open the issue on March 29th
 - e. OOE trustee wants a full review and is supportive
 - f. When review happens it will be relevant for the community association. In the past, schools could send one or two reps and community associations are given the right to send a representative as well

- g. Shawn Menard (OOE) trustee would still like exploration about how to better use Lady Evelyn to accommodate the high volume of school-aged immersion children in the community
- h. Recently changed kindergarten model (50/50 jk sk for two years, 50% English 50% French)

11. Adjournment.

Moved: Ed Janes; 2nd:Don Fugler; Carried.

Appendix I.

Chair's Report – March 8, 2016

Main Street construction

Hydro pole replacement appears to be close to completion north of Clegg, with tree trimming and removal proceeding south of Clegg.

Clegg / Fifth Avenue pedestrian bridge

As a follow-up to the discussions at the public information session on February 4, the OOECA sent a letter to Craig Anderson, the City's senior project manager on this file, on February 24 (copied to our Councillor, MPP and MP). The key purposes of this letter were: to note our support for the possible acceleration of the construction of the bridge; to thank our local, provincial and federal representatives for their support in moving the project forward; and to provide our comments along with some recommendations on the bridge design.

In terms of the new design, we recommended the following tweaks:

“Additional Stairs: Stairs should be built at the northern end of the switchback on the east side and at the northern end of the ramp on the west side.

Lookout / Resting Area(s) at Mid-Span: The loss of the previous design's comfortable viewing area at mid-span is regrettable so we recommend redesign that allows people to stop and safely take in what will be glorious new views of the canal.

Structural Ramps: One of the stated goals of the bridge is to be “slender, light and transparent.” However, the new proposal for a large and lengthy berm on the west side and the previously proposed berm under the switchback on the east side do not contribute to this goal. So we recommend that the ramps all be supported on slender piers so that views aren't blocked and the mass of the bridge is reduced.

East Side Landing Area: The current proposed landing is situated on a small boulevard between Colonel By Drive and Echo Drive. We recommend the design consider all possible opportunities to enhance the size, safety, connectivity, landscaping and efficacy of the east side landing area. “

Greystone Village - New park

The OOECA hosted a public information session on Monday, February 29 to preview the latest design concepts for the Grande Allee and Forecourt of the Greystone Project. Eddie will be providing further information in his report to the Board.

The Corners at Main

Domicile is planning to demolish the existing row houses on Main Street soon. By the end of the month they expect to start site preparations and excavation.

The Domicile Presentation Centre is almost done. Inside, it will feature one fully furnished model along with a large display/sales area. They plan to open the Presentation Centre at the end of the month for a couple of specific invitation events. The public opening is currently planned for Saturday, April 2nd.

Secondary dwelling units in accessory structures (i.e., coach houses)

The OOECA sponsored an information session on the City's proposals on Monday, February 22. We subsequently sent a request to our Councillor on Wednesday, February 24 for assistance in addressing some of our questions and concerns with the proposals. In particular, we noted our concerns with respect to:

Public consultation – very low response rate to original questionnaire and decision to drop a second questionnaire.

Integration with urban context – desired goal of no adverse impact on adjacent properties (in terms of privacy, shadowing and overlook) could be difficult to achieve with some of proposed rules, e.g., 2 storey height.

Inconsistency of recommendations to existing bylaws – in particular, proposed set-backs could be insufficient for construction and maintenance, and that ideal of private green space in rear yards as proposed in Infill 2 rules would be ignored.

Main Event, June 18

I am happy to report that Ed Janes, our VP, has agreed to take on the duties associated with organizing the barbeque. Thank you Ed!

Queensway sound barriers

The OOECA will be sending a letter to our MPP and Ministry of Transport staff on the lack of sound barriers at the far ends of Havelock, Montcalm and Greenfield. Thanks to Glen Linder for drafting the letter and filming a short video of the current traffic situation.

On-going safety concerns on the Bank St Bridge at the canal

We are supporting the efforts of our sister organizations in Old Ottawa South and the Glebe to request a comprehensive road safety study of the Holmwood to Aylmer section of Bank St which would identify and implement measures that will alleviate the safety concerns.

Review of Minimum Parking Requirements

On March 3, I received the following information from Tim Moerman, a City of Ottawa planner in the Policy Development and Urban Design Branch, regarding a City-initiated zoning amendment.

Additional information regarding this proposal, **including PDF maps at a higher resolution**, is available online at ottawa.ca/minimumparking

If you have any questions or require additional information, contact Tim Moerman by telephone at 613-580-2424, extension 13944 or by email, at tim.moerman@ottawa.ca.

Please provide comments to Tim on or before **April 5, 2016**: by mail using the comment sheet available from Tim, or by e-mail at tim.moerman@ottawa.ca or minimumparking@ottawa.ca.

Note that if you request to be included and/or submit comments, you will receive notice of when community and committee meetings are happening and further information related to the decision regarding the application.

Police, police services and community safety

Our Community Safety representative Mark Seebaran has provided the link below to a provincial initiative.

The Province of Ontario is currently consulting with the public on a new provincial policing plan. To date the province has prepared a discussion paper, created an online survey (to be completed by April 8, 2016) and will be holding a number of public consultations across the province. The Ottawa session will be on April 2, 2016 at the Old Firehall in Old Ottawa South.

More information plus the links to the paper and survey are available at:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/police-police-services-and-community-safety#section-1>

Proposed boundary changes to Elgin Street Public School

The Ottawa Board of Education recently announced that they will not be making the proposed boundary changes for OOE at this time. I have asked Catherine Pacella (our Communications rep on the Board + a co-chair of the Elgin Street School Parent Council) if she could provide feedback and an update on the latest school board decisions.

Appendix 2. – Planning Report, Stephen Pope

OMB Appeal 2015-228 (Infill 2)

No particular news. The councillor's office has offered to approach PGM to facilitate discussion. The proposal to pursue discussions runs to the end of March. Following City Solicitor Tim Mark's proposal mediation will be requested in April.

I met with Jacques Hamel and Rob Haslett representing the Urban Infill Committee for the Greater Ottawa Homebuilders to explore any options for bridging positions. At the meeting I confirmed that the arguments that City staff have been presenting as building code requirements were in fact only preferences on the builders part. As we are opposed to a building type that the infill industry favours there will be no agreement on our specific issue.

Greystone Village

Not a lot of news at this point from Regional. The Board again welcomes Erin O'Connor to the meeting.

New Planning Projects

Coach Houses

A special meeting was held to receive information and provide feedback to planner Emily Davies on the proposal for coach houses 22nd February. The driver for this project is an interpretation of a clause in the Planning Act obliging the City to provide opportunities for secondary dwellings. (Section 16, Sentence 3, clauses a and b.) Considerable correspondence has gone between Chair Odenbach-Sutton and Past Planning Chair Paul Goodkey. Ms. Davies has been clearly made aware of the concerns over the conflict between the intentions of the Infill 2 bylaw for the protection of greenery and privacy in rear yards, and the proposal for coach houses.

Minimum Parking Requirements

City Planner Tm Moerman attended the Planning Committee meeting 23 February to discuss the proposal for revised parking minima. Significant in that discussion is that the City is not intending to revisit the decision made in the Infill 1 mediation to remove all requirements for parking for apartments having fewer than 12 units. The final draft of the proposal is now being circulated. Comments on the minimum parking requirements proposal will be received by Tim Moerman until April 5th.

Upcoming Committee of Adjustment (CofA) Hearings

184 Main Street:

A request for minor variances in support of a new building at 184 Main Street was intended for the March 2nd CofA hearing. The proposal anticipates a two storey building with a quick service restaurant at grade and an apartment above. The proposal caused concern regarding the planning process (the actual variances were not of concern) as it was assessed as a house not a mixed use building with the City arguing that the property was subject to the terms of the R3P zone as amended by the Infill 1 and 2 bylaws. Under the actual zone for that property (TM7 [2182]) a house is permitted subject to the pre-existing zoning, but the variances would have not been required for a mixed use commercial building. Questions have been sent to the Councillor's office and to the Planner responsible requesting information on how it is decided to interpret the appropriate zoning in mixed use zones.

The next CofA hearing is scheduled for the 16th of March. No new files are on the list for OOE, but the committee is following the manner in which variances for the rear yard setback are being approved.

Site Plan Approvals

176 Greenfield:

No new information has come forward. The application is still in process.

113-115 Echo Drive:

No new information has been received, however the Councillor's office has had a meeting with Michael Mizzi of PGM to press our concerns.

Appendix 3: SLOW – Ian McRae

SLOE Report to the OOECA

March 2016

SLOE General Meeting March 14

There will be a SLOE General Meeting on Monday, March 14, at 7pm at 166B Drummond St. SLOE is open to all Ottawa East residents interested in activities that foster environmental and social sustainability. A newsletter was recently sent out to the community and OOECA board members and is reprinted below. Please consider attending or pass along this invitation to any people you think might want to get involved.

Deep Green

Following up on the Deep Green initiative, members of SLOE met with Regional and their engineering consultants, Novatech, on Feb. 10 to discuss possible LID measures that were identified for consideration in Greystone Village. Regional has committed to implement several LID stormwater measures at Greystone that would advance LID experience and understanding in Ottawa. Regional's offer is in addition to and beyond standard stormwater infrastructure required by regulations. The City engineers and planners are receptive but we learned that a provincial review by the Ministry of the Environment would be required that could take up to nine months. SLOE raised the issue with staff of the MPP to determine if this requirement could be expedited or relieved.

Trees

John Dance and I reviewed the updated tree planting proposals for Main Street. Although overall it is satisfactory, the plan does have some potential improvements that we will refer to the project engineers. We noted some private properties that might benefit from additional trees. We will follow up to see if more trees can be planted.

Ian McRae

Appendix 4:

Federation of Citizens' Associations of Ottawa

Report to:

OOECA General Meeting

March 8, 2016

The February meeting of the FCA was held on February 4, 2016 at the Glebe Community Centre. Approximately 50 representatives were present including Phyllis Odenbach Sutton, Paul Goodkey and Eddie Gillis from the OOECA.

OTTAWA 2017

The focus of the primary segment of the meeting was on the activities and celebrations being planned in Ottawa for Canada's 150th birthday in 2017.

Marie-Soleil Bergeron, Coordinator, Programming and Community Outreach for the City of Ottawa described the preparations and events linked to [Ottawa 2017](#). Ottawa 2017 is tasked with creating 12 full months of big, bold, immersive and moving experiences that will complement national celebrations and annual events and festivals. Marie-Soleil noted that the City will be involved in a number of blockbuster events including Red Bull Crashed Ice, the Juno Awards, Canada Day and a July 2 Breakfast on the Bridge which recreates a very popular Australian event.

Community groups interested in organizing an activity can access the [Civic Events Funding Program](#), where \$200,000 has been committed to 2017 events.

The purpose of the Civic Events Funding program is to promote community spirit, unity and cohesion by holding celebrations that:

- Have free admission; are open to and promoted to the general public
- Bring community members together to celebrate the holiday
- Have a wide range of activities, family entertainment and attractions
- Foster civic pride
- Develop unity in the ward or district
- Are hosted within a specific district or ward in Ottawa

Craig Cornell, Program manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture at the City of Ottawa provided more information on the Civic Events Program, noting that the program is designed for events held within three days of a civic holiday. When it was suggested that the requirement to hold events in conjunction with civic holidays could restrict communities from participating, he committed to looking into the matter.

Funding will be awarded at a maximum of \$5,000 for one group or \$10,000 for multiple groups partnering for an event. Application forms will be available in mid-May with an application deadline of mid to late September. There will be a juried review of applications and recipients will be announced at the end of October.

Steven Klovan and Agnes Warda recounted their experiences in organizing and producing events both in the community and around the world.

Marie Eveline of Volunteer Ottawa spoke about the opportunity to build capacity and expertise in the not-for-profit sector, and noted the importance of gaining commitments from volunteers as there will be a lot of organizations seeking to enlist volunteers in 2017. There was also a suggestion that the City consider funding the \$175 annual membership fee for community groups that planned to work with Volunteer Ottawa for Ottawa 2017.

CONSTRUCTION COORDINATION

The following motion was designed to assist motorists and residents in understanding how construction projects may impact their travel, and to allow for their input on major projects.

“That the FCA recommend to the City of Ottawa that, when the City is considering construction projects that will significantly disrupt major transportation corridors, a traffic mitigation plan be developed as part of the project development, and that such traffic mitigation plan (including vehicles, transit, cyclists and pedestrians) be subject to public consultation prior to implementation.”

The motion was carried unanimously.

COACH HOUSE ISSUE

Emily Davies from the City of Ottawa made a brief presentation on coach houses. She noted that the Province made changes in 2011 to the Planning Act that allowed for coach houses on residents' property. Phyllis Odenbach Sutton spoke to the topic, voicing opposition to the City plan and noting that the survey upon which the City relied for its recommendations was so small as to be unrepresentative. Phyllis noted the likely loss of greenspace, privacy and natural light that could result.

An FCA steering committee will be formulating a position on the issue and determining what measures it can take to assist community associations.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The FCA Treasurer reminded community associations that annual membership fees are now due. The annual fee for membership in the FCA is \$30.

Eddie Gillis, OOECA representative to the FCA