

Chair's Report December 12, 2017

Annual General Meeting of November 14

- what a wonderful evening; it was great to see so many members of our community at the Church of the Ascension
- I have not seen the final count re attendance or from our annual membership drive, but the church seemed to me to be more full than last year; thank you to all who were able to attend and/or become a member/renew their membership
- we had great feedback on our slide show of the year in pictures so we plan to do this again next year; for the photographers in our midst, please send me photos that you think would be a good record of what is happening as the year proceeds
- we will be discussing the AGM at the December meeting: what worked / what could be improved & we welcome all feedback

Sesquicentennial PM speaker series

- we had another wonderful turn-out for our November 29 event on PM Pierre Trudeau
- please join us if you can for our last event before Christmas on Monday, December 11 at 7:00pm in room L120, 233 Main Street at Saint Paul University

Safety & Grey Cup

- I received a copy of a letter sent from Old Ottawa South president Emilie Taman to Chief of Police Charles Bordeleau on November 13, 2017; the issues raised were the need for an enhanced police presence during the Grey Cup Festivities week & the recent increase in firearms related incidents in our communities (which included references to the incidents in our neighbourhood)
- the only feedback that I received from our community on Grey Cup impacts related to more on-street parking in OOE, particularly on Grey Cup Sunday
- please let me know if there were any other incidents of concern
- FYI Chief Bordeleau replied on the same day with the following message:
"I've reviewed the attached letter and have asked our operations Deputy to provide you with a response on both matters."
- I am not aware of any further response from the police at this time

Naming of the Clegg-Fifth foot-bridge

- the Councillor mentioned this process at our AGM
- we received the following additional information from Ian Grabina in the Councillor's office on November 27 (note that John Dance is our lead on the footbridge file):

"Suggestions of names will be solicited from residents of Ottawa and the Algonquins of Ontario. An email form can be accessed through a dedicated button at www.capitalward.ca. However, suggestions submitted by written letter are also welcome and can be sent to (the Councillor's) office (address below). Applicants are asked to provide the name and a brief (250-word maximum) rationale. The deadline for receipt of applications is March 1, 2018.

Here are a few guidelines to follow.

If the name put forward is a historic event, person or place, what is its/his/her relationship to the bridge? If you are nominating an outstanding individual: how was this person exceptionally dedicated or did they demonstrate excellence in service to the communities surrounding the bridge?; OR how did they volunteer or give extraordinary help or care to individuals, families or groups or support the communities surrounding the bridge?; OR how did they demonstrate commitment to equity, inclusion, justice or reconciliation.

Once the nomination period has closed, the City's naming department will review all submissions to ensure they follow proper regulations.

A shortlist of all vetted and eligible names will be deliberated and voted upon by a Naming Committee of eight members, chaired by me (the Councillor) and comprised of:

- one representative of each of the three neighbouring Community Associations (GCA, OOECA, OSCA). Please contact yours, if you are interested;
- one member of the public from each of those same communities, as nominated by their respective community association;
- one representative of the mayor's office

Once a preferred name is chosen, it will be brought forward to City Council for formal approval.

Mailing address: David Chernushenko, Councillor, Capital Ward, City of Ottawa, [110 Laurier Ave. West, Ottawa ON K1P 1J1.](#)"

LRT bridge pathway

- I continue to hear from a number of OEE residents who are wondering why the pathway across the bridge near the Lees apartments is not open
- our Councillor's office is trying to get more information on the rationale for a continued closure, particularly in light of the fact that the pathways adjacent to the tracks are open in the immediate area

Children's garden remediation

- a number of the neighbours bordering the Children's garden have raised privacy concerns as a result of the change in elevation following remediation and the proposed chain link fence
- Ron Rose attended a meeting at the garden with some of the neighbours and the Councillor (& Ian Grabina from his office) on November 24

New logo

- John will be speaking to this idea at our Board meeting
- we currently are using a (somewhat fuzzy) logo of the Old Town Hall as our letterhead; but perhaps it is time to consider something else?

Future Board direction / actions / goals

- I am hoping we will have a chance at the December meeting for Board members to talk a bit about their interests / ideas.
- In this context, I would like to share a message I received from Cam (one of our new Board members & a member-at-large) as he will be out of town on December 12:
He is keen to do some outreach to local businesses and storefronts to talk about a vision for Main Street and the rest of the neighbourhood. If others are interested, please contact Cam.
- strategic goals were last set in 2014 (although the link on our web-page does not seem to work - <https://ottawaeast.ca/about>); I would encourage you to consider what goals you feel would be appropriate for a future Board conversation - perhaps at the monthly meeting in February?

Petition to Stand up for Community Newspapers

- I received the following message from the Elmvale Acres Community Association:
"the Elmvale Acres Community Association (EACA) located in (Ward 18 - Alta Vista) has started a petition calling on the Competition Bureau to intervene in this transaction (Postmedia and Torstar announcement that they were swapping 32 community newspapers and then shutting them down).

Many residents in the ward of Alta Vista have put their support behind this petition and we have the full support of other community associations in the ward including: Canterbury Community Association, Riverview Park and Alta Vista Community Association - **but we need your help.**

The petition is approaching 400 signatures and is gaining momentum, but so many residents across Ottawa and Ontario are unaware of its existence.

The EACA is urging you to help spread the word to your communities while there's still time. Our hope is that residents across Ottawa are passionate supporters of their community newspapers and are ready to put their name behind our collective effort to ensure local stories continue to be told.

Please share this petition link with your contacts, and encourage them to share it with their contacts. If we work together -- communities supporting community journalism -- we might yet save our collective voices.

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