

Chair's Report June 13, 2017

Main Street

- official reopening coming soon! (see Main Event below)

- however, there are still some adjustments being contemplated, e.g., I received the following info from the Councillor's office on May 25:

"the raised curb option at Springhurst/ Oblates will be constructed sometime this summer and will replace the current lane-markings arrangement. The Traffic Engineer was on-site a few mornings and saw some questionable driving behaviour prompted him to conclude that road markings were not a sufficient deterrent in this particular case."

Main Event - June 17

- I encourage everyone in the community to join in the activities on Saturday, June 17; the Community Activities Group (CAG) has again planned a day full of events to enjoy

- the Community Association will be offering up barbeque fare (thanks to Andrew for heading up this volunteer effort)

- the day will also feature the official ceremony to celebrate the reopening of Main Street

- I would also like to thank Pastor Dan Bryne who has found volunteers from the Ottawa Chinese Bible Church to help out with the street barriers (as Main St itself will be closed in part for the festivities

- and an FYI for those of you at the last Board meeting where we discussed the CAG request to provide sponsorship funding: we decided post that meeting to provide \$200 of support to the Main Event

Rideau River Western Pathway

- in response to several questions posed to the Councillor's office, see below for more info re the timelines and lighting for this project:

"Construction will begin at the Springhurst/ LRT bridge end with work in Brantwood set to commence in August. I know that they've already cleared the slope leading to the LRT bridge from Springhurst park so we should see construction begin shortly.

The lit route will be from the LRT station down the LRT corridor to the RRWP (where the LRT bridge and the RRWP meet) and then on to Greystone. Folks may of course opt to go diagonally through 160 Lees but this route is unlit albeit more direct."

Capital Ward Open House on June 11

There will be an open house (hosted by our Councillor) for residents who wish to view details of final plans and ask questions about designs, anticipated construction timing and impacts of:

- the footbridge over the Rideau Canal connecting the Glebe with Old Ottawa East and South;
- the Western Rideau River Pathway (which will connect existing paths and trails from Billings Bridge to the Lees transit station); &
- the series of changes to bus routes and service related to the opening of light rail service.

Greystone Village

- I received the following message from Erin at Regional on May 18:

"In discussions with our site management team and contractors, I'm advised due to a number of works proceeding within and near the 30m river corridor, we will require the pathway to be closed over the course of this summer. The path will be closed starting June 12th with the reopening anticipated October 1st. I have pressed upon everyone the desire to reopen as soon as possible. They've agreed to monitor their schedules as the work progresses and do the best they can to accommodate this. The good news, the following works will be completed during that time:

- A new siltation fence installed on the top of bank/slope along the entire length of the river
- 1 foot of clean top soil placed along the entire corridor, reducing any risk there may have been to exposure of the contaminated material.
- Construction and completion of the multi-use pathway including asphalt
- Landscaping of the switchback near Clegg and reseeding of the newly placed material.

Possible additional landscaping and naturalization of the remainder of the corridor may occur based on future discussions with the City, Conservation Authority and consultation with SLOE.

Closing the pathway at this time will also allow us the room to remediate Phase 2 and 3 areas right up to the edge safely and probably just a little beyond the 30m boundary in some areas. It will also mean, after all this work is done, the public will have access to the full width of the

corridor and likely very little to no interruptions after this summer. It's like ripping the band off rather quickly rather than extending the pain for lengths of time.

The pathway will be blocked off and signage installed directing cyclists and pedestrian to head to Main Street and around. We apologize in advance the inconvenience this will cause but in the end it will look great and benefit all."

Sesquicentennial PM Speaker Series

- we had another very successful event in our speaker series on Monday, May 29; Dr Greg Donaghy made a fascinating presentation on Sir Robert Borden and responded to a broad range of questions
- for those interested in some reviews of the evenings, I will point you to the Old Ottawa South Oscar which has already published an article on the April presentation by Dr Phil Azzie on Sir John A Macdonald (see page 18 in June edition at this link <https://www.oldottawasouth.ca/documents/oscar/2017/2017-06-June.pdf>) and will also have an article on the May Borden event in their next publication
- our June event will be the celebration of the life and times of PM Lester Bowles Pearson and will be lead by Dr Stephen Azzi on Monday, June 26
- all are welcome to these free presentations, co-hosted by Saint Paul University, which are being held in room L120 (with the closest entrance at 233 Main St)
- to date we have speakers tentatively lined up to January 2018 (with a summer break)
- but we continue to receive suggestions for additional speakers, indeed we have just received an offer from the great-great grandson of Alexander Mackenzie to present the life and times of our 2nd PM
- I would like the Board to consider whether we should carry on with this successful series further into 2018 or set a more definitive end point

Springhurst Park

- the sod has now been laid in the higher traffic areas of the park; hopefully the cooler weather and rain will help to get this sod well-established
- Springhurst Park Action has acquired a picnic table (courtesy of the Sandy Hill Community Health Centre) and installed a table tennis top
- there are some other concerns / ideas to consider that I have been hearing as well: what to do with the former horseshoe pit end of the Park;
- how to get shade trees planted for the two picnic tables which are currently in the glaring sun;
- whether some shade trees could also be planted to block the evening sun (which is right in the players' eyes when using the north basket) and reduce the wind;
- whether fruit trees could be considered with the crops going to Hidden Harvest.

- There is now a Springhurst Park Action (SPA) Facebook page - I have checked it out and "liked it"; perhaps others may want to follow suit
- SPA is also following up on the resurfacing of the basketball court

Ottawa Public Health presentation

- I was contacted by Ottawa Public Health to see if the association would be interested in having a short presentation / discussion about alcohol in Ottawa.
- Recently Ottawa Public Health released a report about the [Status of Alcohol in Ottawa](#) and is interested in sharing the results with groups like ours and hearing about what alcohol means to us.
- They are offering a 30-45 minute presentation in a small group discussion format.
- would this be of interest for a Monthly Board meeting?

Mayor's Breakfast

- on Monday, June 26 I will be attending a breakfast with the mayor, other representatives from community associations in the Capital Ward and our Councillor

Planning

See summary below of May 23 OOECA Planning Committee meeting prepared by the May rotating Chair of our group:

1. 173 Glenora – Paul spoke with the the builder (Jacques) regarding written comments provided
 - In general seemed agreeable to take most of the feedback to the owner (basement windows, location of side windows, garbage)
 - Will push owner for AC location on roof, but ultimately will depend on cost
 - Will look at walkway
 - Still targeting late June / early July for CofA
2. Coach Houses – two meetings held at city hall
 - Next step – waiting for comments back from city staff
 - Some discussion on how to push city to do proper consultation and not rush through ‘house-keeping’ amendments

[note that there has been some further back and forth with City staff and we are hoping that we will have time to review the proposed new motions before they are sent to the City Planning Committee for acceptance]

3. R4 Zoning Review
 - No plans to submit any additional feedback to the City

- Phyllis took action to get Tim to clarify his comment regarding bedroom count

[note that the concern had been whether it would be possible for a single house to contain more than one unit with up to 8 bedrooms; we were informed that 8 bedrooms would be the maximum number of bedrooms within a single house]

4. 41 Concord North – no update
5. Old Ottawa East Community Centre in Deschatelet Building
 - Details to be presented at June board meeting
6. Community Association Liaison (Allison Hamlin)
 - Paul took action to send question to Allison on height measurement
7. OMB Reform (Local Planning Appeals Tribunal)
 - Waiting to see the proposal
8. 113/115 Echo
 - No update on proposal, but Paul shared Main Street cycle-track, sidewalk, shared pathway plans received from the working group along with comments he provided to Ed
 - Any comments from the planning committee should be provided to Paul / Ed