



Meeting of the Old Ottawa East Community Association Board

Tuesday, 13 June 2017, 7p.m.

Old Town Hall, 61 Main Street

Minutes

Attendees

Board Members

John Dance
Don Fugler
Ed Janes
Jocelyn Kearney
Bob Parkins
Don Stephenson
Phyllis Odenbach Sutton

Others Present

Jamie Brougham
Rick Burrowes
Mackenzie Buchanan
Matt Cassidy
David Chernushenko
Barry Davis
Vicki Davis
Ian Grabina
Elizabeth Millar
Andrew Power
Jasmine Tranter
Bonnie Wepler

1. Call to Order - 7:00pm Phyllis Odenbach Sutton
2. Approval of Agenda
 - Moved: Ed Janes; 2nd: Bob Parkins; Carried.
3. Approval of May 2017 Minutes
 - Moved: Phyllis Odenbach Sutton; 2nd: Ed Janes; Carried.
4. Councillor's Report – David Chernushenko
 - Formal re-opening of Main St scheduled for Jun 17, expecting several members from city hall.
 - Had a photo op with the artists who did our underpass today, the artists were very appreciative of community outreach
 - David will be hosting on Jun 21 at Immaculata an event to show final plans and drawing for Western River Pathway and Footbridge over the canal, changes to OC transpo routes. There will be service from Main St to the hospital, not sure on start date yet, waiting on city and LRT finalization.
 - Bike Rodeo last Sunday went well, had good participation.
 - Urban Forest management Plan, has gone public, people can now see it. David expressed satisfaction with the results.
 - Question from Don about surveying different Main St user groups, city is still working to complete all streets and sections of Main to all user groups. Has been mostly positive feedback, knows there are areas for improvement ie. Tight turning radius for buses in

places where they mount the curb. City is open to “tweaking as they go” anything that isn’t working.

- Question about button markers for cyclists at stone gates crossing main, user having trouble finding the buttons. Phyllis suggests sending query to Josee Valee
- Question re: bike path along Brantwood park, environmental protection barrier went up “6 weeks ago” with a bulldozer there and no work being done. Jamie wants to know when to expect it being finished up. Phyllis pointed out that Ian has said that the geotex fencing will be coming down on Jun 29
- Question re: the other side of the river, and the forested area with road cutting through it, Jamie wants to know if there is a possibility for stewardship to maintain this area and keep it nice
- Question from Vicki about when transit bridge being open again, there is a sidewalk there that is closed to the public and people want to walk it
- Question from Phyllis re: Noise Bylaw and current status. David argued to keep Lansdowne’s status as unique to city’s blanket laws around noise at any venue in the city
- Phyllis asked for any further news on a community centre – David said he wants one but doesn’t have much of an update.

5. Deschatelets Redevelopment: Community Centre and Affordable Housing (CAHDCO) Jasmine Tranter

- Jasmine is project manager from CAHDCO working with Regional to redesign Deschatelets building
- Has a mandate to bring affordable housing to the space, doesn’t represent the city of Ottawa on Community Centre plans.
- Project is attempting to accomplish multiple things with the space, including affordable housing.
- Community Centre discussions are being held behind closed doors for this time. Jasmine’s group is mandated with providing affordable housing, although community centre plans are being advocated for with her total design and plans.
- Spoke about OOE not having any affordable housing units, and spoke about Ottawa’s need in general for it. There is a large waitlist across the city for it.
- Key concepts can be found on her presentation which will go up on the website
- They are trying to bring in multiple stakeholders to the space. Don’t ask me what that means.
- They are still looking for primary support from Regional.
- Question re: will regional group still own that part of the building or will it be city owned? Building is owned by Regional, they currently don’t have any ownership. Jasmine’s group wants to acquire the space in a shared ownership structure to be determined. David stated that the city is interested in at least some involvement in developing community use rooms and gymnasium there. City doesn’t want to purchase and own the building he says.
- Point of the design is to have condo units inside the building that would be targeted to people of a specific income bracket for purchase.

- “latest deadline” with Regional is “this summer”
- Question re: the cost around renovating the building vs. building a new set of affordable housing units ie. The costs around working inside an old building trying to retrofit being more than just building a new structure.
- Jasmine argued it is necessary to have affordable housing in the city core due to its proximity to amenities and infrastructure
- Jasmine states that 25% of all new development is to be “considered” for affordable housing purposes
- Pictures and presentation will go up onto website and attendees were encouraged to go look at it.

6. Chair's Report – Phyllis Odenbach Sutton

- Report circulated by email. See Appendix 1.
- Phyllis has received emails from Ottawa Public Health about status of alcohol in Ottawa report, they are interested in sharing results of study with groups like ours. Phyllis hasn't committed to presentation at a Board meeting, not necessarily a fit for our community. Ed Janes suggests we forward the report around or put it on website.
- Planning – coach house amendment update: Phyllis and Paul have received an invite to meet with the chair of the City's planning committee – Jan Harder – and staff on June 22
- Pathway on east side of Oblate property to be closed along river until October, due to Regional's construction and remediation work
- Springhurst park, Phyllis saw someone had pried open the gates and she recommended to Regional that they secure the property
- New regional Condo building part of Greystone is nearing point of starting construction due to increasing sales numbers

7. Treasurer's Report - Don Fugler

- No report.

8. Committee Reports

- Planning
- SLOE – John Dance
 - Report distributed by email. See Appendix 2.
 - Perennial Garden at Riverdale and Main nearing start
 - Urban Forestry Strategy meeting soon to discuss the City plan
 - Free tree distribution will be at the Main Event
 - Meeting this Friday of SLOE and Regional re: 30-metre strip along river
 - Springhurst Park Action group now on Facebook.
- Transportation – Ed Janes
 - Report circulated by email. See Appendix 3.
 - Bike rodeo recap: est. 35 people biking down Main to Rideau Gardens and along river
 - Greenfield Redesign update: there will be an open house in the next phase of the project, construction expected 2019. Questions were sent to them in regards to planters at Echo and Main

- City wants to install multi-use pathway same width as current sidewalk, this is too small Ed argues. Will be a discussion moving forward.
- Noise along the 417 – Ed hopes that the article in Mainstreeter will raise some political awareness
- John Dance brought up issue of proceeding on bridge Smyth to Alta Vista, the ramps from the bridge to Riverside are not marked to make cars aware that bikes need to cross those ramps.
- Federation of Citizens' Associations – Bob Parkins
 - AGM will be held at City Hall on June 15th.
- City Centre Coalition - Kate Martin
 - No report
- Communications - Catherine Pacella
 - No report
- Community Safety – Mark Seebaran
 - No report.
- Membership – Suzanne Johnston
 - No report.

9. Sesquicentennial Canoe Circumnavigation planning – John Dance

- John wants people to sign up, hoping to sign up some donors to provide money for food to feed people at the end of it
- Will charge \$5/person and \$10/family

10. New Business:

- AGM will be on Nov. 14 – electing a new board at this time. Current Board members have been asked to indicate whether they are interested in continuing on Board and in what capacity by the end of June. Phyllis noted there will be some openings for members of the community and she encouraged them to forward their interest to her.

11. Motion to Adjourn: Jocelyn Kearney 2nd: Don Fugler: Carried.

- Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, 12 September 2017.

Appendix 1: Chair's Report

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

Appendix 2: SLOE Report

John Dance

Main-Riverdale Perennial Garden: Garden leader Margaret Vant Erve is still waiting for the completion of the Main Riverdale construction activity so we can put in the perennial garden. It's virtually done but Margaret has requested a relocation of the water barrel pad to a more hidden location. I'm waiting for that to happen before I go out and buy all the necessary equipment but hope to do this by next week.

Main Street Trees: The number and variety of new trees on Main is impressive - now we need to make them flourish for the next 100 years. Ian McRae has suggested a tour to identify the many species and to talk about how to protect them?

Tree Give-Away: At the MFM on Main Event day Ecology Ottawa will be giving away trees with SLOE volunteers helping.

City's Urban Forest Strategy: SLOE will be working with neighbouring communities to review the City's new work on the forest strategy.

Appendix 3: Transport Report –Ed Janes

417 Noise Barriers

Great article in the Mainstreeter, John! I hope this provides some pressure for fixing the situation where direct contact with various levels of government has not.

Raised Curb at Springhurst/Main

The currently lane markings will be replaced by a raised curb this summer as lane markings have been deemed insufficient.

Greenfield/Main + Hawthorne/Col By/Graham Redesign:

The City came back with a number of responses to our questions. I've tried to summarize everything as best as possible:

Open House - The first public open house will be during the subsequent preliminary design stage of the project. The current functional design will be approved through a Roadway Modification Approval report and will be advertised for public comment online. When we reach that point, perhaps you can share a link to the City webpage on the Community Association website.

Planters at 10 Main on City property? - This question is still under review.

Shared path painting - Appropriate signage and pavement markings will be provided. Detailed signage and pavement marking plans will be finalized during detailed design.

Shifting the lanes on Main to allow for a proper path on the west side - The west curbline cannot be shifted any further because if we do, the north-south through lane at the intersection of Greenfield and Main will not comply with the Transportation Association of Canada Geometric Design Guidelines which states that there cannot be a lateral shift greater than 1.5m through an intersection. The limiting factor is that we cannot shift the northbound through lane any further east on the south side of the intersection.

Depressed curbs on plans - Depressed curbs (DC) are shown at private driveways on the design. Corner depressed curbs and tactile walking strip indicators will be shown in the next design stage. *(I didn't see these marking in the planning docs, I will take another look)*

Distance between road and cycle track is less than normal - Wider boulevards are provided where feasible.

Emporium facade - No changes are proposed to the façade of the Emporium. I have relayed this information to one of my contacts there.

Inclusion of 113 Echo developer in plans - The property owner was invited to attend the Working Group.