



**Meeting of the Old Ottawa East Community Association Board**

**Tuesday, 12 September 2017, 7p.m.**

**Old Town Hall, 61 Main Street**

**Minutes**

**Attendees**

**Board Members**

Bill Baldwin  
John Dance  
Don Fugler  
Ed Janes  
Suzanne Johnston  
Jocelyn Kearney  
Phyllis Odenbach Sutton  
Bob Parkins  
Mark Seebaran  
Katherine Simonds

**Others Present**

Jamie Brougham  
Rick Burrowes  
Pastor Dan Byrne  
David Chernushenko  
Jan Darcy  
Barry Davis  
Vicki Davis  
Jamie Girard  
Denise Inglis  
John Jarrett  
Heather Jarrett  
Tony Longo  
Wendy McRae  
Markus Marshall  
Erin O'Connor  
Christian Pupp  
Claire Renaud  
Ron Rose  
Jasmine Tranter  
Bonnie Wepler

1. Call to Order - 7:02pm Phyllis Odenbach Sutton
2. Approval of May minutes and agenda (quorum not achieved in June)
  - Moved: Ed Janes; 2<sup>nd</sup>: John Dance; Carried.
3. Approval of Agenda
  - Moved: Mark Seebaran; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bob Parkins; Carried.
4. Approval of June 2017 Minutes
  - Moved: Don Fugler; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bill Baldwin; Carried.
5. Councillor's Report – David Chernushenko
  - Clegg footbridge update – bike route detours remain but are accessible.

- Some sections of Western Rideau Pathway have been completed including the section through Brantwood Park. Delays on University of Ottawa to Springhurst path due to buried fuel tank and soil issues.
- Some correction work on Main St. will be getting underway to improve the left turning lane issue onto Oblats.
- Interim control by-law was imposed on certain types of construction over the summer, putting a full-stop on some of the construction of former single family homes that have been redeveloped into boarding houses in Archville and Sandy Hill, among other areas.
- Councillor will be hosting an art walk of artist Stuart Kinmond's works this Thursday 7pm, at 223 Main St in front of St. Paul U.
- Pedestrian crossing on Greenfield – the crossing did not qualify for lights under the current program but as the road will be torn up and rebuilt in 2-3 years the issue will be addressed again at that time.
- Concern about the positioning of sharrows on Riverdale raised. Councillor said he would also look into it.
- There was discussion about bike route towards Alta Vista and speed of cars taking the ramp from Riverside – fear that cyclists can be blindsided.
- The “hospital link” of the Alta Vista transit corridor will be opening eventually. Don suggested that before and after usage be examined.
- Some residents around the recently remediated area of Springhurst park were contacted by the city about soil testing. Some residents are concerned about remediation costs arising from results of the testing.
- Councillor maintained that residents can choose to say no to soil testing, but questions remain about liabilities. Concerned residents should contact Erin Tate at the City.
- Pastor Dan Byrne invited OECA and the Councillor to an open house on Saturday October 28<sup>th</sup>. A dedication service will take place the next day.

#### 6. Chair's Report – Phyllis Odenbach Sutton

- Report circulated by email. See Appendix 1.
- Phyllis thanked all those involved in the sesquicentennial circumnavigation event and noted that it was a great success.
- The Prime Minister speaker series continues this month. September's instalment will focus on Louis St. Laurent. Event to be held on September 25<sup>th</sup>, room L120 at St. Paul University – 233 Main St. entrance at 7pm.
- Wendy informed the Board that in August, Lady Evelyn school renovated the school yard and initiated the removal of 4 trees of distinction that would have required permits and almost removed a neighbour's cedar hedge. The trees were eventually removed following permit approval. Neighbouring residents are concerned about the lack of consultation that was afforded to the community.
- *Proposed motion: that a letter be drafted on behalf of OECA and sent to the school board asking that they reconsider their approach in the future.*
  - Moved: John Dance; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Don Fugler: Carried.

## 7. Treasurer's Report - Don Fugler

- Don went to the bank! We have: \$19,993.

## 8. Committee Reports

- Planning:
  - 41 Concord North is being demolished. Planning will also be discussing a proposal on an under-sized lot on Glenora.
- SLOE – John Dance
  - Rebecca Aird drafted a progress report on Greystone Village Sustainability Achievements
  - Children's Garden: city experiencing delays related to the remediation contract.
  - A "comprehensive planting plan" for the new LRT area at Lees will be initiated by the city.
  - SLOE met with regional to discuss the 30m issue – SLOE was happy with plan presented by Regional. The plan would include such things as a turtle habitat. A related article was featured in the Mainstreeter.
  - SLOE looking for help with removing invasive weeds in parks in the area.
- Transportation – Ed Janes
  - No report.
- Federation of Citizens' Associations – Bob Parkins
  - New President and Board recently elected. Sheila Perry elected President.
- City Centre Coalition - Kate Martin
  - No report
- Communications - Catherine Pacella
  - No report
- Community Safety – Mark Seebaran
  - Report circulated by email. See appendix 2.
  - Constable Stephanie Lemieux held a community meeting in June related to the incident on Rosemere and Springhurst. The incident on Hawthorne earlier in the year turned out to be an air gun.
  - Reports can be filed by telephone or filed electronically online on [ottawapolice.ca](http://ottawapolice.ca).
  - The Chinese bible church and Hairdressers on Main have experienced recent incidents of harassment by the same individual.
- Membership – Suzanne Johnston
  - Report circulated by email. See appendix 3.
  - Membership drive underway. Looking for canvassers on the following streets: Harvey, Echo, Main, Hazel, Muchmor, and Merritt.

## 9. Greystone Regional Update – Erin O'Connor

- 1<sup>st</sup> occupant will be moving in tomorrow (Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>) to be followed by a trickle over the coming months.
- First condo is now approved. Enough sales to finally put shovels in the ground to start in November. Will be a two year process. Will be closer to Clegg, behind St. Paul. 1 of two 9-storey buildings that will be built.
- Switchback up the hill paved and landscaped. The trail through the 30m corridor has been given a ground pack and woodchips. Will remain the path temporarily. Next summer the paved pathway will be done. Along the 30m corridor is the capped material that is now complete except for a small section.
- Soil remediation is now complete on the entire site. Will be re-planting trees that had to come down.

- Oblats will be paved the first week of October.
- Mixed-use building block is moving forward. Hope to have an application in by the end of the year. A presentation of the idea can be provided to the OECA. A zoning change of the back half is required.
- CCOC/CAHDCO still has an MOU to investigate the uses of the Deschatelets building.

#### 10. Community Activities Group – Don Stephenson

- Board will be focusing on getting a budget in place and dealing with significant increase in costs related to the minimum wage hike.
- Will be distributing a survey to see if there's a market for providing an after school senior kindergarten care.
- On Monday October 9<sup>th</sup>, 10-2 CAG will be hosting the Fall Festival at Brantwood Park. Residents are encouraged to attend and buy pumpkins.

#### 11. Annual General Meeting / New Board Members – Phyllis Odenbach Sutton

- Will be held November 14<sup>th</sup> at the Church of the Ascension.
- Vacant positions include:
  - Vice-President
  - Transportation
  - Secretary
  - SLOE representative
  - Planning
  - Federation of Citizens' Association Representative
  - Lees towers rep
  - Representation from Domicile and Greystone buildings
  - Community Health & Safety

#### 12. Membership in Healthy Transportation Coalition - Phyllis Odenbach Sutton

- According to the website OECA listed as a member.
- It was agreed that OECA would pay the \$50 membership fee.

#### 13. New Business:

- Bonnie Weppler: Mainstreeter is still looking for an editor. Also, a former Resident and Mainstreeter volunteer has been drastically affected by the hurricane in the British Virgin Islands. She and her family are en route back to Ottawa. All are reported safe but their house and belongings have been devastated.
- Ron Rose will be writing an article for the Mainstreeter discussing the Heritage Inventory Project and plans to speak to some of the property owners whose homes have been identified as being on this list.

#### 14. Motion to Adjourn: John Dance; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bill Baldwin; Carried.

- Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, 10 October 2017.

## Appendix 1

### **Chair's report September 12, 2017**

#### **Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, November 14**

- we will be electing a new Board for a 2 year term
- while there are a number of Board members interested in participating for another term, there are also a number of openings: Vice-president, secretary, representatives to the Federation of Citizens' Association, Centretown Community Coalition, members-at-large
- we will be forming a Nomination Committee shortly to help in our recruitment efforts; I encourage anyone interested in joining the Board to contact me at your earliest convenience
- it is a great opportunity to meet a wonderful group of committed volunteers, learn more about your neighbourhood, the City and your local level of government (which so often has the most impact on your day-to-day living)

#### **Membership drive**

- once again our membership team (Suzanne Johnston, Jan D'Arcy and Wendy McRae) are pulling together kits for this year's drive; we always have a wonderful team of canvassers representing our community

#### **Sesquicentennial circumnavigation of Rideau Island**

- we are up to approximately 15 canoes expected to head out on Saturday, September 9 for this wonderful event; hopefully the weather will cooperate and we can share some wonderful stories when we are finished rowing

#### **PM Speaker Series**

- we had a wonderful presentation on Lester B Pearson by Stephen Azzi on June 25
- we will restart our series on Monday, September 25 with a presentation on Louis St Laurent by Xavier Gélinas (7:00pm in Room L120, Saint Paul University, 233 Main St)

#### **Main Street**

- watch for an upcoming Main Street newsletter from the City which will provide information on the timing and nature of some of the finishing work on our great new Complete Street, e.g., new island north of Springhurst Avenue, reconstruction of the first bulb-out south of des Oblats Avenue
- note that throughout the duration of the work, a travel lane will be maintained in each direction during peak periods, with the flagging of traffic during off-peak periods as necessary

#### **Rideau River Western Pathway**

- construction has been proceeding on both the Springhurst and Brantwood Park portions of this route
- hopefully we will soon be able to access the full route, including through the former Oblate property

### **Additional soil testing in Archville**

- a number of residents on Chestnut, Simcoe and Concord recently received a letter from the City requesting access to their property to conduct soil sampling in September 2017
- the City is trying to better determine the exact limits of the old landfill site that was operational in this area from the early 1900s to the mid 1930s (which was used for the disposal of garbage, cinders and ash)
- to date no investigations have been undertaken at any of the private residential properties near Springhurst Park
- the letter was sent to property owners both inside and outside the assumed landfill footprint to confirm the extent, depth and nature of the contaminants within the residential community to the west of Springhurst Park
- it is my understanding that a public meeting may be considered after the testing is complete

### **AECON / Enbridge upgrade to natural gas lines**

- as part of the work to increase the natural gas capacity in our community (particularly in light of the large Greystone development), AECON is installing new gas lines along Lees Avenue to Chestnut and then along Simcoe

### **Queensway Downtown Bridges preliminary design study**

- thanks to Tom Scott (a resident of the Archville Triangle) who continues to try to ensure that the noise and run-off issues from the current Queensway do not get ignored as studies are undertaken for planned modifications
- he recently shared the following information that he received from one of the contractors with us:

"Although the focus of the preliminary design study is to define future bridge management plans for the Metcalfe, Elgin, Rideau Canal and Main street structures we will also be completing a review of the residential area of your neighbourhood for noise abatement. The results of the review will be presented later in the Study."

### **Greystone Village**

- tree cutting:

I received the following information about tree cutting on this site from Erin O'Connor of Regional at the end of July:

"I'm emailing to advise you that we've acquired another tree removal permit from the City of Ottawa to remove additional trees within Greystone site. The tree removal operation is scheduled to start on Tuesday, August 8. ... The area in which the trees will be removed are in front of the Deschâtelets building where the future back to back townhomes will be constructed fronting onto Deschâtelets Avenue. We have also been given permission to remove a few trees along the Grand Allée that have fallen down as a result of age and their very poor condition. These trees will be replaced with large similar trees as part of the heritage landscape.

In addition to this work, a handful of trees along the property of [130 Springhurst Ave.](#), the Father's residence, have also been slated to be removed. This is because of their unlikely survival through required underground

and above ground operations occurring on our property. We are coordinating with the managers of this property and have agreed to replant trees of their choosing and location within their property as compensation.

Along with tree removal, the tree contractors have also been contracted to prune the existing retained trees along the northern property's edge to create a 6m high vertical clearance on our side of the property. This is necessary to provide the needed room to construct the new road and houses along this edge. This work will be overseen by a professional arborist and care will be taken to ensure as minimal impact as possible while supporting the tree's health and structure."

- site access:

As of the end of June, access for construction has been changed to Hazel St., which has traffic lights and a controlled intersection, as Regional constructs the road and underground services for Phase 2 of its development. There had been some issues with the safe commute of pedestrians and cyclists with trucks using the Grande Allée in June; the CA therefore welcomes this change.

### **The Corners on Main**

- Domicile has indicated that their Phase 1 building should be completed in November/December with new residents expected to move in shortly after Christmas

- they have also indicated that they are getting ready to start Phase 2

- they are not yet ready to make any announcements with respect to the retail/ commercial occupants

### **Lady Evelyn playground**

- over the summer the school playground was dramatically altered by removing the previous drop in grade (approximately 6') and the removal of large trees at the base of the property

- from a Neighbourhood perspective, one of the most puzzling aspects of this construction was that there is no requirement for a school board to provide any notice to its neighbours of such a change

- as a result of quick intervention by owners of adjacent property, eventually a plan was developed to save a large maple tree bordering on the school property, but a considerable amount of stress could have been avoided by better and earlier communication of the plan

- I have wandered by the school on a number of occasions since the school ground reopened this week, and it looks like the artificial turf field in particular has been a big success with the kids

### **Springhurst Park**

- the new grass & sod enjoyed the rains of the summer and thanks to Springhurst Park Action, there were new activities to try as well

- the basketball court has been resurfaced, although we are hoping that some remediation will still be undertaken to ensure that water does not continue to pool on the southern part of the court

### **Healthy Transportation Coalition (HTC)**

- we received a request from this organization for membership dues of \$50
- as we have not previously been a member of this group, I will be seeking the views of Board members at our upcoming meeting

### **Infill 1&2 monitoring**

- on July 7 I represented our community at a meeting (organized by Elizabeth Demarais, City Planner) with other representatives of the Federation of Citizens' Associations (FCA) regarding the Mature Neighbourhood Overlay and the Alternative Provisions in the Urban Area (Infill II). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the monitoring review process as well as to hear from FCA representatives about any issues, concerns and successes that have been experienced in the urban residential neighbourhoods since these by-laws were adopted two years ago
- this meeting was viewed as the beginning of the discussion with more information and discussion to take place in the Fall of 2017
- please note that the city is interested in photos that show the changing neighbourhoods before and after, ie. effects of Infill 1 and 2. We have been asked to send photos directly to Beth Demarais - please let us know at [planning@ottawaeast.ca](mailto:planning@ottawaeast.ca) if you send photos. The FCA plans to form an archive of material.

### **Planning**

- our planning committee also took a summer break from meeting over the summer, but there were still some issues that had e-mails flying!
- North of the Queensway, in the Archville Triangle, a proposed development at [41 Concord Street North](#) highlighted the limits of possible interventions for such as-of-right options as roof-top patios
- There are also a number of residents on Glenora concerned about a planned triplex at 173 Glenora which is to be built on a lot that, according to City zoning rules, should not be allowing more than a duplex. (This has been a big issue on Chestnut Street for a number of years.)
- One positive recent development on the planning front is the recently enacted interim control bylaw which does not permit more than 4 bedrooms in any one unit
- something to watch for in the next few years is the planned parking study to be completed for the North of Queensway area at time of Greenfield rebuild; the lack of street parking has been an issue for a number of residents in this area

### **Heritage Inventory project**

- I attended an information session for the Heritage Inventory Project was held on June 22, 2017 at Southminster United Church to cover the details of the project and more specifically, the properties evaluated in Old Ottawa East and Old Ottawa South.
- prior to this session, a letter was mailed out to all affected property owners
- please note that Ron Rose is writing an article on this project for the next edition of the Mainstreeter; he plans to speak to some of the property owners whose homes have been identified for this list
- if you are interested in speaking to Ron, please send me an e-mail and I will forward to Ron

## Appendix 2: Mark Seebaran, Community Safety Report

### Community Safety Report – Mark Seebaran

September 2017

Ottawa Police Constable Stephanie Lemieux presented to OOECA at a public meeting on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017. She is responsible for community policing in central Ottawa, including OOE. She responded to concerns about a recent incident where a man with a gun was seen in an altercation at Hawthorne and Concord. The gun turned out to be an air gun, and the gunman does not live in the neighbourhood. Although police were still investigating the incident, they believed that the gunman's targets were also people who don't reside in the neighbourhood.

Cst. Lemieux then addressed what OOE residents can do to keep their neighbourhoods safe. Much is gained by making the right call: 911 for emergencies, but 211 for services to those in crisis. Ottawa City Bylaw officers now only investigate noise complaints.

Calls to Crimestoppers are useful for those who wish to remain anonymous. Ottawa Police have call display, and log all incoming calls, with a history of who called and for what concern.

Police are moving to an intelligence-led model, where analysts in a communications centre assess local demand for policing services based on citizen reports, as opposed to the former model where officers patrolled a neighbourhood. If you call in to report a crime or suspicious activity, they will give you a tracking number and follow up if they require more information. You can also fill out a follow up form online if you come across new information.

Ottawa Police also offer free home inspections, where they can mark your valuables with your identification, which can assist in getting them returned if they are stolen and then recovered.

## Appendix 3: Membership Report

September 09, 2017

Membership Report  
By Suzanne Johnston

The membership drive for 2018 is officially underway.

Thanks to Wendy McRae who has once again prepared the kits for canvassers. The kits will be distributed to canvassers this week. The fall membership campaign starts in early September and draws to a close at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on November 14th, 2017.

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

Condos and Apartment buildings continue to be a conundrum and will be a bigger issue as OOE continues to grow. 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. If canvassing is not allowed, we would appreciate the ability to post the AGM notice to inform residents of the buildings.

At the time of writing, we are looking for canvassers for the following streets:

**North End:**

Harvey

Echo – North of the Queensway to the Canal

Main – North of the Queensway

**South West:**

Echo-Clegg to Riverdale

Mutchmor Road

**Central:**

Echo - South of Immaculata to Clegg

Hazel

Main – Immaculata to Clegg

The time commitment is quite minimal, usually 1-2 hours and involves the following:

- 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 the canvassing kit with information to your Zone Captain around the end of October
- Meeting new people on your street – always interesting
- Attending a get together for all the Canvassers and Captains held by the membership chair the first week of November – Best part!!

We would look forward to having new residents and current residents be part of the membership committee.