



Meeting of the Old Ottawa East Community Association Board

Tuesday, 8 June 2018, 7p.m.

Old Town Hall, 61 Main Street

MINUTES

Attendees

[TBD]

1. Call to Order – Phyllis Odenbach Sutton – 7:00pm
2. Chair's Report – Phyllis Odenbach Sutton
 - Report attached as Appendix A
 - Vandalism in OOE
 - Perennial Garden – Councillour and OOECA have contributed funds to replace the plants damaged by frost
 - Immaculata sports field update
 - o Problems with vibrations
 - o “Neighbours for community fields” – follow on Twitter
 - o Building Better and Smarter Suburbs plan – the Councillour has committed to exploring what principles could be applied to the urban context
 - Doors Open Ottawa – Aids House participated and has offered to provide an update on the facility to the OOECA board
 - Greystone Pathway will re-open tomorrow
 - Andrew Power is looking for volunteers for the Main Event
 - Canal docks will not be re-installed this summer due to Clegg St. bridge construction
 - Main Street Road Safety Audit – comments were due last week
 - Friday night movie night at Springhurst Park
 - Friday at 4pm is the opening of Children's Garden
3. Treasurer's Report – Don Fugler
 - OOECA account balance: \$21085.45
 - SLOE may be merging their bank account with OOECA
4. Approval of Agenda
 - Moved: Tom Scott; Second: Bob Gordon; Carried
5. Approval of April 2018 Minutes
 - Moved: Don Fugler; Second: Tom Scott; Carried
6. Councillour's Report – David Chernushenko
 - Immaculata Field – learned yesterday that site plan approval process can be used to request changes to the plans – cannot use this process to block the use of artificial turf or additional lighting but can control the hours

- The Councillor is committed to reducing light and noise impact – 9pm should be the cut off on school nights, 10 pm on weekends
 - City staff is currently working on these getting these conditions in place – if the project proponents do not agree to them, the Councillor can demand that the project go to the Planning Committee, which would delay the construction schedule by at least three months
- 113-115 Echo – threat of pulling site plan approval has prompted the developer to make some design changes to address community concerns – a full update will be provided to the Planning Committee on Friday afternoon
- Children’s Garden – re-opening is coming up, but they are still dealing with a few design flaws (e.g., height of beds)
- Main St. Mural – some of the concrete had to be replaced to address a safety issue so the artists will be brought back to repair the mural
- Main St. overpass replacement – according to the MTO this work will not happen for another 5-10 years
- R4 study – will be presented to City Council tomorrow
 - The Councillor will bring a motion to monitor applications brought under the new rule
- In a Q&A period, the Councillor addressed:
 - Status of pedestrian crossing on Greenfield – the light will be installed this construction season
 - AVTC – the environmental assessment period will have expired by the time the City does its next Transportation Master Plan (in the next few years) – both the Councillor and the Mayor are on record that they don’t want to extend the road over the river – the Councillor expects that this will be removed from the Master Plan during the next review, following which park designation can be sought for 160 Lees
 - Children’s Garden – complaints regarding design flaws
 - The remediation was fine, but the design wasn’t properly vetted – the Councillor will take this on and look into where the errors were made (and whether there will be a cost overrun to correct)
 - Lees Ave. trees – they are totally dead after just a few years (were planted in poor quality soil)
 - Grass in boulevards – the City is looking into how we can keep grass alive when it is getting salt from all directions all winter long – Councillor will also look into whether residents can do their own plantings in these areas
 - Brantwood Park construction – update
 - Working on getting water services in place and then construction will commence – affected residents will be notified
 - City website will have detailed update every week – first update should be up in the next couple of days
 - Hawthorne renewal project will now be done with Greenfield (likely in 2020)
- Discussion with Taylor Marquis (Regional Group)
 - Shoreline clean-up

- Regional is restricted in terms of what they can require workers to cleanup (due to pitch of slope)
 - Will look into hiring someone to do the clean-up
 - Affordable housing
 - David is still committed to putting it on the site – form is yet to be determined
 - Cement trucks on Saturday (coinciding with Main Event) – Regional will hire someone to direct the trucks, work around timing of event
 - Multi-use pathway – work is ongoing
 - Construction schedule – six-day schedule is only for this phase of the project, likely not for whole summer (Taylor will confirm)
 - Pile driving currently being done for retirement residence (not Greystone)
 - The pile driving for the condo building under construction is already done (there will be no further piling for Greystone this summer)
- Parking at Brantwood – Taylor will look into status of street parking at Brantwood
- Update on 2A and 2B – best case for ground breaking is next spring – Regional is trying to get to the Urban Design Review Panel in July and then will submit revised plans; presentation centre will need to be moved

7. Committee Reports

a. SLOE – John Dance

- Distributed recommendations for improving city tree by-law – trying to get the city to take it more seriously and prevent developers from being able to remove trees so easily
 - Asked for board’s endorsement of the SLOE recommendations
 - Moved: John Dance; Second: Don Fugler; Carried
- Perennial garden has been fixed up
- St. Paul garden doing well
- Vicki needs help with invasive species removal
- Main Farmers Market now open on Saturdays
- Children’s Garden opening – 4-8 pm Friday

b. Transportation – Tom Scott

- Report attached as Appendix B
- Focus is cycling and pedestrian issues in comments to Main Street Audit
 - Pedestrians and cyclists aren’t obeying the rules
 - Suggestion to look at better signage
 - One issue is that cyclists are riding on the wrong side of the road
 - Want to propose that City look at establishing crossing guard at trouble intersections
 - Bus stop at Hawthorne (westbound) is too close to the intersection and is blocking traffic
 - Lights over at Lees Ave. LRT are also creating risks – need better demand switch for pedestrian crossing

- Questions re: obstruction of bike line at south end of Main Street (people putting trash cans on the bike lane) and light cycling at Riverdale and Main (for westbound cyclists) – the Audit will look at this
 - Lees on-ramp – the Councillour is not aware of any intention to keep it closed permanently
 - Nicholas overpass construction will cause other ramp closures
 - Suggestion that better signage is needed for eastbound detour route
 - Status of property at 160 Lees – since it's not officially a city park, it could be targeted by MTO for lay-down area
 - A public information session on the bridge reconstruction will be held in the fall
 - The Transportation Working Group looked at all the options considered by MTO – all the options preferred by MTO are around rapid replacement (versus construction in place) – as a community association, board could recommend that they keep construction in place
 - Audience comment – Evelyn and Main pedestrian crossing – was supposed to be immediate response during school hours but it takes 90 seconds plus
 - There is also issue with synchronization of the Main Street & Lees Ave. lights
- c. Planning – Phyllis Odenbach Sutton for Ron Rose
- Report attached as Appendix C
 - 5A Graham –Committee of Adjustment appearance deferred until June 20
 - 7 Chestnut – application to tear down small single dwelling and build triplex – Committee of Adjustment reversed decision, mainly due to concerns about soil contamination study
 - 56 Glengarry Road – seeking to build third story on house
 - 80 Onslow – owner wants to demolish existing building and construct two story house – committee has concerns because this is in flood plan
 - 47 Belgrave
 - 24 Brown
 - 113 115 Echo – meeting with Councillour on Friday
 - 118 Lees Ave. – proposal to subdivide property and create a side lot for construction of a duplex
 - R4 Zoning review – supported Heron Park Community Association – exceptions not needed for 8-bedroom homes
 - Concerns with staff report on Infill 1 and 2 by-law monitoring
- d. Federation of Citizens' Associations – Mark Seebaran
- Report attached as Appendix D
 - FCA had general meeting in May on planning issues – including presentation from City on “Ottawa Next” – draft report going to Planning Committee and Council looking at long term planning trends and the impact that they will have on development in the city (some info available on city website)
 - Process for making complaints to the city

- e. Lees Apartment Outreach – Anne-Raphael Audouin
 - No report
 - f. Communications – Catherine Pacella
 - No report
 - g. Corners on Main & Greystone Village – Jocelyn Kearney for Heather Jarrett
 - Greystone – five more move-ins scheduled for June (3 singles, 2 townhomes); tower crane for the River Terraces condo tower is now up and operational
 - Corners on Main: St Paul has removed the spotlight
 - h. Health & Safety – Jaime Girard
 - No report
 - i. Membership – Suzanne Johnston
 - Membership drive kits will be ready for September
8. Community Activities Group
- Need volunteers for Main Event
 - Summer camp registration is now open – sign up soon
 - City and CAG are resurfacing basketball court at Springhurst (again) – should be done within the next month
9. New Candidates for Municipal Election
- a. Anthony Carricato
 - Lives on Fifth Ave. in Glebe
 - Moved to Ottawa 16 years ago and lived on Lees for five years (therefore familiar with a lot of OOE issues)
 - Hopes to be a more engaged councillor with early and active consultation and communication
 - Believes in power of civic engagement; recently served as VP of Glebe CA
 - Smart development is part of his campaign platform, as well as greener neighbourhoods, enhancing vibrancy of canal
10. New Business
- a. Richard Cundall – Lansdowne Working Group update
 - 3.8M ticketed sales last year – trying to increase that to 5M and looking at ways to do this
 - Next meeting in September
11. Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday, 9 October 2018
12. Adjournment
- Moved: John Dance; Second: Bob Gordon; Carried