

Chair's report January 8, 2019

OOE priorities/ strategic goals

- while I am not a big fan of new year resolutions, I do think it would be useful for us to spend a bit of time at the January 8 Board meeting discussing and hopefully coming to a consensus on our key priorities and goals
- our new councillor has indicated that this would be very helpful for him; also a clearer understanding of our goals would help as we join in other discussions, e.g., at an upcoming Capital Ward council meeting and for the upcoming discussion with Saint Paul University (see below)
- for background, you can review our 2014 priorities document on our website at <https://www.ottawaeast.ca/files/oeca-goals-20140227.pdf>

Concerns re Rideau Canal walls reconstruction

- I was alerted to concerns about vibrations on OOE homes in the area north of the Queensway as a result of this construction
- my understanding is that a number of residents have expressed their concerns to Parks Canada, and as a result, a firm is to be hired in early January to do vibration studies on the affected properties.
- for others with concerns, I would suggest contacting:

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- residents may also wish to contact the councillor's office as I believe he is aware of this issue as well

Main Street

- Tom will be providing information on next steps following from the passing of a number of motions at our December 11 Board meeting concerning the Main Street Safety Audit

Rugby playing field at 160 Lees?

- on December 17, I received an e-mail from Lucas Bloess, President of the Ottawa Beavers and Banshees Rugby Club (based primarily out of the downtown area, i.e., Old Ottawa East, South and the Glebe).
- their club had been practicing at Immaculata High School over the past decade or so, and has been having difficulty finding alternative downtown field space; it is in this context that they expressed an interest in looking at Springhurst Park options
- to date, I have forwarded the information I received from Lucas to CAG but have not yet heard back from them; note that Lucas has offered to come to our meeting next

Tuesday to provide more information about their proposal as well as respond to any questions people might have

- note that there was a City proposal in 2015 to create 2 fields at Springhurst (1 for soccer and the other for rugby), but in that case the community did not support the plans for a number of reasons: the price tag was high (almost \$200,000); the funds would have come from our Cash in Lieu of Parkland reserves; and community use would have been greatly restricted

Rideau Canal skating

- On December 30, the National Capital Commission opened a 2.7-kilometre section of the Rideau Canal Skateway between Pretoria Bridge (Hawthorne Avenue) and the Bank Street Bridge, including Patterson Creek. The NCC noted that the public should not venture onto the closed sections of the Skateway until ice conditions are safe and weather permits.

- For updated information about Rideau Canal Skateway conditions, check out

<http://ncc-ccn.gc.ca/rideau-canal-skateway>

Greystone Village

- Ron will be speaking to a number of items on the planning front at the Board meeting, but I wanted to draw attention to a couple of key dates for one of the planning files, i.e., 10 des Oblats (or Blocks 2A & 2B - the location of the current Greystone Village presentation centre)

- on Monday, January 7 there will be a special meeting of the OOE CA planning committee to discuss the revised plans for this location; if other members of the community are interested in this discussion, please contact Ron Rose for additional information (ron.rose@gmail.com)

- the city has asked for comments on the resubmission by Wednesday, January 9, although Erin O'Connell, the City planner for this file, has indicated that feedback can be provided by January 16 (with the proviso that the sooner comments are provided, the better).

Fairness in representation

- following the announcement of the composition of City of Ottawa committees in mid-December, there has been a considerable amount of angst and frustration from residents and community associations of the urban core with the lack of representation of their Councillors on key committees, most notably Planning

- I have received copies of correspondence between the Heron Park CA, the Glebe CA & OOE residents with the mayor in this context & will be sending a letter to the mayor on behalf of the OOECA shortly; I will summarize some of the submissions briefly on Tuesday

Immaculata sports field

- a meeting of OOE residents with the Councillor has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 9

- the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) will be hearing the appeal of the Ottawa Catholic School Board vs the City of Ottawa on Wednesday, January 16; the appeal is against the City Planning Committee's decision on August 28 to limit the lighting on the field to 9:00pm on Sunday-Thursday & 10:00pm on Friday & Saturday

Saint Paul University (SPU) strategic plan

- Alexandra and I have accepted an invitation from SPU to represent the OOECA Board at a breakfast discussion on Thursday, January 17 on their recently launched planning exercise, which is to establish broad strategic directions for SPU for the years 2020 to 2025. The university would like to consult with external organizations and partners in order to ensure the best possible future for their institution.

OCDSB strategic planning exercise

- I received the following invitation from the Ottawa Carleton District School Board (OCDSB) on December 21:

"The OCDSB strategic planning process is well underway, and in January 2019 the District will enter the Strategies & Actions stage which includes focus group discussions. We'd like to invite you or a representative from your organization to attend our focus group for community partners. This is an opportunity for our colleagues in community based organizations to share ideas about the future priorities of the OCDSB.

At the focus group, participants will be provided with feedback from the idea exchange and will work in groups to explore and discuss the results from the online consultation, and help define specific strategies and actions for achieving identified goals.

Space is limited so all participants must pre-register. Please RSVP by contacting Halcian Joseph-Clost via email halcian.joseph-clost@ocdsb.ca or phone 613-596-8211 extension 8402.

The focus group meetings will be held on:

Monday, January 21, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Ottawa-Carleton District School Board - Administration Building
133 Greenbank Road"

- more information on this process is available at <http://ocdsb.ss13.sharpschool.com/>

Capital Ward cup

- & last but certainly not least, our Councillor's office will be maintaining the hockey tradition in Capital Ward:

"The 11th annual Capital Ward hockey tournament will be happening on January 26th from 9:30am to 12 noon at Brantwood Park Rink. Old Ottawa South Moose, Old Ottawa East Hosers, Heron Park Hackers and Glebe Goal-Getters will face-off on the ice. Everyone is welcome to come watch the face-off between these neighbourhoods. Anyone who would like to play, 16 years or older, are welcome to contact Capitalward@ottawa.ca and we will let your community's team captain know. We encourage women to sign up! The game will have two women and two men on the ice at all times to encourage the gender-balanced bench policy."

- and FYI from John Dance, some info & statistics: the 10 year results of the cup are: OOE 5; OOS 4; Glebe 1, Heron Park 0 ... so this is the year Glebe can try to show that its larger population is actually capable of producing people who can skate; HP can squash the Red Sox curse; or OOS can show that it really is the equal of OOE. Alternatively, the OOE Hosers can just keep winning.