

Chair's Report May 14, 2019

Main Event

- Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 15 to enjoy this great event; consider volunteering & please support us at the fundraising barbeque

Archville vandalism incident (April 2018) follow-up

- Amber Montgomery, a caseworker for Collaborative Justice Program: Restorative Justice Ottawa, will be attending our May board meeting
- She will provide an overview of the collaborative justice program as well as information on the final outcome of the case and the judge's recommendations. (The sentencing date in relation to this case was set for May 7, 2019.)

Springhurst Neighbourhood Soil Test Result

- Ottawa Public Health mailed out letters to residents in the Springhurst Park neighbourhood on May 2 regarding the soil sampling study conducted by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Parks (MECP) in 2017.
- Watch for John's article in the upcoming Mainstreeter.
- The Old Ottawa East Community Association is working with the Councillor's office on setting up a meeting for residents on the implications of the results & to have any questions answered

Brantwood park integrated road, sewer and watermain renewal

- Property reinstatement work is planned to start in early May 2019 and be finished by the end of June 2019. As per last year, a two week look ahead schedule will be posted to the project website at <https://ottawa.ca/en/city-hall/public-engagement/projects/brantwood-park-integrated-road-sewer-and-watermain-renewal>
- Information notices were to be delivered to affected properties by the end of day Friday, May 10. The notices are also live on the project website (above)

Synthetic turf sports fields

- Alexandra will be making a short presentation at our May meeting: Environmental Impact of Synthetic Turf Sports Fields; we will also be allotting some time for discussion

Immaculata sports field article

- Check out the most recent Ottawa Magazine - Real Estate 2019 for 2 perspectives on the sports field changes (pp22-2)
- Note I have not been able to find an on-line version yet, but I do have a PDF version which I can share for anyone interested

New vision for Lansdowne

- a meeting of representatives from OOS, the Glebe & OOE is being set up by the Councillor's office to solicit input from communities
- Richard and John are our representatives with Ron to fill in as needed

Capital spokes bike rally & rodeo

- As part of the Old Ottawa South Community Association (OSCA's) May 31-June 2 weekend of biking fun, there will be a Capital Spokes Bike Rodeo at Windsor Park on Sunday from 10am to noon and a bike rally to get us there!
- They are also hosting a rally to the park from all the participating communities (OOS, OOE, Glebe and Heron Park).
- The OOE ride starts at Ballantyne Park and will take cyclists on a ride along the new cycle track on Main Street ending at Windsor Park in time for the start of the rodeo.

French Catholic Elementary School Board (CECCE in French) interest in the Deschatelets building

On May 2, John, on behalf of the OOECA, & Don Stephenson (CAG) attended a meeting with the CECCE. The Board is quite interested in the Deschatelets site for a school that could, in time, have up to 300 students (elementary). While Don is preparing an article for the next Mainstreeter, John has provided the following notes:

- They have funding for such a school and they really need a new location given they have just one more year of at 88 Main

- They made an offer to Regional about a year ago and Regional is still considering it
- Re-zoning would of course be required and, if it is to go ahead, they'd seek community support.
- they are interested in speaking about the possible school at an upcoming meeting of the community
- They only need about a third of the floor space so are looking for partners (they see CAG and OOECA as partners as well but realize we have virtually no money)
- They are interested in both a community centre and affordable housing in the building
- While they see that students would be interested in using the forecourt park, they are interested in the park as it will be for the community - not as fenced-in area just for students.
- they support sharing of facilities - and differentiated themselves from what we have seen at Mac.
- they would seek a fenced in area at the back (river-side) of Deschatelets for a day-care area
- their education model is a Finnish one, based on lots of outdoors so that the river corridor and adjacent parks would work for them
- they say most students don't take the bus, so there would be relatively few buses

Greystone Village Retirement Residence

- Juanita Cody, the Director of Marketing for the Greystone Village Retirement Residence reached out to me in late April to suggest we chat about what she may be able to offer in regard to supporting the OOECA and getting to know the community (she is planning to attend our May board meeting)
- We have a meeting planned for May 15

All-candidates meeting for federal election

- Ron has agreed to work on the organization of an Ottawa Centre debate again (thanks Ron), but I am sure he would be happy to have some help if anyone else is interested
- The date and venue have not yet been confirmed, although 2 dates being considered are Wednesday, September 25 & Thursday, September 26. A spot that holds at least 300 people is the goal.
- A cut-off of 2.5% of the vote in the previous federal election will be used to determine party eligibility for the meeting. The parties with over 2.5% in the Ottawa Centre riding were the Liberals, Conservatives, NDP, and Green

Noise exemption request for the Escapade Music Festival

- The Councillor's office has requested community association input on the request they received for a noise bylaw exemption for this festival (which will be held on June 22 and 23 at Lansdowne park this year)

Community uses of faith spaces

- The Ottawa Community Foundation has been involved in a range of initiatives related to the future of faith properties, and how that future might continue to serve the community even as congregations shrink. In their totality, faith communities own a huge amount of property in Ottawa and across the country, and a very high proportion of that property is in transition
- The National Trust and Faith & Common Good are researching the level of use of faith properties by community organizations. A key element of this research is a survey. (21 questions & estimated to take 10 minutes to complete)
- Please let me know if a group that you are associated with uses a faith space and would be interested in completing the survey (the link is buried in the message I received, and it did not come through in my copying)