



## Meeting of the Old Ottawa East Community Association Board

Tuesday, 9 April 2019, 7p.m.

Old Town Hall, 61 Main Street

### MINUTES

#### ATTENDEES

##### Board Members

Heather Jarrett  
Phyllis Odenbach-Sutton  
Jocelyn Kearney  
John Dance  
Tom Scott  
Richard Cundall  
Don Fugler  
Catherine Pacella  
Bob Gordon  
Ron Rose

##### Community Attendees

Daniel Wilson  
Jamie Brougham  
Lorna Kingston  
Jeanie Cassidy  
Monical Helm  
Taylor Marquis (Regional)  
Vicki Davis  
Rebecca Aird  
Rowan Aird  
Henrik Smith  
Doris Smith  
Wendy McRae  
Jan D'Arcy  
Christian Pupp  
Don Stephenson  
Ariela Summit

1. Call to Order – Phyllis Odenbach-Sutton
2. Approval of Agenda
  - Moved: Ron Rose; Second: Richard Cundall; Carried
3. Approval of March 2019 Minutes
  - Moved: Heather Jarrett; Second: John Dance; Carried
4. Chair's Report – Phyllis Odenbach-Sutton
  - See Report attached as Appendix A; highlights below
  - May 7<sup>th</sup> is the sentencing date for youth perpetrators of Springhurst Park and area vandalism – someone from Restorative Justice will be here to describe their process at the May meeting
  - Deschatelets: trying to set up a meeting with the French Catholic School Board to discuss their proposal for the building; on April 24<sup>th</sup>, the City, Regional and CAG will also meet to discuss development plans
  - Snow clearing and snow forum: Councillor's notes are up on his website ([shawnmenard.ca](http://shawnmenard.ca))
  - Immaculata field: raised community issues with field in conversation with Sean Power (new principal) as well as at meeting with him and Footy 7s reps; community should have access in mornings between 7 and 8:20 am, but need to check school website for calendar of access; they are looking to rent the field on Saturdays
  - Looking for volunteers for all-candidates meeting for federal election

- Tree cutting outside Greystone presentation centre – just notified yesterday
5. Councillor's Report & Lansdowne Update – Ariela Summit for Shawn Menard
- Councillor is bringing two motions to environment committee: 1) motion to declare climate change emergency in Ottawa; and 2) motion to delay the roll-out of plastic bags in the green bin
  - Ottawa public health will be sending letters to affected residents about the results from soil testing around Springhurst; once residents receive letters, technical studies will be posted; Ottawa Public Health has offered to come to OOECA meeting to discuss
  - Corner of Main & Hawthorne: City will be installing flex post here as soon as snow clearing is done
  - Greystone: approvals process for Greystone buildings 2A & 2B is being decoupled – 2A will be going to planning committee next week, the process for 2B will be longer because Regional has submitted a revised site plan application
  - Lansdowne: working group will be reconvened
  - In Q&A, there was discussion around the need to think about Lansdowne impacts for OOE; landfill/recycling diversion (Ariela undertook to get back to OOECA with info); and pedestrian crossing at Greenfield and Concord N (one of the lights was knocked down and other was taken down because they need to be synchronized)
6. Regional Update – Taylor Marquis
- The three trees cut down in front of sales centre were always slated to come down, but permit was just recently received; contractors came earlier than anticipated so didn't have the opportunity to inform the OOECA at this meeting as planned – going forward would like to designate Phyllis as well as someone from Corners on Main as points of contact for these types of notifications
  - New trees will be a part of the design for the Grande Allee park
  - Buildings 2A and 2B are on the agenda for this Thursday's City planning committee
    - A member of the commission is expected to move to split the application and if the motion is carried, the meeting on Thursday pertain only to the 2A building – 2B will be dealt with at later time
    - Official amendment to secondary plan was submitted yesterday, submission only addresses policy rationale – there will be a consultation launched for this change
      - Construction work would start in July if approved
7. Motions/Resolutions for Board Consideration
- Changes to Board Composition – Phyllis Odenbach-Sutton
    - Mark Seebaran has resigned from the board and his position as the OOECA representative at the Federation of Community Associations; Bob Gordon has agreed to replace Mark as FCA rep
    - Alexandra Gruca-Macaulay will assume the position as SLOE representative and Joan Battucan will become a member-at-large
    - As Tom Deadman will be moving out of the Lees apartment buildings, he will step down as the Lees Rep
    - *Moved by Heather Jarrett to approve the foregoing changes to board composition; Second: Catherine Pacella; Carried*
  - Climate Emergency Resolution & Letter – John Dance
    - John Dance moved that the Board adopt the following resolution: *Be It Resolved That, the Old Ottawa East Community Association calls on the City of Ottawa to*

*declare a climate emergency and make climate action an official Term of Council priority for the 2018-22 Term of Council; and send a letter to Mayor Watson and Councillor Scott Moffatt confirming adoption of same*

- Second: Heather Jarrett; Carried
  - Affordable housing resolution – Tom Deadman
    - Proposed the following resolution be adopted by Board:
      - *Whereas the Old Ottawa East Community Association is committed to fostering a diverse, prosperous, and healthy community for both current and future generations to come; and*
      - *Whereas regional group made commitments, to the community Association, newspapers and other media, and in marketing material, concerning the development of affordable housing in Greystone Village; and*
      - *Whereas Regional had identified a likely site – the building on which they are currently seeking a zoning amendment – and an intention to provide financial support for affordable housing; and*
      - *Whereas Regional Group’s current plans and recent communications no longer provide certainty regarding the inclusion of affordable housing within Greystone Village;*
      - *Be it resolved that: Regional Group confirm its intentions regarding the provision of affordable housing at Greystone, including details regarding location, affordable housing organizations engaged, proposed number and size of units, and affordability targets (e.g., in relation to either average market rent or income range)*
    - The Board and other meeting attendees discussed the proposed resolution and questions/comments regarding definition of “affordable”, possibility of a more collaborative approach with Regional
    - Tom will convene small group to review and propose revised wording for motion
8. Treasurer’s Report – Don Fugler
- Account balance: \$22,748.82
9. Committee Reports
- Planning – Ron Rose
    - Greystone 2A/2B update:
      - 2A proposed changes are not significant; OOECA Planning Committee will be addressing the two proposals on Thursday
      - Timeline for consideration of official plan: at City Planning Committee on June 13 – Regional will come forward with its official plan amendment and OOECA Planning Committee will ask for clarity in the official plan (that nothing exceeds 6 stories)
    - 24 Hawthorne: OOECA Planning Committee has made submissions on this matter
  - SLOE – Alexandra Gruca-Macaulay
    - No report
    - Board is encouraged to review the priorities document that has been circulated
  - Transportation – Tom Scott
    - Report attached as Appendix B – highlights below
    - Main St. Safety Audit: five items that were outstanding have been transferred to Greenfield/Hawthorne reconstruction project (including safety issue at Hawthorne

and Main); however, a number of other issues haven't been acted upon (e.g., intersection at Main and Riverdale – City is looking into it, City will also be doing a review of traffic signalling)

- Parks Canada response re canal restoration: Tom participated in a meeting with other community stakeholders; relief from noise by-law was granted (diesel pumps will run 24 hours)
- Public advisory session on bridges: April 24 from 4-8pm at St. Paul University; they are considering adding two bridges to the project (for a total of six)
- Greenfield/Hawthorne reconstruction: first public advisory committee meeting was held on April 2<sup>nd</sup> – participants (including Tom for OOECA) were given a very detailed briefing (tree by tree specificity); City is encouraging regular two-way communication with affected residents; construction expected to start summer of 2020 and will take three construction seasons
- Communications – Catherine Pacella
  - No report
- Corners on Main & Greystone Village – Heather Jarrett
  - No report
- Health & Safety – Jaime Girard
  - No report
- Membership – Suzanne Johnston
  - No report

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

- No Report

#### 11. New Business

#### 12. Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday, 14 May 2019

#### 13. Adjournment

- Moved: Heather Jarrett; Second: Ron Rose; Carried

**APPENDIX A**  
**Chair's report April 9, 2019**

**OOE CA Board**

- I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mark Seebaran for his participation on our Board for the past 3 1/2 years; in addition to being an active participant at our monthly planning committee meetings, he was our Health and Safety rep from November 2015-17 & then took over the Federation for Citizens Association (FCA) file in November 2017

- please note that we are hoping that someone else from either the current board or the extended community might be interested in taking on the FCA role for at least the remainder of this board's term

- we are also going to move a motion at our next meeting for Joan and Alexandra to switch duties; Joan will become a member at large while Alexandra will become the chair of SLOE; this is a change that better fits both of their schedules

**Collaborative Justice Program (CJP) follow-up**

- Amber Montgomery, a caseworker for the CJP, has offered to attend our May 14 board meeting to present information about the CJP process and restorative justice in general, as well as the specific Archville vandalism case

- the sentencing date in relation to this case has been set for May 7, 2019; Amber has agreed to provide an overview that includes the final outcome of the case and all of the Judges recommendations

- note that the Investigating Officer of the Archville incident, Elizabeth Hull, is also interested in being a part of this conversation, so we are hopeful her schedule will allow her to attend this meeting as well

**Deschatelets - community centre, gym, affordable housing**

- the Councillor has convened a meeting of Regional & city officials as well as community association & CAG representatives for April 24 for a general update about the building

**Conseil des écoles catholiques du Centre-Est - plans for Deschatelets**

- we have received a request from Mr. Sirois, Director of Education of the CECCE to meet with some parents of the elementary school in the heart of Ottawa to discuss CECCE's intentions regarding the Deschatelets Building on Main Street

- the timing & location still need to be worked out

- if anyone would be interested in also attending such a meeting, please let me know

**Snow clearing & snow removal community forum**

- although it seems that spring may now finally have arrived, I thought the community might be interested in a few of my take aways from the March 20 event organized by our Councillor and his urban councillor counterparts
- this was a well attended event, with staff providing information on current winter maintenance quality standards (first developed in 2003 & have not been updated since then) & then responding to the many questions posed
- I believe that a summary is being prepared, so for now I'll just make a few observations:
  - \* the city recognizes the impact of high buildings & shading on pedestrian accessibility;
  - \* the current maintenance standards do not consider population in the designation of sidewalk (which determines nature & speed of snow removal);
  - \* there are no funds allocated in this year's budget to review the current maintenance quality standards
- the plan is for funds to be allocated in 2020/21
- thus it could be many years before standards change

### **Immaculata sports field**

- I met with Sean Power, the new principal of Immaculata High School (IHS), on March 25; this was a precursor to a meeting on April 3, which included 2 IHS coaches + representatives of the Footy 7s
- at the 1st meeting, Sean outlined a few issues from the school's perspective (i.e., illegal parking in their lots & bike/ pedestrian conflicts in bus loading areas) & I responded by outlining some concerns from the community's perspective (most of which got covered as well in the broader meeting - see below)
- prior to these meetings I canvassed both residents who live close to the field & some members of our board to get a better understanding of issues; thanks to everyone who provided info
- the April 3 meeting covered a lot of topics; the most important to us were the discussion of traffic issues, field maintenance, lights & landscaping + scheduling, including the potential for community use
- note that IHS uses their school website to show planned weekly field usage [<http://imh.ocsb.ca/home> & check calendar - bottom of middle column]; generally the community should have access to the track between 7:00-8:20am
- IHS hopes to have their students on the field as of the week of April 8
- the Footy 7s will start maintenance very soon, with some rental groups already booked for next week; they expect that there should be 7/side games on the field most nights after Easter
- the Footy 7s noted that the track is open to the public while they operate (i.e., after 6:00pm on weekdays & when they have opened the gates on the weekend); however caution is advised when running beside active games

- they do not expect to use the field themselves on Saturday this season; rentals will be their focus on this day

- I also made a number of requests for additional information: data re the amount of additional rubber crumb added throughout the season (the Footy 7s followed up with some additional info), monitoring of the temperature of the field versus the ambient temperature on hot days (IHS agreed to look into the feasibility of doing this)

### **Lansdowne vision**

- as many of you may already be aware, Lansdowne was in the news this week when a report was tabled for discussion at the city's FEDCO committee

- our councillor released his own document on April 2: [https://www.shawnmenard.ca/lansdowne\\_a\\_place\\_for\\_people](https://www.shawnmenard.ca/lansdowne_a_place_for_people)

- & subsequent to this report being released, the Glebe Community Association approached Shawn & pressed for more discussion with the surrounding communities (the Glebe, OOS & us)

- the councillor's office has indicated it will be organizing a meeting with community representatives

### **All candidates meeting for federal election**

- The Centretown Community Association (CCA) is in the process of gauging interest in organizing an Ottawa Centre all-candidates meeting for the federal election scheduled for October.

- the plan is to build on the success enjoyed in 2018 with the all-candidates meeting for the provincial & municipal elections

- Jaime and Ron led these efforts on behalf of OOE in 2018; we are looking for some new volunteers this time

### **Rideau canal walls at Echo Drive, construction update**

- on March 14, I received an update with information concerning next steps for construction as well as a detour map

- briefly: the cofferdam is to be completed by the end of March, so that canal wall reconstruction can continue during the navigation season; pumps will be operating to ensure a dry work area is available; the contractor will then begin excavating and removing the lower section of canal wall to allow for the installation of anchors for the new wall, which will require the installation of steel piles

- This project is expected to be completed in spring 2020.

- For up-to-date news on infrastructure work along the Rideau Canal, please visit the website: [www.pc.gc.ca/rclnfrstructure](http://www.pc.gc.ca/rclnfrstructure). If you would like to be added to their community engagement list to receive updates on this project, please e-mail [RideauCanal.info@pc.gc.ca](mailto:RideauCanal.info@pc.gc.ca) and include "Rideau Canal walls" in the subject heading.

## APPENDIX B

April Monthly Meeting

### Transportation Report

Good evening Madame Chair and Board members

The Transportation report will be aimed at four subjects:

1. Outcome of meeting with City staff on the Main Street Safety Audit report
2. Parks Canada response regarding noise issues and other concerns for the Rideau Canal wall-restoration project
3. Upcoming Public Advisory session with MTO on Queensway bridges' projects
4. Greenfield/Main/Hawthorne 1st PAC meeting outcomes and next steps

As well, we noted that the City's new Official Plan process seems to be very blue-sky in approach, and more than just an update, but is silent on specifics like AVTC: a municipal policy statement could be extracted from the discussion paper:

*Trends suggest that people want more mobility options, beyond personal vehicle use. Easy access to transit and walkable, local services will reduce the need for car ownership, which has big personal economic benefits. For the Ottawa of the future, this will mean making other forms of transportation faster and more convenient for users.*

### Discussion

1. Several OOE Transportation Committee members met with Ms. Caitlyn Prévost from the City of Ottawa to discuss the ongoing process of responding to the Main Street Safety Audit. Several areas identified in the consultant's report remain problematic and notably the Main-Riverdale intersection: the City will undertake a conflict study this Spring and Summer at that intersection. The two blocks between Evelyn and Lees were also highlighted, and their impacts on clearing Hawthorne and Main during rush hours. A review of current signalling and synchronization was suggested to the City, as well as consistency of signage and signal response along the whole of the Complete Street project.

A number of lessons learned from the audit report will be shared with the public community advisory committee (PAC) for the upcoming Greenfield et al project including: roadway, bike lane and sidewalk markings, beg-buttons for pedestrian crossing, lines of sight at intersections impeded by parked vehicles, among others. Five recommendations, to which the City has not yet adequately responded, from the Main study will be incorporated into the planning and design phase for the Greenfield project.

We agreed to continue to collect reports in incidents (that is near misses, where there is no property damage or personal injury) to the City via summary reports from OOECA while ALL accidents should be reported to the City and/or police. Incident reports can be sent directly to me at [tscot9401@rogers.com](mailto:tscot9401@rogers.com).

2. Parks Canada established a single point of contact for any concerns about the reconstruction project for the Rideau Canal walls across from 111 Echo Drive to King's Landing.

Representatives from those developments as well as the Brownstones met with Parks and also dealt with a request for an exemption to the City's noise by-law for the installation of diesel pumps to keep the construction area clear once the canal is restored for navigation this spring. The temporary crossing at Main and Colonel By Drive is being monitored for impacts and effectiveness as part of the information feed into the design phase for the Greenfield project.

3. ..The Nicholas Overpass update was received from MTO:

*The ministry has tendered a contract for the replacement of the Nicholas Street Bridge, with construction to start in 2019. This contract also includes resurfacing of Highway 417 from Nicholas Street to Ottawa Road 174 and the repurposing of temporary transit facilities on Highway 417 to general use (including the re-opening of the Lees Avenue on-ramp to general purpose traffic). The start date of this work is governed by the implementation schedule for the Confederation Line Light Rail Transit project.*

The second Public Information Center (PIC) session on the four downtown bridges (Metcalf, Elgin, Rideau Canal and Main) will be held at St. Paul's on April 24 from 4PM to 8PM. A notice was also posted in this morning's Citizen. Further MTO also reported on this project:

*With respect to the Highway 417 Downtown Bridges Preliminary Design and Environmental Assessment (EA) Study (Metcalf Street, Elgin Street, Main Street and Rideau Canal Bridges), the ministry will be holding a second Public Information Center (PIC) for this project in the spring of 2019. [As you are on the mailing list for the study, you will receive direct notification of the time and location of the PIC]. It is envisioned that the Bank Street and O'Connor Street bridges, which were included in an earlier EA study, will be grouped with the Metcalf Street, Elgin Street, Main Street and Rideau Canal Bridges for detailed design and construction. The ministry has met and will continue to liaise with our City counterparts on the Greenfield Avenue / Main Street / Hawthorne Avenue Reconstruction project and the Chamberlain Avenue/ Catherine Street / Isabella Street / Functional Design Study in order to co-ordinate activities.*

4. The first PAC meeting for the Greenfield project was held at St. Paul's on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. A more extensive briefing than the one we saw last month was given by the project's consultants to the members, who volunteered for this PAC, and much more detailed and location-specific feedback was sought. For example, a tree-by-tree assessment would be taken for design into the plan of those that needed to be removed (with a replacement also included in the design) and those that needed to be protected. PAC members were given a responsibility for two-way communications: issues, concerns and suggested solutions from the community back to the City, and City notices, plans and other information back out to the neighbourhoods. The City has hired communications specialists to work with the project team and with the PAC: OOECA highlighted the value of having the project manager on site every day and to be visible and accessible to the community.

The impact of the closure of the eastbound Queensway ramp at Lees was discussed and what any ongoing closure of this access would mean if it continued during the construction phase. That east-bound Queensway traffic now backed up from Loblaws across Pretoria Bridge and down to Evelyn at rush hour could mean that it would become impossible if Hawthorne was reduced to one lane for construction: so, reopening the Lees eastward access is imperative. Further, the already-apparent issues at the Colonel By intersection were noted and the City staff agreed to raise this in their regular meetings with Parks and the NCC.

At this time, tendering is scheduled to take place in the Spring of 2020 and then construction by Summer of 2020 over the next two years.

A schedule for future PAC meetings and then public information sessions will be finalized by the City and consultants and we can post that on our website. The first drop-in style Public Information Session is tentatively scheduled for June 18, 2019 in the evening at St. Paul's.

Any questions?