



Meeting of the Old Ottawa East Community Association Board

Tuesday, 14 May 2019, 7p.m.

Old Town Hall, 61 Main Street

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Board Members

Don Fugler
Tom Deadman
Alexandra Gruca-Macaulay
Richard Cundall
Phyllis Odenbach-Sutton
Jocelyn Kearney
Heather Jarrett
Ron Rose
Tom Scott
Bob Gordon

Other Attendees

Doug Macaulay
Alin Dah
William Baldwin
Adriana Beaman
Monica Helm
Rick Beaulieu
Jeanie Cassidy
Peter Tobin
Roger Bird
Juanita Cody
Mitch Vlad
Wendy McRae
John Jarrett
Rick Burrowes
Dan Byrne
Kenn Rankine
Don Stephenson
Jamie Brougham
Peter Frooel
Francois Bowers

1. Call to Order – Phyllis Odenbach-Sutton
2. Approval of Agenda
 - Moved: Alexandra Gruca-Macaulay; Second: Tom Scott; Carried
3. Approval of April 2019 Minutes
 - Moved: Tom Scott; Second: Heather Jarrett; Carried
4. Chair's Report – Phyllis Odenbach-Sutton
 - Report attached as Appendix A; highlights as follows:
 - Main Event: Saturday, June 15th; Main Street will be closed; Andy Power and Bob Gordon will be spearheading the volunteer effort
 - Greystone: Juanita Cody is the marketing representative for Greystone retirement residence
 - Federal all-candidates meeting: date to be set soon
 - Noise exemption request for Escapade Music Festival: Councillor reached out for OOECA feedback; OOS and Glebe are opposing on the basis that exemptions

should not be granted; there was general consensus among OOECA board members that we should also oppose

5. Archville Vandalism Update / Collaborative Justice Program – Amber Montgomery & Detective Elizabeth Hull

- Speakers gave overview of the program, as well as the process they undertook with two of the perpetrators of the Archville vandalism:
 - Voluntary process for offenders who have admitted guilt and expressed interest in the program and making amends with those affected
 - The large number of victims in the Archville incident were looking for all sorts of different things from the process, including financial reparations in many cases; the perpetrators – Connor and Thomas – were also asked to do community service work (one volunteered at the Mission, the other worked at a youth drop-in centre)
 - At end of process, they prepared a report for the Court, which was just presented on May 7th – the judge was very impressed by what had been accomplished and therefore gave both perpetrators an absolute discharge – this won't be a charge that impedes their future
- In Q&A/discussion, Detective Hull/Ms. Montgomery indicated that the boys were very drunk when they engaged in the vandalism; an absolute discharge wouldn't impact charges laid in future but would affect sentencing and higher-level security clearances; the required financial restitution was close to \$1700 or \$1800 each; all the victims involved seemed very satisfied with the process
- Connor and Thomas also wrote letters to the OOECA/community – they are attached as Appendix B

6. Councillor's Report – Shawn Menard

- Deschatelets building: Councillor hosted meeting with potential partners to discuss possibility of community centre – established that City would be pursuing this with Regional and looking to procure a spot within the building – Regional seems very open to this
 - Next step will be for City to do posting looking for 20,000 square feet of space in the community for a community centre (which Regional will likely pick up)
 - Full minutes from meeting are available through Councillor's office
 - Regarding affordable housing – Regional had once committed to a block of housing but now are talking about the \$500K commitment – City has brought in Ottawa Community Housing to look at this
 - Regional is also still considering offer from Ottawa French Catholic School Board to use building (they need ~1/3 of building)
 - Old City Hall would be sold if this goes through
- Regional Buildings 2A and 2B: this is a very contentious issue for Councillor's office – wants to defend official and secondary plans (not just community design plans) and is very aware of all the negotiation that went on with the community
 - Planning Committee will revisit this issue on June 13th or 27th – City staff may make same recommendation that this requires only a zoning change
 - Councillor urging people to turnout to planning committee
- Immaculata: Councillor meeting in early June with City staff to look at options because people are still upset about the field – the noise is bad and goes until 11pm

- Councillor recommends that concerned parties email his office and Lee Ann Snedden – urging the school to open fence and stop noise at 9pm
- Onslow/Brantwood flooding issues: adjacent residents experienced very bad flooding this year
- Springhurst Park contamination: City will hold a community meeting with public health officials to talk about what the testing results mean – no date has been set but it will likely be in June (OOECA will be invited)
- Two motions to City Environment Committee: motion to delay decision that would permit the use of plastic bags in green bins did not pass, but climate change emergency motion did pass – this will change how City staff does planning
- Lansdowne: Councillor will hold a meeting with stakeholders on vision for the park and how we can improve the way things are done – will also reconvene Lansdowne working group shortly
- Escapade music festival: request will be denied but won't have a blanket policy
- Bridge replacement: Councillor was at the public meeting – province wants to buy-out properties on Hawthorne (the Royal Oak, Cycos, McGovern and Hair Salon)
- Provincial budget cuts: Councillor's office will be writing op-ed and may go down to Queen's Park to discuss
- Brantwood Park: gravel was poured on field to address a safety issue, apparently, and it will be replaced with sod at later date (Councillor's office seeking additional details)
- In Q&A, there was discussion over what the Councillor intends to do with \$1.3M in cash in lieu of parklands – the only thing they have earmarked money for so far is \$2K for a remediation review in the Glebe; Councillor's office will make a proposal to the ward council for other allocations

7. Environmental Impact of Artificial Turf – Alexandra Gruca-Macaulay

- See Appendix C for complete presentation
- Turf is plastic grass carpet, but it needs cushioning and support – the infill of choice for most athletic fields is recycled tire rubber crumb, which contains all sorts of chemicals
- Environmental benefits of turf: no watering, no mowing
- Drawbacks: natural grass is a carbon sink; biodiversity is disrupted; chemicals from rubber crumb leaching into surrounding soil; increased storm water run-off; plastic will wear down and micro-plastics will enter the environment, as will the rubber crumb; heat retention; disposal challenges

8. Vision for Springhurst Park – Rick Burrowes

- See Appendix D for complete presentation
- Springhurst is one of Ottawa's most intensively used and enjoyed parks – 5,000 people live within 500 yards of the park (including many immigrants) and are very heavy users of its facilities
- Three key populations were being served well by pre-existing facilities: preschoolers, elementary schoolers and young men (20-30-year-olds) using the basketball court
 - However, adolescents, adults, seniors were not being served well – Springhurst Park Action helped fill that void with badminton, soccer, volleyball, table tennis etc.
- Proposed new assets: dock for the river, racks for canoes and kayaks along Greystone property line, exercise equipment (we already have chin-up bars and parallel bars), permanent table for table tennis, skating rink

- Looking at different funding sources; will prepare a more specific proposal and motion for the board's consideration at June meeting

9. Treasurer's Report – Don Fugler

- No change since last month
- Capital Spokes Bike Event will be held on June 2nd

10. Committee Reports

- Planning – Ron Rose
 - Planning Committee meeting on May 22nd re: 20, 22, 24 Hawthorne Ave., all of the existing buildings on these sites will be demolished
 - Community meeting last week regarding buildings 2A and 2B was a huge success, thanks to support from CAG and Councillor's office – many people have written letters to the City opposing the amendment and many people have agreed to speak at the June Planning Committee meeting
 - SOS Main Street is the Facebook page for the initiative
 - Ron will set up separate email distribution list for the 10 Oblates matter
- SLOE – Alexandra Gruca-Macaulay
 - SLOE@ottawaeast.ca is the new email address for SLOE and SLOE now has a tab on the OOECA website (stay tuned for content)
 - Turtle fence has been erected behind Greystone
 - Successful park cleaning last Saturday
- Transportation – Tom Scott
 - See Report attached as Appendix E; highlights as follows:
 - 4 Mann Ave. property has been attached to Buildings 2A and 2B amendment, which is strange
 - Greenfield crossing still hasn't been replaced
 - Transportation committee will do a safety review with the City to determine a good place for pedestrian crossing at Lees Ave.
 - Bridge replacement meeting: two bridges will be added to the project, which is expected to take 10-15 years
 - Another community advisory session regarding the Greenfield/Hawthorne reconstruction will be held on Tuesday June 4th at St. Paul University
- 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

11. Community Activities Group – Don Stephenson

- Carol Workun is leaving CAG after 17 years – competition to replace her has started and closes tomorrow
- Had two meetings with the French Catholic School Board regarding their use of Deschatelets – it will be a small school that is expected to grow into 250 students over time (most of kids will come from the neighbourhood) – they use the Finnish model that

- does not require fenced-in area at front (but might at the back) and board is open to shared uses
- Ottawa Community Housing has money and in right project could be an equity partner – would like to meet with the OOECA to make a presentation

12. New Business

- Executive Director of Action Housing has offered to come to next meeting to discuss affordable housing

13. Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday, 11 June 2019

14. Adjournment

- Moved: Don Fugler; Second: Ron Rose; Carried

APPENDIX A

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)

APPENDIX B

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APPENDIX C

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APPENDIX D

Vision Springhurst

Springhurst Park is one of Ottawa's most intensively used and enjoyed parks. This is due to its location adjacent to one of Ottawa's most densely populated areas, the Lees Ave. high rise apartment cluster which is home to 5,000 people. 170 Lees alone has 2,000 people half of whom are new immigrant families with children. These families have no green space of their own. Springhurst is essential to them. Adjacent to the west, Springhurst serves Archville which has become renewed as a neighbourhood of young couples with kids as well as OOE in general.

As Greystone and Corners on Main etc. come on stream Springhurst and Brantwood will soon be the local Parks for an additional 3,000 plus people.

At present Springhurst is serving only 3 populations well; Preschoolers enjoy the sand play area and Elementary School kids enjoy the jungle gym and various swings . The basketball court is full every evening and weekends , it is especially popular with men from 20-30+ years of age. There is a trio of basic adult fitness structures which are tried from time to time but lack the versatility for a work out. The majority of the equipment for adult use in the park are designed to facilitate sitting and eating, i.e. benches and picnic tables.

The populations not being served by Springhurst are adolescents, young and middle aged women and men and seniors.

SPA Game Sharing was created to help fill this void; SPA badminton, table tennis and volleyball have proven very popular with teens and adults. Parents enjoy these while their younger children play independently or playing with their teen aged children.

SPA has served its purpose, it has proven the maxim " If you build it they will come".

Vision Springhurst's goal is to make SPA's success permanent and build on it further. To this end Vision Springhurst has just started a month long community engagement campaign to gauge the community's interest in a variety of new equipment for people of diverse interests and needs.

These proposed new assets are;

A dock for Springhurst's access point on the Rideau River for River Watchers...people just seeking a quiet place to sit and enjoy a pleasant , up close view of this tranquil bend in the river.

A seasonal and secure canoe/ kayak/SUP rack for paddlers near the dock along the fence line between Springhurst and the Greystone development. This to facilitate use of this lovely stretch of river for relaxing paddle sessions that are already enjoyed by some but would be

enjoyed by so many more if the drudgery of transporting one's watercraft to and from the river were eliminated. This may be an asset that could just as well be located in Brantwood Park.

For adolescents ,men and women interested in fitness; An additional 3-4 exercise apparatus to augment the existing meagre trio and make a much more extensive workout regimen achievable. I see many people ready for a work out trying this equipment but leaving as the limited utility of the 3 we have becomes apparent.

Beach volleyball is very popular especially as a co-ed sport for young to middle aged adults and is very conducive to pairs and small groups on a casual basis. The SPA net, despite being occasional, on grass and inconspicuous attracted a loyal crowd and was also great fun for kid-mob volleyball using a more suitable beach ball.

The SPA Table Tennis table is always busy with kids and adults , and parents and their children. The present table will continue to serve for now but it will be greatly missed if not replaced with a permanent table.

A mini winter rink has been proposed for the ex-horseshoe pit area for mostly pre-adolescent skating and shinny. This would serve Archville and Lees Ave. kids not wanting or not old enough to hike to Brantwood's rink.

If you would like to see any or all of the above equipment for use in Springhurst Park come down to the Park and see the planned locations etc. OR

Visit our Facebook page ; Vision Springhurst OR send us an email at; visionspringhurst@gmail.com and tell us which projects you like.

Cost Estimates;

The AB Bench, Back Extension Bench and Station Row Apparatus Installed cost : \$ 11-\$12,500.

The Table Tennis Table cost is \$ 4,990.

History; OOECA asked for such a table several years ago and the City Staff came back with a cost of \$20- \$25,000 dollars for site preparation. This was Pre- Remediation. I hope we can resubmit this request in the future and this time request that the park planning staff consult with community reps and do a site visit to show staff the site that has been found optimal for our SPA table which is adjacent to an accessible path and sheltered from the wind and sun. This site should be the least costly to surface , reducing the overall cost significantly

I am hoping to have cost estimates for the Dock and Beach Volleyball Court for June's OOECA Meeting.

FUNDING New Infrastructure

Old Ottawa East has over \$350,000 , and growing quickly, of CILP Funds to be spent exclusively on improvements to our Parks (largely Springhurst, Brantwood and Children's Garden) and Recreation Centres of which we have none and will not have for many years. To my knowledge zero CILP funds have been spent in OOE.

SHCH has offered to help with funding.

MEC has “All Out” Community grants of \$5,000 for which the dock or rack would be a perfect fit.

The Ottawa Community Foundation grant application submission date is October 1st. An application will be submitted for the proposals are selected and their costs known.

There are matching fund grants from the City.

There will be separate private donations .

The City, once Greystone et al are occupied, will receive almost one million dollars per year through property taxes from OOE residents designated for Parks and recreation facilities.

The City is paying \$20,000 , which is half the cost, for the Carp Fitness Park.

I hope that City funds can be found to invest in Springhurst especially as it is an ideal park for central Ottawa as a whole being centrally located, on the new path network and near the O Train station with a Rideau River access point.

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APPENDIX E

May 2019 Monthly Meeting

Transportation Report

Good evening Madame Chair and Board members

The Transportation report will be aimed at five subjects:

1. Parks Canada response regarding noise issues and other concerns for the Rideau Canal wall-restoration project
2. Public Advisory session with MTO on Queensway bridges' projects
3. Greenfield/Main/Hawthorne 1st PAC meeting outcomes and next steps for 2nd PAC; pedestrian crossing lights at the Concord-Greenfield intersection taken out by a semi-trailer truck
4. Planning adjustment confirmation for 4-4 Mann Avenue and traffic implications.
5. Pedestrian crossing safety review for Lees Avenue between Main and LRT from a viewpoint of mid-Avenue schools crossings and better LRT access toward Springhurst.

Discussion

1. 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. That single point was contacted last week about the number of generators and pumps being used in excess of those requested for the exemption, and also the discharges from the construction site directly back into the canal.
2. The Nicholas Overpass project is now very visibly underway: from MTO:

As we reported at last month's meeting, 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) was held at St. Paul's on April 24 from 4PM to 8PM. A notice was also posted in the Citizen and hand delivered to various neighbourhoods in advance of the PIC. The panel displays are available on the MTO website at the following:

https://queenswaydowntownbridges.com/en_CA/

3. The first PAC meeting for the Greenfield project was held at St. Paul's on April 2nd and we reported on the outcomes at the last meeting. The second PAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 4 from 7 to 9 PM at St. Paul, 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 was tentatively scheduled for June 18, 2019 in the evening also at St. Paul's.

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 and perhaps in two distinct phases north and south of the Queensway.

4. The City posted a notice for proposed planning adjustments for two parcels of land – one at Greystones, which has been the subject of a lot of e-mail traffic concerning the increase in height and also in the potential use of lands in this area for an Affordable Housing strategy. However, coupled with this was a proposed review of a site at 4-4 Mann Avenue for increases in height from six to nine stories for a multi-purpose building: the rationale given by City staff was that the process for reconsideration of any sites from the Old Ottawa East Secondary Plan should be reviewed together for a consistent approach. From a transportation perspective, this isn't passing anyone's smell test – the site at 4-4 Mann is a triangular-shaped, steeply-sloping highway shoulder between the Nicholas off ramp and the Greenfield on ramp to the Queensway with no access to any roadway except across a narrow band of sidewalk on Greenfield that ducks down under the overpass and the LRT bridge. This is one part of the planning process that OOECA should question closely and to which we should strongly object as it does nothing to further the City's plans for development around the Lees LRT station, but it looks too suspiciously like a smoke-screen for the larger issue at Greystones.

Please keep sending me (tscot9401@rogers.com) your observations on traffic incidents and while especially those that relate to the Main Complete Street development please also watch for items that we can feed into the planning and design process for the Hawthorne/Greenfield/North Main reconstruction project.

Any questions?

Revised May 16 2019.