



Meeting of the Old Ottawa East Community Association Board

Tuesday, April 13, 2021, 7p.m.

Zoom meeting

AGENDA

1. Call to Order – Bob Gordon
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes – March 9, 2021
4. Chair’s Report – Bob Gordon
5. Councillor’s Report – Councillor Menard
6. Regional Update – Taylor Marquis
7. Treasurer’s Report – Don Fugler
 - a. Current balance is \$17,539.13. No changes from last month.
8. CAG report - Tina Raymond
9. Ward Boundary appeal update – John Dance (*Please see attachment after committee reports)
10. Committee reports (*all received reports attached below)
 - Health and Safety – Courtenay Beauregard
 - Transportation – Tom Scott
 - Lansdowne – John Dance
 - Communications – Bob Gordon
 - FCA – Ron Rose
 - Corners on Main and Greystone Village – Peter Tobin
 - Parks and Greenspace – Brendan O’Kelly
 - Membership – Suzanne Johnston
 - Planning – Ron Rose (interim chair)
 - SLOE – Jayson MacLean (no report)
11. New Business
12. Date of Next Meeting – May 11, 2021
13. Adjournment

Attachments:

Committee reports:

Lansdowne – John Dance

Three updates: one pertaining to proposed improvements of Aberdeen Square, the second to the review of Lansdowne's future, and the third on Lansdowne and the draft Official Plan.

1. Aberdeen Square:

OSEG is, according to Jonathan McLeod of Councillor Menard's office, holding off on proceeding with changes "While the city starts ramping up the two council sponsor groups and the stakeholder group."

Mark Goudie, OSEG CEO said in a letter to the City, "This will allow the City working group and Councilor Sponsor Group the opportunity to include the Plaza's 'best use' forward in the scope of the ongoing work. We look forward to continuing to work with the City, and your department, on innovative and creative ways to evolve Lansdowne into an active gathering space what works for our neighbourhood, our region and for visitors to our City."

2. Lansdowne Review:

Jonathan McLeod: "Currently, we're making sure that there is proper community representation on the stakeholder group, and we want to establish the roles of each group, since there's a risk of overlap. I'll do my best to keep you updated as more info comes.

There is nothing on either the OSEG or City's website about the review and there has been no meeting of the Lansdowne Community Consultation Group since November.

The review was approved by Council in December and the report is to be considered by Council by the end of June yet there are no available terms of reference and no community groups have been involved in the review even though four months have passed since the review was announced and only three months remain before Council is to consider it.

It appears to be following the same poor path of consultation that led to the original approvals.

3. Official Plan and Lansdowne:

OOECA Comments: “The idea of a “Special District” for Lansdowne is sound, however, the current wording emphasizing the professional sports and entertainment aspect is wrong. : Lansdowne Park is the City’s major park for playing, gathering and socializing, not just watching professional sports and expensive entertainment.”

Glebe Community Association comments: “We also welcome the designation of Lansdowne Park, and encourage the City to consider the opportunities presented by the urban park in meeting tree canopy and climate change goals. The urban park plays a key role in supporting NH and City livability goals and was a foundational element of the redevelopment of the site. Commercial/sporting elements are clearly important parts of this site but should not take precedence.”

Corners on Main and Greystone Village – Peter Tobin

In an email reply, Taylor Marquis indicated she would provide the CA with an update at Tuesday’s meeting, on the shore bank remediation that Regional will be doing near the foot of des Oblats Ave.

The site is a bit of a mess right now. Regional with City approval removed four trees last week to allow for preparatory construction work on the Spencer.

Corners on Main residents have noticed increased activity around the convent area recently. Security personnel are much more in evidence and are now on site 24/7. There is an unconfirmed report that the building has been sold.

Lees Apartments

The renovation work on apartment units at 190 Lees continues as the workers are not bound by the latest Provincial lockdown. The Covid pandemic has severely affected occupancy rates at 190 Lees and neighbouring buildings as many units are normally occupied by out-of-town uO students. The superintendent at 190 has called the City about garbage along the MUP that parallels the LRT

line from the river to Lees Avenue. The upper half of the path way was relatively neat as of April 9

but the lower half towards the river is a complete litter bed.

Parks and Greenspace – Brendan O’Kelly

Springhurst Park Amenities

The upcoming amenities, including the much anticipated beach volleyball court and outdoor ping pong table, are set to be installed this spring/summer. The contract for both the children's park and recreational amenities has been awarded to TLC Landscaping with a final construction deadline of December 31, 2021. A 'commence work order' was issued on March 23, 2021.

Total cost of the project will be around \$225,000. The city has undertaken the costs for the replacement of the children's play structure as part of its lifecycle renewal. The other recreational amenities - costing roughly \$122,000 - are being paid for by cash-in-lieu of parkland funds.

Cleaning the Capital - Adopt-a-Park

In line with the city's 'cleaning the capital' campaign, which has been put on hold under the new Ontario-wide shutdown, we are postponing the neighbourhood parks clean up until further notice.

Planning Committee – Ron Rose

The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on April 27th, at which time the Regional Group will be presenting their tentative plans for Phase III of Greystone Village, i.e., the undeveloped part between the Deschâtelets Building and the Rideau River. Following feedback from the members of the Planning Committee, Regional would like to consult with the community at large at the May meeting of the Association. The City has been working on by-laws to regulate the provision of short-term rentals, i.e., Airbnb and VRBO in Ottawa. A special meeting of the City's Planning Committee and the Community and Protective Services Committee will be held on April 22nd to consider a set of by-laws to regulate the use of short-term rentals. Any member of the community who has had experience, either positive or negative with short-term rentals in their area is invited to contact Ron Rose.

SLOE – Jayson MacLean

(1) *Gypsy Moth Infestation* - a resident of OOE North has brought to our attention that there are trees at the east end of Montcalm Street that last summer were infested with *Gypsy Moths*, an invasive species.

Last year, local residents did some work in scraping off egg sacs to try to stem the tide, as it were, but were hoping for more help this year.

Discussions were had with the City and with the provincial Ministry of Transportation, as the trees are actually on MTO land (by the on-ramp to the highway).

In response, MTO has cut back some of the overhanging branches but won't do any further work as far as the moths go. In our more recent discussions with the City, they've said they're in the midst of reevaluating their approach to the gypsy moth and will have further direction out in the next couple of weeks. In the meantime,

as for this particular infestation, Jason Pollard with Forestry said residents can keep at it with the scraping. SLOE will update the CA further on.

(2) Energy Evolution Event - Thursday, April 15, 7:30 pm

Old Ottawa South's environment committee is hosting a discussion on the City's Energy Evolution, the action plan to meet Ottawa's emissions targets over the next three decades. Members of the OOE and Glebe CA Boards as well as the general public are welcome to attend. There'll be two reps from the City's Climate Unit to speak on it, followed by a Q&A period. See the Environment Crew of Old Ottawa South's [facebook page](#) for details on registration and the zoom link.

(3) Just an FYI, Ecology Ottawa's Tree Giveaway, planned for April and May has been cancelled due to the recent COVID restrictions.

LPAT Appeal Update – John Dance

OOECA's appeal was submitted March 11, 2021. The appeal requested that the City reverse its decision to transfer the University of Ottawa's Lees Avenue campus from Capital Ward to Rideau-Vanier Ward.

On March 31, 2021 City lawyer Tim Marc emailed:

City staff are prepared to seek instructions from Council to seek modifications to the above by-law by the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal to reinstate the boundary between W6-17 and W6-19 to the 417 (together with a resolution to the other appeal [Overbrook Community Association]). In the event that such instructions are given, the City will seek the earliest possible settlement hearing date from the Tribunal.

I trust that the Old Ottawa East Community Association will find this satisfactory.

The proposed modifications (i.e., what we requested) are scheduled to go to Council on April 14, 2021.

If Council approves, then our appeal will have been successful and Capital Ward and Old Ottawa East will remain whole for electoral purposes. It certainly appears that the City wants to get resolution of the issue in a hurry. Normally an LPAT appeal takes many months to be resolved.

Many thanks to Jeff Brown, Lorne Abugov, Ainslie Benedict and many Board members who ensured a high quality case for the appeal.

The total cost of the appeal was \$400 (for filing it with LPAT), an amount approved by the Board. Not meaning to be petty, but I wish the City would reimburse the association for this expense that resulted from attempting to correct the City's poor process, inadequate consultation, lousy analysis, disrespect

for the Supreme Court decision on electoral boundaries, and abysmal lack of transparency. I doubt my wish will be granted.