



## Meeting of the Old Ottawa East Community Association Board

Tuesday, September 14, 2021, 7p.m.

Zoom meeting

### AGENDA

1. Call to Order – Bob Gordon
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes – June 8, 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 \$17,291.13. The only withdrawals over the summer were for the Mainstreeter fees (4 X \$80.00).
8. CAG report - Tina Raymond
9. Committee reports (\*all received reports attached below)
  - 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
  - SLOE – Jayson MacLean
  - Health and Safety – Courtenay Beauregard
  - Transportation – Tom Scott
  - Lansdowne – John Dance
10. New Business
11. Date of Next Meeting – October 12, 2021
12. Adjournment

Attachments:

## **Committee reports:**

### **September FCA Report – Ron Rose**

The Planning and Zoning Committee (PZC) of the Federation of Citizen's Associations (FCA) continued to meet virtually throughout the Summer, with business focusing on the second Draft of the Official Plan. The PZC requested the FCA Chair write a letter to the City requesting a delay in Council's consideration of the Official Plan. The dates of the Joint Committee meeting were subsequently delayed from September 13th to October 14th, 2021

The PZC also dealt with motions on preserving greenspace within the City and on demanding metrics to back-up the City's claims in the draft Official Plan.

The PZC will meet on September 15th to "provide a review of the main issues remaining from this Official Plan review, plus provide a how-to-make-a-presentation at the October 16 joint Planning/ARAC meeting on the OP, and how-to-formulate-an-ask."

### **Lansdowne Report – John Dance**

#### ***1. Review of Lansdowne's Sustainability and Financial Viability of Operations and Partnership***

In June, City Council approved \$875,000 to evaluate OSEG's proposal for replacing the northside stands and the arena and making other improvements to the Aberdeen and Horticulture buildings and seeking public views on it . As of this writing, OOECA has not been contacted and no information has been released on how the City is progressing.

As reported by Randall Denley in the *Ottawa Citizen*: "The north side stands, built in 1967, are past their prime, if they ever had one. Washrooms, concessions, seating and the concourse are all inadequate. Recent engineering reports say the building isn't going to fall down, but that's about the best that can be said for it. The Civic Centre arena is tucked under the stands and has all the ambience of the area under your house's staircase. The Aberdeen Pavilion is a magnificent building, but it has been allowed to decay. The roof leaks and it lacks air conditioning. The Horticulture Building is somewhat better but also lacks air conditioning. All of that makes it difficult to attract people and events to the site."

In the renovations of eight years ago the city spent about \$211 million, with \$134 million attributed to the new south side stands.

The City says the redevelopment must be affordable but, aside from suggesting that air rights above the rebuilt stadium-arena could be sold to help cover the potentially enormous costs, there have been no details on how the redevelopment would be financed.

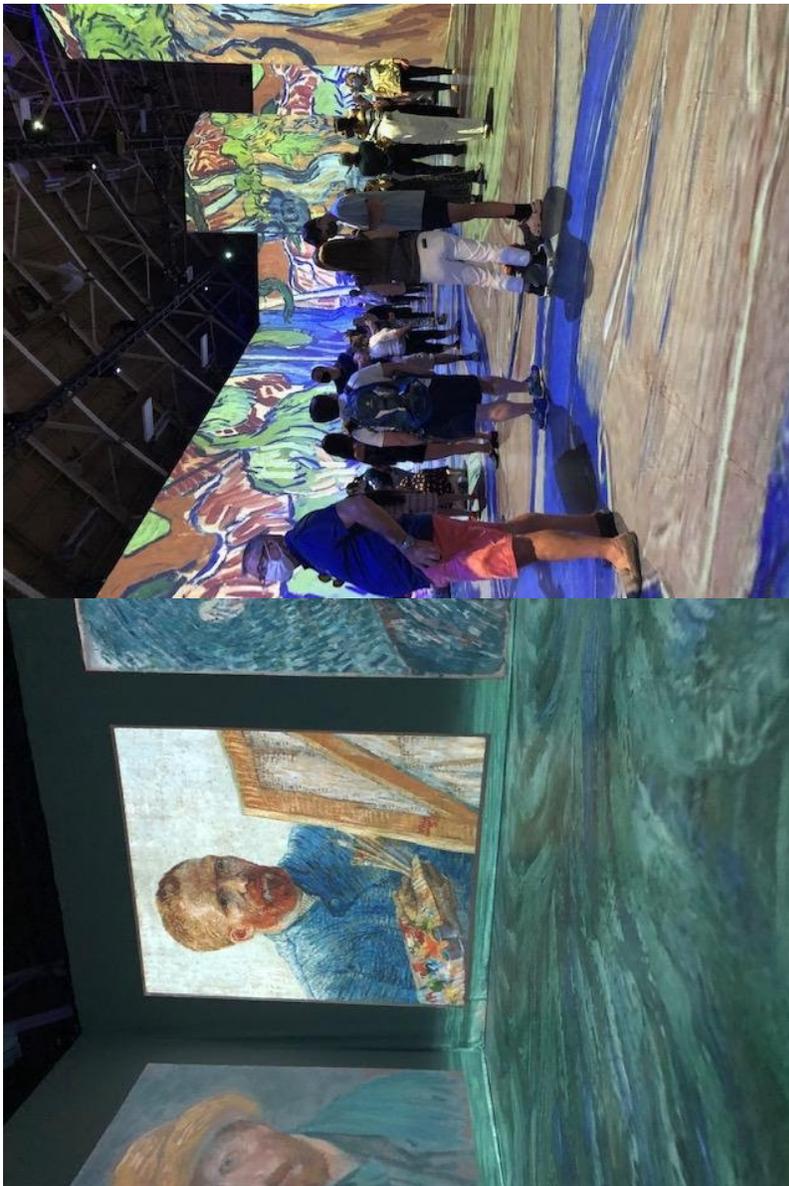
Some have suggested that if a new stadium were to be built it should be in a location served by LRT rather than being in the road and LRT-challenged Lansdowne site, however, this is not an option that the City was willing to consider. An opinion piece in the *Citizen* recommended that the new stadium be built on the "empty" lands south of Hurdman LRT station and on the other side of the Rideau River from OOE.

#### ***2. Lansdowne this Summer - Van Gogh***

Committee member Ian Sadinsky reports that there has been a very successful Van Gogh exhibit at the Aberdeen Pavilion. “The building worked well. Art installations of course, but also music, video, even a gift shop.”

“And when we got out of Van Gogh, there was a hip hop dance class going on ( pay what you can), pick up basketball, little league baseball, lots of action besides the commercial stuff ( restaurants, bars, etc.) It felt good to be at Lansdowne for a change.”

But he notes “Someone creative would have put some small booths, light entertainment, art exhibits, etc. into Aberdeen Square to catch the fancy of these people who may be new to the site. Lost opportunity! No vision, no planning...There is so much that can be done with Lansdowne with a little creativity and planning.”



### 3. Trees

Ron Rose comments on “the miracle that the newly planted trees are all still alive.”

Greystone Village, Corners on Main, and Lees Apartments – Peter Tobin

Convent: Smart Living Properties said they were reviewing their development options in light of feedback from City officials, Councillor Menard’s office and the community. The revised plan will see a reduction in density in the proposed rental building as well as a pedestrian link between Springhurst and des Oblats. A company has been hired to remove asbestos. SLP will provide us with a more complete update in the fall.

Greystone: over the whole of the long weekend the security gate around 2A/2B was left wide open. This allowed four youths easy access to the roof and roof top projection of 2B. The noisy cavorting awakened a TCOM resident who phoned police but the youths had descended and walked away before police arrived. Apparently a subcontracting team had left the gate open. This is at least the second security breach. In an earlier incident a youth avoided the closed gate and made his way into 2B and deployed a fire extinguisher. Remediation work on the shoreline is to resume in September once the baby turtles have all made their way to the safety of the river. The orange boom is back in the water.

Lees: the extensive work that began last spring, continues at 170 Lees. The majority of the units have been completely renovated. The on site manager has encouraged me to visit and I will do so soon. Vacancy rates which had skyrocketed due to Covid are near normal now as many uO students have returned.

Despite bylaw having spoken again to the manager at 190 Lees, dirt and mud still flows down onto the nearby MUP. A recent voice mail to the manager remains unanswered.

The river MUP near uOttawa is temporarily closed beyond the LRT line to allow for demolition of buildings at 200 Lees.

OOE artist and TCOM resident John Jarrett has been approved by Domicile to have a weekend pop up art show Sept. 25/26 at the currently vacant retail unit next to Beans and Greens.

Planning Committee – Ron Rose

The Planning Committee has been preoccupied with reviewing the -still incomplete- second draft of the proposed Official Plan, and preparing a reaction to the recent Site Plan Control Application for Phase III of the Greystone Development. In addition there have been a couple of applications for minor Variances for developments within the Community which require examination and the preparation of comments on each proposal, as well as a number of demolition permits received for information.

## OFFICIAL PLAN

Different sections of the revised draft of the Official Plan have been issued intermittently through June, July, August and September. All of the body of the draft have now been released, but a key document for OOE, the new draft Secondary Plan for the Community, has, as of September 12th, not been released. The OOE Secondary Plan is important for our Community because anything that is written in the Official plan, regarding density, building heights etc, will be overridden by the policies outlined in the Secondary Plan. (*Strangely, in planning-speak, the contents of the "secondary" plan are actually primary.*). We are waiting to see the draft of the Secondary Plan to learn how large areas of the Community, proposed to be subject to an Evolving Overlay, will be treated for intensification targets, building height, building footprint, number and configuration of units etc.

However, we already know that the proposed Secondary Plan will:

A: include the part of OOE north of the 417 and west of Nicholas; as well as Springhurst Park;

B) **Not** include the part of the Community east of Springhurst Park, which includes the Lees Ave apartments, the Ottawa U lands at 200 Lees, and the greenspace between Springhurst Park and the apartment towers. So we will work with the Councillor's office to attempt to get those areas back into the area covered by our Secondary Plan.

The draft Official Plan will be the subject of a City-wide **public consultation on September 30th**. This public consultation has been billed as "an opportunity to learn more about how the revised draft has changed". Residents are urged to register for this Public Consultation at this web address: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/new-official-plannouveau-plan-officiel-tickets-169479262035>

Questions can be submitted at :

<https://s-ca.chkmt.com/?e=241058&h=CF67C82B3D88804&l=en>.

The Official Plan will then be discussed by a Joint meeting of the City's Planning Committee and the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee on **October 14th**. This Joint meeting will be the only opportunity for the public to make a formal presentation on the Official Plan. Your Planning Committee urges any community member concerned about aspects of the Official Plan to register to speak at that meeting.

## GREYSTONE PHASE III

The plans for Phase III of the Greystone development have officially been submitted to the City. They are similar to the plans previously discussed with the Planning Committee. Detailed plans can be found on the City's DevApps website at:

<https://devapps.ottawa.ca/en/applications/D07-12-21-0111/details> . We have circulated these plans to a large number of residents, and have been receiving comments. The City has set the deadline for comments as September 13th. Your Planning Committee met on September 13th to review a strategy for comments. In addition, The Councillor's office will be organizing a public consultation on September 30th to allow residents to comment on the proposal.

We have been advised that, while the City's deadline for comments was September 30th, comments will be accepted throughout the approval process which could last until the Spring of 2022.

Committee of Adjustment proposals for Minor variances within Old Ottawa East, one at 467 Echo Drive and one at 111 Greenfield.

We received notice of demolition permits being approved for 200 Lees Ave, where demolition has already started, and one for 71-77 Harvey St.

We have also received notice of a Zoning By Law Amendment for the apartment tower at 170 Lees Ave, to allow the owner to convert the lower level of parking to paid parking. It is currently designated as residential parking but is seldom used, and has no elevator connection to the building. Comments are due September 27th, and/or Planning Committee will discuss this at the September 13th meeting.

## OOECA Environment Committee (SLOE) Report - Jayson MacLean

### Item 1 of 5 - Cllr Menard's motion regarding natural gas phase-out

Councillor Menard is submitting a motion to the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management meeting scheduled for September 15, 2021, with the motion appended below. Already, at least 30 Ontario municipalities have endorsed a gas power phase-out. SLOE member David Paré has written a letter in support of Menard's motion, also appended below.

To that end, I move that, "The OOECA support and submit to the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management the attached letter regarding natural gas phase-out in Ontario."

### Item 2 of 5 - SLOE participation in a CAFES Tree Canopy Project

CAFES (Community Associations for Environmental Sustainability, an Ottawa environmental group) has launched an initiative called the Neighbourhood Canopy Regeneration Project, with the details appended below. SLOE has signed up to participate in the project, which will see us mapping out where in our neighbourhood trees could be planted and, after that, we'll get to actually plant

some trees! So far, we have had one initial meeting with the project coordinators. Anyone who is interested in participating can contact me at [sloe@ottawaeast.ca](mailto:sloe@ottawaeast.ca).

### Item 3 of 5 - Shoreline Walk along the Rideau River Nature Trail

SLOE member Rebecca Aird has coordinated a walk and talk along the Rideau River Nature Trail in behind Greystone development. The purpose is to take a look at how the naturalization process is going along the shoreline and to come up with a plan (and some willing volunteers!) on how to support this process going forward. Susan Fisher, a landscape architect and naturalist, will be on hand to provide comments and feedback. The walk will be held on Thursday, September 16 at 4 pm. Anyone with an interest in becoming involved in this initiative can contact me at [sloe@ottawaeast.ca](mailto:sloe@ottawaeast.ca).

### Item 4 of 5 - SLOE Tree Walk along Echo Drive

Last summer, SLOE members created a guided tree walk through Brantwood Park. This year, we've headed to the other side of Old Ottawa East and have come up with a walk along Echo Drive!

Our passionate and erudite SLOE Tree Group members have provided written commentary on 19 trees visible from the stretch of Echo heading south from its intersection with Hazel Street and down to its intersection with Riverdale Ave. There will be a Google map to guide you along the way.

The walk will be available on [SLOE's Facebook Page](#) starting on Friday, September 17, at 5 pm and accessible for as long as Facebook and Google exist (i.e., forever). So, with our OOE trees now winding their way into fall, come on out for a walk this weekend or next and take in the splendour!

### Item 5 of 5 - SLOE Open House

SLOE will be conducting a virtual open house on Tuesday, September 21, from 7 to 8:30 pm on Zoom. Please spread the word and come out yourself to chat about what interests you, environmentally and sustainability-wise, about Old Ottawa East and beyond. Of course, we'll be welcoming new members, and we'll be talking about SLOE's ongoing projects as well as any endeavours we/you would like to get up and running for the year ahead. The [link to the Zoom meeting is here](#) and will also be up on [SLOE's Facebook page](#).

### Appended Documents

## **City Council, Standing Committee and Commission Conseil, comités permanents et commission**

### **Notice of Motion / Avis de motion**

### **Committee: Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management**

### **Report 18**

### **NOTICE OF MOTION, Re: Natural Gas Phase-out Councillor**

**Moved by: Shawn Menard**

**WHEREAS the Government of Ontario is planning to increase electricity generation and greenhouse gas pollution from Ontario's gas-fired power plants by more than 300% by 2030 and by 500% or more by 2040 due to the closing of the Pickering nuclear station and a forecast rise in the demand for electricity; and**

**WHEREAS this path forward will eliminate approximately 40% of the greenhouse gas pollution reductions achieved by phasing out coal-fired power plants; and**

**WHEREAS the City of Ottawa is committed to ambitious reductions in community and corporate greenhouse gas pollution, as reflected in the passing of a climate emergency and net-zero greenhouse gas targets; and**

**WHEREAS the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is starting a study to assess the implications of phasing out the gas plants; and**

**WHEREAS there are feasible, cost-effective alternatives to increasing gas-fired electricity generation without increasing greenhouse gas pollution at costs well below our current fully burdened electricity costs or the cost of new supply gas or nuclear supply, including but not limited to:**

- **energy efficiency investments;**
- **low-cost, renewable energy, providing employment in Ontario communities and restoring our leadership in this industry;**
- **The potential for increased imports of cost competitive Quebec electricity with relatively small investments;**
- **The elimination of “top up contracts” for natural gas generators as they expire; and**
- **using Quebec’s system of reservoirs to back-up made-in-Ontario renewable power, eliminating the need to use gas-fired power plants for this purpose.**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Ottawa request the Government of Ontario develop and implement a plan to phase-out gas-fired electricity generation by 2030 to help the City of Ottawa, the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada meet their climate targets; and**

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Ottawa call on the IESO to give full consideration to wind and solar, demand response, Quebec Hydro, and conservation; and**

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario; the Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines; the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; the Minister of Health; all local MPPs and MPs; the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Ontario Big City Mayors; the Federation of Canadian Municipalities; and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.**

Sept 14, 2021

Dear Mayor Watson and Ottawa City Councillors,

The Old Ottawa East Community Association would like to register its support for Counsellor Shawn Menard's motion on the Natural Gas Phase-out presented to the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management.

In calling on the Government of Ontario to phase out gas fired electricity generation in Ontario by 2030, the motion is consistent with the City of Ottawa's declaration of a climate emergency and Ottawa's Energy Evolution Strategy. It also increases the prospect of Canada meeting its commitment to the Paris Climate Accord, which will be critical if the international community is going to avert global disaster.

It would be naïve to suggest that it is a simple matter to switch to clean energy, and Counsellor Menard's proposal makes that clear. The motion sets out a number of alternatives to huge investments that lock the province into polluting technology for years to come, reverse GHG reduction gains, and are frankly on the wrong side of history.

Looked at financially, the smart money is being directed to sustainable industries and lifestyle choices, as this is where the greatest prospects for job creation and economic growth are. But economics aside, it is not an overstatement to say this decision is about averting human suffering. The overriding message in the recent report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change is the starkest ever: we must act boldly and *immediately* to avert untold misery worldwide. Investing hundreds of millions of dollars in petroleum-fuelled energy at this time would only exacerbate a perilous situation further and have repercussions for decades to come. The time to transition to cleaner energy is now.

Thank you for your attention,

Old Ottawa East Community Association

# **CAFES Neighbourhood Canopy Regeneration Project**

## **Purpose and Goal:**

The purpose of this project is to contribute to regenerating the urban canopy. The goal of this project is to build the capacity of CAs to engage with their residents and existing City programs towards expanding the canopy in their neighbourhood.

## **Objectives:**

- 1) Renew the resident's Tree Planting Guide developed by the Glebe Community Association in 2015 and share for wider use.
- 2) Utilize the canopy mapping work done by the City (in partnership with NCC) to identify planting areas (public and institutional land).
- 3) Utilize and promote the existing City tree planting programs (Trees in Trust, etc.) for public spaces (front yard street allowance planting) and the Ecology Ottawa sapling program for private spaces (backyard and side yard planting).

## **Outcomes and Results:**

1. Tree planting resources available to green leaders in communities.
2. Strengthened capacity in participating CAs and CAFES.
3. Regenerating urban forest canopy at the neighbourhood level.

## **Timeline and Activities**

July 2021 Renew and improve the Glebe Community Association Local Residential Tree Planting Guide 2015. Hold an information meeting.

July - August 2021 Confirm participating CAs from existing pool of 15 minute neighbourhood project collaborators. Agree on work plans and scheduling.

August - October 2021 Hold community workshops in target neighbourhoods to look at present canopy and discuss regeneration opportunities.

September - November 2021 - Ground work/door-to-door with partners and Ecology Ottawa.

November - December 2021 - Neighbourhood canopy regeneration plans.

April - May 2022 - Spring planting.

June 2022 - Neighbourhood reports and maintenance plans.

August 2022 - Final report.