

### **Report of the Planning Committee – Ron Rose**

The Planning Committee considered a number of issues at its meeting February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

- 1) The Committee did not object to minor variances requested for 178 Main St.
- 2) Alterations to the Deschatelets building are to be discussed at the Built Heritage sub-Committee on March 9<sup>th</sup>. The CECCE is proposing changes to the building to accommodate the demolition of the Chapel wing and other structural changes.
- 3) The Chapel of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Mary will also be discussed at the March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Built Heritage sub-Committee. The sub-Committee will discuss a motion negotiated by Councillor Menard, with the support of the Association, to add the Convent to the City of Ottawa's Heritage Register.
- 4) Since the February meeting, we have been advised that a property at 37 Mason Terrace has requested minor variances, with the application to be heard at the Committee of Adjustment on March 17<sup>th</sup>.
- 5) Subsequent to our Committee meeting, Ottawa U held a virtual briefing on their plans for a new Faculty of Health Sciences at 200 Lees Avenue. The briefing was organized by Councilors Fleury and Menard. The University plans to demolish the three western-most existing buildings and replace them with a five-storey central building with two four-storey wings, opening towards the Rideau River. The current proposal is mainly for low-rise offices, labs and classrooms, with no mention of the high-rise buildings that are permitted on that site.
- 6) Finally, the Committee has prepared a submission to the City on the draft Official Plan, which we recommend the Association present. The detailed submission has already been circulated.