

## **Ottawa East Community Association meeting**

**June 9, 2020**

**7 pm, Zoom meeting**

Attendance:

Bob Gordon, Alexandra Gruca-Macaulay, Don Macaulay, Ron Rose, Catherine Pacella, Don Fugler, Councillor Shawn Menard, Peter Tobin, Taylor Marquis (Regional), Phyllis Odenbach Sutton, Brendan O’Kelly, Tom Scott, Courtenay Beauregard, Suzanne Johnston, Ariela Summit (Office of Shawn Menard), Jayson Maclean, Richard Cundall, John Dance, Chris Osler, Tina Raymond, Carol Workun, Bonnie Wepler, Daniel Byrne, Jamie Brougham

Motion to approve agenda: moved by Tom Scott, seconded by Ron Rose

Edit to May 12, 2020, needed – change date from March to May

Motion to approve May 12, 2020, minutes: moved by Tom Scott, seconded by Courtenay Beauregard

Chair’s report – Bob Gordon

- Deschatelets building – feedback from Sally Coutts at City of Ottawa, supportive of our motion, acknowledge some feedback from community to not demolish the chapel wing
- Bob to meet with Saint Paul University rep soon, will report back
- Nice to see more shops opening up
- Some discussion in the community about addressing free range cats – suggestion to use colourful collars to help protect birds, information from Phyllis’ birding group

Councillor’s report – Councillor Shawn Menard

- Lots of work in the office
- Urban boundary – council voted to expand
- A few compromises – some agricultural land will be protected
- Employment lands – reduce the scale (motion passed)
- Deschatelets – school board has submitted rezoning, no date set yet, maybe by the end of summer
- Goal is to have memorandum of understanding between the city, school board regarding gym space
- Hawthorne/Main/Colonel By – ground floor retail survey, 82% in favour of it
- Brantwood Park – bike path/jumps at south end among the trees
- It will stay in place but don’t want it to impact the roots of the trees
- Springhurst Park playground replacement/improvement – potential delay because of COVID-19
- Greenfield vibrations – receiving many emails about this

- Potholes have been repaired, looking into speed reductions
- Q – Deschatelets – will it be an issue to get approval for residences above educational buildings?
- A – That’s a question for the school board
- Q – Playground equipment is being used in Springhurst Park – what is the policy?
- A – Playground equipment is not open, this is a provincial decision, park ambassadors in place and can offer guidance vs requesting bylaw officers issue tickets
- Q – Can we keep wading pools open longer? More fun for kids, more employment for students
- A – Will be raising it tomorrow at council
- Q – Who is enforcing at pools?
- A – Haven’t seen guidelines yet about enforcement
- Q – Will lines be painted on pathways along the river with directions?
- A – Staff will be adding them soon, in the next couple of weeks
- Q – Any further development in Springhurst about volleyball court, play structures?
- A – Staff looking to hold off till next year, trying to push for it to be done now
- Q – Any possibility of resurfacing tennis courts in Brantwood? Repair work done last year but it didn’t really get the job done.
- A – Aware of the issue, need more information – ie: what work is needed, what is being requested

#### Regional Group – Taylor Marquis

- 2A – working on parking garage, 2B working on excavations
- 1C – 9<sup>th</sup> floor slab
- Q – Any other plantings planned for between Springhurst Park and Deschatelets?
- A – Landscaping still ongoing, possibly in the summer
- Q – Two paths behind Greystone – what are the proposed uses? One is cedar, one is paved.
- A – Paved is a multi-use pathway (cycling), and cedar is for walking (part of the nature trail)
- Q – What is the use of the staircase that goes underground in the north-east corner?
- A – Could be the hydro vaults
- Q – Are back to back townhomes still in the works?
- A – Still in the conception stage, last piece to be developed

#### Treasurer’s update – Don Fugler

- \$23,004.82 – pre legal fees

#### NCC Capital Pathway Strategic Plan – John Dance

- Bank to Clegg along Colonel By Drive – some sections that are directly adjacent to the road/canal
- Can we look at alternatives to provide more spacing – ie: boardwalk near Dow’s Lake
- John to draft letter to send, share for review/comments

## CAG – Tina Raymond

- Fieldhouse and Old Town Hall are still closed by participation is happening virtually
- Summer camp registration is now open
- Survey about what other activities people would like to see
- Q – Have the eUpdates started up again?
- A – Yes, and they will be programming and events focused

Committee reports: \*reports received in advance of the meeting are available at the end of the minutes\*

## Communications – Bob Gordon

- Applied for non-profit status with Google to use G Suites

## FCA – Ron Rose

- Last month, focus was on urban boundary and idea of 15 minute neighbourhoods

## Corners on Main – Peter Tobin

- Property being handed over to Domicile (by the Sisters)
- Discussion about installing a fence between Oblats to Springhurst?
- Future of Domicile development – development office closed, will they sell it?
- Not sure what is happening with the little park, statue in the park, will the Sisters be taking it?
- Peter to follow up on park, statue
- Q – what about the architectural wall in front of hydro meters?
- A – Peter to follow up

## Parks and Greenspace – Alexandra Gruca-Macaulay

- Thanks to Ariela for advocacy to get improvements/project in Springhurst to move ahead
- Invasive weeds – volunteers out to clean it up along the river

## Membership – Suzanne Johnston

- Not sure what it will look like in the fall
- Handling of money is an issue
- Looking at online but costs associated with that
- Might also need to start canvass earlier in case of second wave

## Planning – Brendan O’Kelly

- R4 Zoning review – comments sent to the city
- 111 Lees Avenue – opposite Simcoe, three storey duplex, looking to convert to three unit apartment
- Ron has approval to sit in on LPAT hearing

SLOE – Jayson Maclean

- Community gardens are up and running
- Children's Garden up too – online programming
- June 20 – virtual opening of the garden

Health and Safety – Phyllis Odenbach Sutton (in lieu of a rep)

- Have been advised of an increase in thefts in the community
- Phyllis is doing an article on this for the Mainstreeter
- We need a rep on the board for this portfolio

Transportation – Tom Scott

- More transparency needed on planning issues at city committee

Sandy Hill Community Health Centre – Chris Osler

- Acknowledgement of Chris' outstanding work in Old Ottawa East for almost twenty years
- Chris is leaving SHCHC to pursue new interests

Summer agenda items – Bob Gordon

- Need to keep an eye on the LPAT decision
- Scheduled for June 19, Ron to attend
- Still don't have an idea of final costs
- Also need to keep an eye on MPAC assessment re: Immaculata field
- No further information at this time
- Also possible planning of a celebratory event if allowed in the community
- Main Event postponed, perhaps have another event similar
- Could include safe activities, maybe food trucks
- Partner with CAG to develop the event
- Acknowledgement of plaque re: Main Street/complete street
- Maybe something linked to a cycling event to highlight complete street, include businesses to help animate the street
- Bob to continue in role as acting chair until Jaime is ready to return

Welcome brochure – Ron Rose

- Move to approve up to \$1000 for the preparation and printing of a welcome brochure, moved by Ron Rose, seconded by John Dance
- Concern about spending more money without knowing the final cost of the LPAT appeal
- Brochure is something that the community association has discussed for years, not a new initiative
- Chris suggested reaching out to the SHCHC about possible funding opportunities
- Agreement to temporarily freeze any more spending until LPAT bill is received

Motion to adjourn – moved by Tom Scott, seconded by Ron Rose

**Committee reports:**

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Report, GV and TCOM

Domicile will complete their purchase of the convent lands effective July 30. One of the Sisters mentioned the fact to a Corners resident and the arrangement was confirmed by David Chick of Domicile. Domicile has no definitive plans for the convent at the present time.

Regional has provided their expected construction schedule for June at buildings 2A and B. At site 2A, the parking garage will be completed to ground floor and the construction of the ground floor will begin. At 2B, workers will finish the excavation and start the building of the raft slab.

At the River Terraces: ( aka Towers 1 and 2) work on the 6<sup>th</sup> to 9th floors of Terrace 1 is to be completed and full occupancy achieved by the end of August. Terrace 2 is 80% sold out and occupancy is planned for summer to early fall of 2021. The construction for the Spencer ( aka Tower 3) depends on how sales progress. An optimistic timeline for the start of excavation would be late 2020.

The Retirement Residence is not in any position yet to fix a timetable for opening. Work is progressing on the landscaping.

Happy Goat reopened on May 27 for take-out only.

Transportation - Tom Scott

There has been no real movement on the transportation file for May/June. The most-recent City Committee meeting had no agenda item related to the TMP update and there were no specific items for OOE. The City project manager's office for Greenfield reconstruction and the MTO contacts for the 417 downtown bridges projects have been silent over the past month. We passed along our concerns to the City from the last meeting about speed and noise on Greenfield and several neighbourhood groups took separate action - some potholes and cracks were re-paved but the noise and vibration were not abated as expected - vehicle speed being the primary concern.

The pace for the canal wall reconstruction at Concord has visibly slowed; but while we have asked, we have not yet received any update about the schedule for re-opening this section. Perhaps our MP's office could hasten a response.

There is a single item on the agenda of transportation interest, sponsored by John Dance and supported by Transportation Committee, related to the Multi-Use Path planning to be discussed elsewhere. We asked how NCC and the two senior levels of government were engaged in the Official Plan renewal process, especially for infrastructure and transportation, but received only deflecting answers from staff: for example, MTO would be engaged in surface storm-water flooding if and only MTO properties were concerned but not it seems in longer-range planning exercises like the OP renewal.