



Meeting of the Old Ottawa East Community Association Board

Tuesday, 12 December 2017, 7p.m.

Old Town Hall, 61 Main Street

MINUTES

Attendees

Board Members

Phyllis Odenbach Sutton
Ron Rose
John Dance
Jaime Girard
Anne-Raphael Audouin
Heather Jarrett
Suzanne Johnston
Mark Seebaran
Bob Gordon
Richard Cundall

Others present

David Chernushenko
Denise Inglis
Christian Pupp
James Burr
Pamela Burr
Heather Moxley
Geoff Nimmo
Wendy McRae
Vicki Davis
Paul Goodley
John Jarrett
Bill Baldwin
Benoit Tremblay
Bob Parkins
Jamie Broughaun

1. Call to Order – John Dance/Phyllis Odenbach Sutton – 7:05pm
2. Approval of Agenda
 - Moved: Jaime Girard; 2nd Suzanne Johnston; Carried
3. Approval of October 2017 Minutes
 - Moved; John Dance; 2nd Jaime Girard; Carried
4. Chair's Report – Phyllis Odenbach Sutton
 - Report Attached; [see Appendix 1](#)
 - Acknowledgement of achievements in the community
 - Sesquencial awards presented by MPP Yasir Naqvi for Heather Jarrett, John Dance, Daxton Reid and Don Smith
 - AGM
 - Overall positive feedback was received
 - 120+ people in attendance

- Discussion on whether the AGM should return to Church of Ascension; decision to rebook for next year and possibly find larger facility in following year if needed
 - Some difficulty with the slide presentation; would prefer a standardized format
 - Request for possibly broadcasting
- Future board direction
 - Possibility to post on the web and move forward

5. Councillor's Report – David Chernushenko

- AirBnB
 - Met with representatives from the organization to foster the beginnings of regulations
 - Organization will de-list properties if there is enough feedback
 - The property on Concord North, involved in the shooting, has been de-listed officially
- Hurdman – LRT Bridge
 - Pushing to open for pedestrian traffic
 - The property belongs to the Rideau Transit Group consortium, and will remain closed as they see fit.
- Rideau River Path
 - Opening December 18th tentatively
 - No information on winter clearing
- Traffic
 - Looking to have the neighbourhood zones speed reduced to 40 km/h
 - This would apply to side roads, whereas collector/arterial roads would stay at current limit
 - Collectors may be changed if enough concern is expressed to city
 - Cross cutting through streets is a concern and will be investigated
- Old Town Hall Repairs
 - Money is budgeted for repairs
 - Nothing has been tendered as of yet
- Children's Garden
 - Reasoning to change grade was not made known
 - Notification was inadequately provided to immediate neighbours
 - Councillor felt that information was inadequate
- Reporting Incidents to Police
 - Concern was expressed with respect to reporting incidents to police via phone, or online
 - Online form for police report difficult to use
 - Interactions over the phone not always satisfactory
 - Pass information to Eli El-Chantriry El-Chantriry or David Chernushenko for feedback about the police interactions for reporting
- Winter Plowing
 - Main street bike lanes will be plowed

- Rideau River Western Pathway to Windsor Park will not be plowed, councillor to investigate
- Annual Budget for Ward
 - Councillor asked to provide pie chart for allocation of funds
 - Items from the “Cash-in-lieu of Parkand” account are put into budget based on discussions with Capital Ward community associations and the Councillor
- City Taxes
 - Councillor in favour of 0.5% tax increase in addition to the base increase of 2 percent [the 0.5 percent was not approved by Council]

6. Treasurer’s Report - Don Fugler

- No report

7. Committee Reports

- Planning – Ron Rose
 - Report Attached; [See Appendix 2](#)
 - 31 Simcoe development; tear down and rebuild single and semi-detached
 - 225 Scholastic; proposal for 8 story retirement home
 - 113 and 115 Echo
 1. For further information, go to the City’s DVAP site
 2. Comments requested by the City by January 2nd
- SLOE – John Dance
 - Report Attached; [See Appendix 3](#)
 - Clegg - 5th Footbridge
 1. Construction is proceeding on schedule
 2. Currently, 23 piles have been completed
 3. 22 piles remain, to be completed by end of January
 - Hurdman Bridge
 1. Bridge remains closed for construction use
 2. Issue with the lights
 3. On one side of bridge there appears to be access
 - Children’s Garden
 1. Numerous concerns raised by neighbours
 2. Motion to seek from the Councillor and the City an accounting of the cost of the remediation of the Robert Legget Park (Children’s Garden) property and an explanation of why such extensive grading changes were made; and to express the Community's displeasure with the City’s failure to consult adjacent neighbours before the work was conducted.
 - a. Moved; John Dance; 2nd Heather Jarrett
 3. Concerns from OOECA to be shared with the children’s garden board
- Transportation – Tom Scott
 - Report Attached; [See Appendix 4](#)
 - Rehabilitation of the Queensway bridges in the downtown core

1. Construction to be started in 2018 with the Nicholas overpass, then the remaining 4 downtown overpasses, moving East to West
 2. MTO staff believe construction will exist for the next ten to twelve years
 3. More information to be provided when project details are completed
 4. See [Appendix 5](#) and [Appendix 6](#) for additional details
- Federation of Citizens' Associations – Mark Seebaran
 - November meeting, with focus on heritage planning
 - Heritage Ottawa
 1. A presentation was made by Heritage Ottawa
 2. Discussion around the lobbying of building designations
 3. Possibility for designating complete neighbourhoods
 4. There was discussion around the Salvation Army shelter move
 5. Discussion about creating a rental registry
 - FCA
 1. Report attached; [See Appendix 7](#)
 - Lees Apartment Outreach – Anne-Raphael Audouin
 - No report
 - Introductory notice
 - Communications – Catherine Pacella
 - No report
 - Corners on Main & Greystone Village – Heather Jarrett
 - Contact was initiated with the group
 - Contact information is available on the respective development websites
 - Health & Safety – Jaime Girard
 - Street Activity
 1. Concern over specific activity on street
 2. Discussion about doing a community watch
 3. Desire to stop petty crime
 4. Looking for volunteers in the new year to be area/street captains
 5. Community watch will discuss with the captains
 6. Brochures and pamphlets will be available
 - AirBnB
 1. Currently there are 20 in the OOE, mainly in the King's Landing area.
 2. Potential discussion with councillor about how to keep AirBnB properties practical and respectful.
 3. Further support to continue the process with regulation AirBnB
 4. Potential for a satellite meeting to discuss further
 - Police call center
 1. Report anything using the feedback either by phone or by online.
 2. Additionally, any information to Jaime, or to the community officer.
 - Membership – Suzanne Johnston
 - No report
 - Indications that membership is on par from last year
 - There is planning for new residents moving into the neighbourhood

- An overall thanks to team members

8. Community Activities Group

- No report

9. New Logo – John Dance

- [See Appendix 8](#)
- Is it worth-while to rebrand
- Existing logo should be updated
- Ideas for new logo
- Strategic plan from Jaime to John
 - Look into Ed Janes survey of community members' perspectives
- Motion to pursue new design and approve up to \$300 for providing honoraria to a graphic designer or for awards for post-secondary students proposing designs
 - Moved; Ron Rose; 2nd Jaime Girard; Carried

10. New Business

- Backup problem on Lees and Main with traffic
 - Best to contact city engineer Josee Vallee
 - Contact information to be provided
 - Further concerns can be made to city via 311 service

11. Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday, 9 January 2018

- MPP Yasir Naqvi to be in attendance
 - Discussion for the replacement of the OMP

Adjournment moved: John Dance; 2nd Jaime Girard; Carried

Appendix 1

Chair's Report December 12, 2017

Annual General Meeting of November 14

- what a wonderful evening; it was great to see so many members of our community at the Church of the Ascension
- just under 120 members attended the event; I have not yet seen the final count from our annual membership drive; thank you to all who were able to attend and/or become a member/renew their membership
- we had great feedback on our slide show of the year in pictures so we plan to do this again next year; for the photographers in our midst, please send me photos that you think would be a good record of what is happening as the year proceeds
- we will be discussing the AGM at the December meeting: what worked / what could be improved & we welcome all feedback

Sesquicentennial PM speaker series

- we had another wonderful turn-out for our November 29 event on PM Pierre Trudeau
- please join us if you can for our last event before Christmas on Monday, December 11 at 7:00pm in room L120, 233 Main Street at Saint Paul University

Safety & Grey Cup

- I received a copy of a letter sent from Old Ottawa South president Emilie Taman to Chief of Police Charles Bordeleau on November 13, 2017; the issues raised were the need for an enhanced police presence during the Grey Cup Festivities week & the recent increase in firearms related incidents in our communities (which included references to the incidents in our neighbourhood)
- the only feedback that I received from our community on Grey Cup impacts related to more on-street parking in OOE, particularly on Grey Cup Sunday
- please let me know if there were any other incidents of concern
- FYI Chief Bordeleau replied on the same day with the following message:
"I've reviewed the attached letter and have asked our operations Deputy to provide you with a response on both matters."
- I am not aware of any further response from the police at this time

Naming of the Clegg-Fifth foot-bridge

- the Councillor mentioned this process at our AGM

- we received the following additional information from Ian Grabina in the Councillor's office on November 27 (note that John Dance is our lead on the footbridge file):

"Suggestions of names will be solicited from residents of Ottawa and the Algonquins of Ontario. An email form can be accessed through a dedicated button at www.capitalward.ca. However, suggestions submitted by written letter are also welcome and can be sent to (the Councillor's) office (address below). Applicants are asked to provide the name and a brief (250-word maximum) rationale. The deadline for receipt of applications is March 1, 2018.

Here are a few guidelines to follow.

If the name put forward is a historic event, person or place, what is its/his/her relationship to the bridge? If you are nominating an outstanding individual: how was this person exceptionally dedicated or did they demonstrate excellence in service to the communities surrounding the bridge?; OR how did they volunteer or give extraordinary help or care to individuals, families or groups or support the communities surrounding the bridge?; OR how did they demonstrate commitment to equity, inclusion, justice or reconciliation.

Once the nomination period has closed, the City's naming department will review all submissions to ensure they follow proper regulations.

A shortlist of all vetted and eligible names will be deliberated and voted upon by a Naming Committee of eight members, chaired by me (the Councillor) and comprised of:

- one representative of each of the three neighbouring Community Associations (GCA, OOECA, OSCA). Please contact yours, if you are interested;
- one member of the public from each of those same communities, as nominated by their respective community association;
- one representative of the mayor's office

Once a preferred name is chosen, it will be brought forward to City Council for formal approval.

Mailing address: David Chernushenko, Councillor, Capital Ward, City of Ottawa, 110 Laurier Ave. West, Ottawa ON K1P 1J1."

LRT bridge pathway

- I continue to hear from a number of OEE residents who are wondering why the pathway across the bridge near the Lees apartments is not open

- our Councillor's office is trying to get more information on the rationale for a continued closure, particularly in light of the fact that the pathways adjacent to the tracks are open in the immediate area

Children's garden remediation

- a number of the neighbours bordering the Children's garden have raised privacy concerns as a result of the change in elevation following remediation and the proposed chain link fence
- Ron Rose attended a meeting at the garden with some of the neighbours and the Councillor (& Ian Grabina from his office) on November 24

New logo

- John will be speaking to this idea at our Board meeting
- we currently are using a (somewhat fuzzy) logo of the Old Town Hall as our letterhead; but perhaps it is time to consider something else?

Future Board direction / actions / goals

- I am hoping we will have a chance at the December meeting for Board members to talk a bit about their interests / ideas.
- In this context, I would like to share a message I received from Cam (one of our new Board members & a member-at-large) as he will be out of town on December 12:

He is keen to do some outreach to local businesses and storefronts to talk about a vision for Main Street and the rest of the neighbourhood. If others are interested, please contact Cam.
- strategic goals were last set in 2014 (although the link on our web-page does not seem to work - <https://ottawaeast.ca/about>); I would encourage you to consider what goals you feel would be appropriate for a future Board conversation - perhaps at the monthly meeting in February?

Petition to Stand up for Community Newspapers

- I received the following message from the Elmvale Acres Community Association:

"the Elmvale Acres Community Association (EACA) located in (Ward 18 - Alta Vista) has started a petition calling on the Competition Bureau to intervene in this transaction (Postmedia and Torstar announcement that they were swapping 32 community newspapers and then shutting them down).

Many residents in the ward of Alta Vista have put their support behind this petition and we have the full support of other community associations in the ward including: Canterbury Community Association, Riverview Park and Alta Vista Community Association - **but we need your help.**

The petition is approaching 400 signatures and is gaining momentum, but so many residents across Ottawa and Ontario are unaware of its existence.

The EACA is urging you to help spread the word to your communities while there's still time. Our hope is that residents across Ottawa are passionate supporters of their community newspapers and are ready to put their name behind our collective effort to ensure local stories continue to be told.

Please share this petition link with your contacts, and encourage them to share it with their contacts. If we work together -- communities supporting community journalism -- we might yet save our collective voices.

[Petition to Stand up for Community Newspapers](#) "

Phyllis

Appendix 2

Development applications- Old Ottawa East.

1. 31 Simcoe. Proposal to demolish the house at the corner of Simcoe and Evelyn and build 3 new units: one fully detached and two semi-detached. Went to the Committee of adjustment on December 6th and the Committee deferred its decision.
2. 225 Scholastic. Variances were requested to permit additional height to proposed 8 story retirement home north-east of the Deschatelets building. Proposal was the subject of a public consultation held in Old Town Hall in Mid November. Application was approved by Committee of adjustment on Dec 6th.
3. 129 Main St. no change.
4. 173 Glenora, no change
5. 99 Greenfield. No change
6. 41 Concord. Construction ongoing.
7. 47 Havelock/150 Greenfield. Construction started
8. 113/115 Echo Dr. (Portuguese Church). Site Plan Application received. Proposal is to build a 6 story residential Building with 40 dwelling units, including 3 live-work units on the ground floor, parking for 58 vehicles and 60 bicycles. Application states that some roadway modifications (unspecified) may be required. Comments on this Application are due by January 2nd, 2018.

Other.

For those with a particular interest in Infill, the City plans a meeting with Zoning and Interpretation staff to discuss monitoring of infill 1 and 2. The meeting will be held in the new year.

Ron Rose

Vice Chair, OOECA

Appendix 3

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SLOE Report to OOECA - December, 2017

Children's Garden: Catherine Hooker reports: "The soil in the Children's Garden is now clean. After removing some of the original soil, a Geotextile barrier has been installed and clean soil spread on top. The grade has been elevated to sidewalk level in order to save as many mature trees as possible. Plans are ongoing to address concerns about sightlines and privacy.

"Structural elements and facilities should be completed by mid- to late-December. Planters and benches are in the process of being constructed and installed. A number of children's groups are working on painting the new fence pickets. Planting will take place in the spring, along with other finishing touches such as interactive, educational signage and a loose materials play area.

"The Children's Garden committee is looking forward to resuming our planting and growing after missing last year. We are always happy to welcome new faces and any seed/seedling donations are always appreciated."

Rideau River Western Pathway: The city's multi-use paved pathway along the river between the University of Ottawa (Lees) and Brantwood Park (with the Greystone Village portion to be completed next year) is scheduled for opening December 18, 2018. It had originally been scheduled to open at the end of October but extra work on the ramp and pathway under the LRT bridge delayed things.

Rideau River LRT Bridge Pathways: Pedestrian / cyclist use of the LRT bridge will not be permitted until some unstated time in 2018, presuming funding is approved for the bridge's lighting. The bridge was originally closed two years ago and its closure requires pedestrians and cyclists to detour to the old railroad footbridge parallel to the Queensway.

The City says: "The Rideau River Bridge was closed for Confederation Line construction on December 20, 2015. It remains closed because it is still part of the active construction zone, and is used by RTG to access the guideway and to transport materials between their work areas on either side of the river. As such, there may still be construction equipment travelling across the Rideau River Bridge and RTG is not able to reopen the multi-use pathway (MUP) at this time. In addition, the closure of the Transitway for conversion to light rail saw the removal of the existing roadway lighting, which provided some illumination of the pedestrian and cycling pathways. Without this lighting, winter maintenance of the MUP is not possible. Funding to provide multi-use pathway lighting is included in the 2018 draft budget. Pending City Council's approval of the funding, installation of the new lights along the length of this MUP (east side of Rideau River Bridge) would take place in 2018. ...The City continues to review with RTG the potential for the early opening of project elements, including the Rideau River Bridge MUP, once they are no longer required for construction purposes and deemed safe for use. We appreciate area residents' patience as we move closer to the completion of our project."

Lees Community Garden: Kristal Harding reports: "Prep for winter has been done. Ian Detta (our coordinator) has been working with city and have signed documents for another five years for the Garden ... we are just waiting on the City's land real estate department for the last signature."

Canal Footbridge Update: Construction progress is on schedule although there was a minor delay in creating the Herridge pedestrian crossing of Colonel By Drive. Traffic on CBD has largely returned to normal after the slight relocation of the parkway just north of Clegg (this was required to widen the Echo-CBD "island" to accommodate the switchback). The piling and cofferdam for the west pier is completed and the forming of the west pier is underway. The east pier cofferdam is completed and noisy piling for the east pier and east abutments for bridge/switchback is scheduled for completion by the first week in January. In terms of the pier construction, the piles (the "U" shaped steel vertical pieces) are cut off below the Canal bed and a concrete foundation is poured, integrating the piles for support.

An elliptical column is formed with wood on top of the foundation and filled with concrete. The "V" vertical supports that go on top of the piers are in the fabrication drawing stage and will be built over the winter in North Bay. The ramps and the east-side switchback get constructed next summer. As noted before, the skating and navigation seasons will not be affected. The replacement of the old watermain going under the Canal near the bridge will be next summer and the "project substantial completion" remains August 30, 2019.

I wish to express my gratitude to city engineer Richard Moore who has been very helpful in providing updates but I've been informed that henceforth I must get information from the City Media people. I remain dismayed at the excessive control that City management exerts over information that, in my opinion, should be readily available simply by talking with the responsible officer.

Also, as noted in the Chair's report, the naming process for the footbridge has begun.

Appendix 4

Old Ottawa East Community Association

Transportation

As the newly minted chair of Transportation for the OOECA, I am going to try and push for a more organic and integrated approach to planning, construction oversight, environment, hard infrastructure including transportation, and by-law and variance enforcement from the communities' perspectives in the hope that the City can reciprocate and also follow a more integrated approach as these things are planned out and implemented.

The AGM triggered two items that I wanted to share with other Board members and then a few other items that arose in the weeks since:

1. For the pending construction and destruction of the Nicholas underpass (that is where the Queensway goes under the Nicholas ramp access) the contractor may be seeking agreement from the City for work and noise outside the existing by-law limitations, much as we suppose the LRT companies have done. Given the concerns raised at the AGM about noise, vibration and dust from the latter we have posed a question to the councillor's office: is there some manner in which the OOECA can have concerns expressed when this request for the Nicholas work is being considered?

This same issue will be raised with reference to the Queensway bridges replacement and rehabilitation project for which a public information session at St. Paul's was just recently announced.

2. If the re-opening of the east-bound access from Lees Avenue to the Queensway is delayed not just until the LRT is opened next year but also until OCTranspo has re-routed buses as we heard at the MTO open house for the Nicholas underpass project - and that may take some months longer - then, we should propose that the City and MTO consider covering/removing the current road-side signs that try and direct people onto the 417 East. At least once a day I give direction to some poor lost motorist trying to go east from our neighbourhood and have even had to try it twice for someone who did a complete loop around from Greenfield to Lees to Main and back down Greenfield.
3. A large truck hit an overhead branch of a mature locust tree on Concord North and split the tree in half down to the roots. Within a day a tree surgery company came and took it down as it constituted a hazard to both cars and pedestrians on Concord. It was a shame to lose another mature tree in our neighbourhood as infill clearances and Emerald borers have turned our neighbourhood into a clear-cut zone. The fact that heavy trucks are using Concord and Harvey as a means of avoiding the turn at Main and Greenfield may be part of this, as well as a lack of any supervision for heavy trucks coming to the two construction sites along Greenfield. The failure to provide a planned lay-down area for either of these sites means that trucks are often parked in places that block traffic and block sight-lines for turns, and in some cases run up onto sidewalks and crush curbs and paving. The workers at both sites are trying but not doing a good job to clean up mud and stones on the roads and sidewalks outside their

construction zones - the one on Havelock at Greenfield had the misfortune of hitting a live waterline, an event that caused their partially-excavated hole to fill with flowing water before City crews could find a valve to shut it down, but that is another story of how fragile our buried infrastructure remains in this neighbourhood bordering Greenfield and north of the Queensway.

Infill projects with a lack of parking for construction crews, limited lay-down areas for materials and heavy vehicles usually with operators unfamiliar with our neighbourhoods will be a particular point of concern for Transportation and we will be soliciting stories, both good and bad, to share with the City.

4. We have been asked to become partners with, and continue with a membership fee to, the Healthy Transportation Coalition. Previous board members who have been associated with this Coalition support this continuation and so hopefully after some preliminary reviews and discussions we will report back to the Board at its next meeting as well.
5. The City's ability to keep our neighbourhood streets clear and safe during the winter months depends in part on plows being able to navigate past parked vehicles. By-law enforcement becomes then a key to successful and efficient snow plowing and snow removal and so we will be encouraging the City to make sure that current parking arrangements are respected as well as overnight bans. The signage on side and main streets across Ottawa East is inconsistent and results in some streets being more accessible for plowing than others, notably those which have seasonal parking bans all along one side. This is important not only for snow removal but also to keep at least one side of the street's catch basins open to divert melting snow or stormwater when we get wintertime and early spring rain.

These are some early thoughts about what Transportation can start with and I am eager to hear what others might wish to add.

Appendix 5

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation and its consultant contractor BT Engineering hosted a Public Information Centre (PIC) session at St. Paul's University on December 5, 2017. A number of advisors from BTE were available to answer questions, led by Mr. Steve Taylor and supported by Mr. David Lindensmith from the MTO office in Kingston.

The project is aimed at replacing or rehabilitating four sections of the Queensway bridging as an elevated highway from Main Street, the Rideau Canal, and Elgin Street to Metcalfe Street. The sections from O'Connor Street and west are covered by a separate and virtually complete EA, as is the section to the east for Nicholas.

There were dozens of panels arrayed around the room at St. Paul's most in both official languages. About a third of these explained the environmental-assessment and design-phase processes and placed the viewer in the current step of the process, PIC #1.

A number of panels provided environmental assessment outcomes, one of which was a sound impact estimation map based on modelling of the immediate area. The model was not sensitive to seasonality when leaves might be absent from wooded areas already assumed to be in place to aid with sound abatement, nor did it identify peak sources of noise such as motorcycles and trucks employing engine braking or Jake brakes. This particular panel showed areas along Harvey and the east of end of Havelock particularly excessively exposed to noise from the Queensway, as well as equally disturbed areas along the east end of Hawthorne and Lees to Chestnut and Brunswick. Existing sound barriers were shown but no other panels for the design phase revealed features of sound abatement.

A number of design options for each of the four bridge areas (noted to actually comprise seven bridges) were presented and an equal number of construction alternatives were illustrated for each option – some of these were already X'd out with big red symbols so questionable as to what these were have shown and why except perhaps to strike the viewer with how much more a negative impact could have been assessed. "You think this is bad, look at how bad it could have been" may be an attempt to have the neighbourhoods deal with some striking proposals for the reconstruction of these bridges.

The favoured bridge designs, linked to the canal crossing, are uninspired but are trying to meet a Parks Canada preference to have no greater line-of-sight impact over the canal than the current structures: so, a design with details like we now see on the Lees overpass is most likely. This also serves to provide the most acceptable construction alternative without a very long central span over the canal.

For both Main and Canal bridges, the preferred options and alternative seem to be aiming at Ballantyne Park and the older buildings along the north side of Hawthorne as an area for lay-down of materials and construction of bridge sections to be moved in place when completed. The routes for the very large transportation platforms would need to see most of the mature trees on site cut down, Gordon's office and Alain's salon removed (perhaps to be replaced but stored elsewhere during construction phases), as well as removal of the buildings right down to and including the Royal Oak. Other alternatives are even more drastic and disruptive of existing

neighbourhoods so this is the best of a bad situation for Old Ottawa East. Lay-down and movement areas on the west side of the canal for Elgin and Metcalfe are even more problematic for those neighbourhoods.

While one of the options for the canal bridge sections would be more construction on site over the bed of the canal itself, preparation and section movement would still need an area like the Ballantyne Park choice: the Royal Oak and the buildings to the cycle shop would still need to be removed. Another alternative would see old sections of the canal bridges moved into and new sections moved out of a lay-down area in the curve of the on-ramp from Greenfield (this same area to be reconstructed as part of the Nicholas underpass project now underway) so that area of our neighbourhood would be facing construction disruptions for over a decade with the bridges work also requiring the existing woodland sound barriers also be removed and obviating any planned additional tree planting work related to the Nicholas on-ramp to be put in place.

If I was the owner of the Royal Oak pub on the corner I might be looking for a place in the ground-floor retail space of the two Oblates-properties developments now underway along Main Street. There is really no competition as the Green Door already has an established and quite different niche and clientele.

The MTO representative noted that there were no plans to provide interim sound barriers to protect these surrounding neighbourhoods during a decade of construction; and then, new ones meeting a Provincial standard would not then be considered until sometime around 2030. Local traffic disruptions and diversions and loading from heavy equipment movement, construction vehicles and suppliers (including concrete and steel) would be sporadic but continuous over this decade plus.

There will be a second PIC in the spring of 2018 following inputs from Parks Canada, the NCC and the City of Ottawa.

Appendix 6

HIGHWAY 417 NICHOLAS STREET UNDERPASS (SITE #3-224) REPLACEMENT, DETAIL DESIGN

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained WSP Canada (WSP), to complete the Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for the replacement of the Highway 417 Nicholas Street Underpass (GWP 4048-11-00), in the City of Ottawa. Based on the findings of a Value Engineering Study undertaken by MTO in 2009, the scope of work involves the following:

- Full replacement of the existing bridge on a new alignment immediately west of the existing bridge;
- Re-alignment of the associated interchange ramps (specifically, ramps in the northwest, southwest and northeast quadrants) as required by the new bridge alignment;
- Short extension of the fourth Highway 417 through lanes in each direction, to just west of the Nicholas Street Underpass; and
- Construction of related works, including drainage, illumination, and roadside protection barriers.

This project is following the approved environmental planning process for Group 'B' projects under the MTO *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities* (2000), with the opportunity for public input throughout the project.

This website will be updated regularly, providing project and schedule updates, information on upcoming events such as the Public Information Centre, as well as project documentation as it becomes available.

If you have questions or comments, or wish to be added to the project mailing list, please visit the [Contact Us](#) section of this website

Appendix 7

General Meeting of the Federation of Citizens Association of Ottawa (FCA) on October 18, 2017.

Report to OECA

1. What is the FCA?

The Federation of Citizens Associations (FCA) was founded in 1975 as a coalition of community associations within the City of Ottawa, concerned about neighbourhood issues and City Council decisions that affected their quality of life. The FCA has been a resource for community associations dealing with municipal planning and service issues, a forum for discussion and (when required) joint action by community associations, and a resource for the City of Ottawa. It currently has a membership of 43 community organizations, meets monthly to discuss city-wide and local issues, has committees on various subject matters, and holds occasional workshops on topical issues. (taken from FCA review of Transportation Masterplan; see topic 3 below).

2. **Meeting venue and introduction to the community:** The meeting was hosted by the Lowertown Community Association at 172 Guigues Ave. It was attended by about 30 people, including the MP for Ottawa Vanier, Mona Fortier, and an aide to the local Councillor (Mathieu Fleury). Lowertown CA Vice-President, Thierry Harris, introduced the community: It is one of the oldest neighbourhood of Ottawa, with about 12,000 residents in an area of less than 3 sq. km. It is bordered by the Rideau Canal, Ottawa River, Rideau River, and Rideau Street. Within its borders are the Byward Market, a number of high-rises, heritage buildings, two shelters, and King Edward Avenue, whose heavy traffic has been a cause of concern for a long time. For more information see <http://www.lowertown-basseville.ca/>.

3. Review of Transportation Masterplan; Input to City:

The FCA Transportation Committee prepared an evaluation of the current (2013) Transportation Masterplan (TMP), and recommendations for the forthcoming one, originally scheduled for 2018. The timing has now been delayed to 2020-21, to allow consideration of the impact of the LRT. FCA decided (by motion) to present it to Transportation Committee now to give the City more time to think about the FCA recommendations. There are 16 recommendations dealing with improvements and safety of walking, cycling, driving, and public transport. For details see: <http://fca-fac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/TMP-brief-FCA-16Oct17-1.pdf>

Further Developments: The report was introduced by two FCA members at the City Transportation Committee on November 1st, and placed on the Committee's agenda, thanks to Councillor McKenney. Transportation Committee referred the report to City staff and requested that staff meet with FCA. Informally I heard from City staff that they liked the recommendations of the FCA report but suggested that the FCA submit it again when staff begins work on the TMP review (late 2018(?)).

4. Planned move and expansion of Salvation Army Facility from the Byward Market (George Street) to Montreal Road in Vanier.

The Vanier Community Association (VCA) moved that the FCA (a) ask the City to review the Salvation Army submission with respect to the City's 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan, and (b) that the FCA endorse the VCA opposition to the proposal. The FCA decided that part (a) and part (b) be divided into two separate motions. Subsequently the request to the City for review was approved, while the FCA, in a vote) refused to support the opposition to the SA proposal.

Background: On June 16, 2016 The Salvation Army (SA) applied to the City of Ottawa for permission to construct a new building on Montreal Road to replace the current shelter on George Street in the market area. The new building would contain an emergency shelter, with slightly lower capacity than the current one, but the majority of the building would be dedicated to longer term support, with the goal (according to the SA) of transition to permanent housing ("Housing First"). All the other support services/programs are daytime programs but with overnight stay. There will be 140 "short-time shelter" beds but the total number of beds linked to all programs will be 350.

According to the SA: *"The new multi-purpose facility will house residential units, specialized medical care, stabilization and treatment services, life-skills and job training, day programs, a café, and disaster relief services, as well as emergency shelter accommodations. Together, all these different kinds of support build a framework for helping people who have fallen on hard times."*

For details see

a) Joanne Chianello, CBC: "Everything you need to know for this week's Salvation Army debate". <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/salvation-army-planning-committee-ottawa-1.4391061>

b) Salvation Army Application prepared by Fotenn:

http://webcast.ottawa.ca/plan/All_Image%20Referencing_OP%20Amendment%20Application_Image%20Reference_2017-06-20%20Planning%20Rationale%20D01-01-17-0013.PDF

c) Salvation Army Information Document: <http://333montrealroad.ca/#programs-and-services>

The building is proposed for a large lot (1.8 acres, 7,700 Sq.m.) situated at and around 333 Montreal Road. Because of the shelter component, and because shelters are not a permitted on a Traditional Mainstreet (Montreal Road) the application a site-specific change in the Official Plan as well as in the Zoning Bylaw (McArthur Road and Elgin Street are current examples of such exceptions. The building was designed by renowned architect Barry Hobin and, if built, will be one of the more attractive buildings on Montreal Road.

The proposal was supported by City staff and (strongly) by three homeless support groups (Shepherds of Good Hope, Ottawa Mission, Ottawa Inner City Health). It but was vehemently opposed by a large, well-organized, opposition from Vanier led by the local Councillor, Matthew Fleury. In the end, after a three-day session at Planning Committee (November 14-17), with over 140 speakers it was recommend by Committee, and approved by Council (with some conditions attached) on November 22 by by a vote of 16 to 7. All five Inner City Councillors (Chernushenko, Leiper, McKenney, Nussbaum, and Fleury) and two outer City Councillors (Deans and Brockington) opposed the project.

The Salvation Army had hoped to complete the building within four to five years, but another year (or more) may be added by the appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB), filed by five Vanier business owners on November 28.

One last thought on the "housing first" approach, the alternative favoured by Vanier: Its success seems to be strongly dependent on available housing and strong support personnel, both in short supply.

SEE: Joanne Chianello: "Let's not kick housing first strategy to the curb over trashed apartment" <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/trashed-apartment-incident-shows-challenges-housing-first-1.4372333>

5. **The City's "Renewable Energy Strategy Project" or "Energy Evolution"**

In 2015 City Council approved the Renewable Energy Strategy Project as a 2015 -18 Council priority. In 2016 Council also approved a Greenhouse Gas (GHG) reduction target for the year 2050 of 80% below 2012 levels.

The draft City Budget, tabled early in November, had included limited funds for this program, which were then discussed by Environment and Climate Protection Committee (Chair David Chernushenko) on November 21.

At its October 18 meeting FCA approved two motions to ask Council for increased funding for this "Energy Evolution" program. Specifically, Environment Committee and Council were asked to recommend and commit at least \$1.5M of (new?) funding and two permanent staff positions.

Members of FCA, CAFES (Community Associations for Environmental Sustainability) and Lowertown CA made requests to that effect at the November 21 meeting of Environment Committee. This Committee sent its recommendation to City Council, and Council will decide tomorrow (December 13 , 2018) what funds the City will commit.

The City's "Energy Evoution" project might be of interest to anyone concerned about Climate Change, but I will have to leave this for some other time – if OECA is interested.

Appendix 8

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OOECA Logo - Explore Options

Background:

- Almost three years ago OOECA and CAG proposed a joint exploration of “better branding of the community and its organizations” (See below). In the end, the joint pursuit was dropped although CAG retains the effort on its workplan.
- Meanwhile OOECA continues to use the Old Town Hall as its logo. The electronic image is of poor quality and, more to the point, the logo is dated and doesn’t particularly well convey the essence of OOE.



- Symbolically Stuart Kinmond’s public art Main² gets to the essence of OOE: the River, the Canal and the land between.
- In Nick Masciantonio’s production of the videos of the Prime Ministers events, he’s wanted a better wordmark / graphics for the community association.

Proposal:

- ***Seek options for a better logo by offering a modest honorarium to local artists / graphic designers and / or to Algonquin College graphic design students (the latter was an idea suggested by Stuart Kinmond). Approve up to \$300 for such honoraria.***

Original Proposal for “Better Branding”

Draft / February 23, 2015 / oeca_cag_branding ToR_MD_15065

Old Ottawa East – Better Branding of the Community and its Organizations

Objective: Engage the community to better understand what residents feel are the key themes and the identity of the community. Based on this engagement:

- I. Propose options to for a new logo for the OOECA and CAG to help make these volunteer organizations more clearly known, understood and appreciated
- II. Provide options for better establishing and promoting the identity of the community, including consideration for alternative names for the community

Background:

- CAG and OOECA's logos are images of Old Town Hall, which, while of historical significance, don't clearly convey the essence of the community.
- The two organizations are volunteer-based but some members of the public erroneously view them as tax-funded parts of the City of Ottawa, leading to different expectations than what are possible with volunteer-based organizations.
- Old Ottawa East is a growing, centrally located community but it's not particularly evident to people outside (and some within) the community just where OOE is and what it consists of ... indeed the recent creation of the new office of the AIDS Committee of Ottawa was repeatedly described as being in Sandy Hill while it is very much in Old Ottawa East. Similarly, some think of Ottawa East as being the St. Laurent area or beyond or they view it as part of Old Ottawa South or even, in some cases, the Glebe.
- With the Main St reconstruction and Regional & Domicile developments occurring over the next several years, there will be both an influx of new residents and an increased focus on the community. This presents a unique opportunity to help establish and better promote the identity of the community.

Outputs:

- Options (i.e. designs) for a new logo that would be shared by OOECA and CAG but, with two versions, supporting clear differentiation between the two organizations.
- Recommendations for how to better establish and promote the identity of the community.
- Consideration of alternative names for the community, including a discussion of the merits (or not) of renaming the community. This work would involve reviewing similar analyses / efforts elsewhere.

Process/Schedule:

Further to the Boards' approval of terms of reference (March 2015) the following activities will be undertaken:

Option 1 – Working Group Approach

PHASE ONE

1. Establish a working group - March
2. Conduct an environmental scan – April-May

- Review History of community
 - Review pertinent background documents re: CAG and OECA
 - Review Branding initiatives in other Ottawa communities to identify tactics to promote brand awareness
3. Identify themes and differentiators– May
 - Identify themes and differentiators to support logo design contest
 - Identify OOE 'story', tag lines to support logo design contest
 4. Conduct community logo design contest: June-July
 - TBD what would be involved
 5. Hold focus groups (August-September)
 - Conduct 'table talk' style focus groups:
 - To review and validate the logo designs and narrow selection
 - To discuss options for better establishing and promoting the identity of the community
 - To solicit interest in more seriously considering alternate name for the community
 - Gather required information to be used together to provide recommendation to Boards
 - Number of interviews and reporting methods to be determined
 6. Present recommendation to Boards based on collected inputs: October
 - Draft and present recommendations to Boards:
 - Draft and Propose recommendation for new logos and motion to move forward with formal design asset development
 - Draft and Present recommendations to better establish and promote the identity of the community
 - Recommend motion for Phase 2 (Phase 2 of the project (if approved by OOECA board), would be to continue further development/refinement of the alternative naming activity). Where necessary carry forward recommendations to joint AGM: November
 7. Development of design assets for selected logos: November
 8. Launch and communicate new logos (OECA and CAG): December

PHASE TWO (would require refinement based on Phase One outcomes)

9. Research means for establishing alternative community name: November 2015 – February 2016
 - Review Branding initiatives in other Ottawa communities to identify tactics to promote brand awareness
 - Consult City to investigate requirements and steps associated with formally changing the community name

- Consult with other community associations to understand challenges, barriers and opportunities with formally changing the community name
 - Consider community engagement to solicit interest in more seriously considering alternate name for the community (key stakeholders to include: community members, businesses, education sector, etc)
10. Summary of analysis on merit of alternative name for community and recommendation: March-April 2016
11. Options analysis presented to OOEAC and CAG Boards – May 2016

Option 2 – High Community Engagement Approach

PHASE ONE

1. Establish a working group - March
2. Conduct an environmental scan – April-May
 - Review History of community
 - Review pertinent background documents re: CAG and OECA
 - Identify key areas for survey
3. Community Engagement – May - September
 1. Draft and implement survey (May-June)
 - Design survey (most feasible option given timelines and resources)
 - Communications and promotions (opportunities to promote survey and initiative include: Main Event (June 20), community BBQ/picnics, etc)
 2. Data collection and reporting (June-July)
 - Collect data from the community to better understand what residents feel are the key themes and the identity of the community
 - Collect data from the community understand how the community feels current OOE name reflects the identity of the community and opportunities to improve
 - Collect data community that informs ideas for new logo
 - Produce survey report (suggest using Fluid Survey where reports can be generated)
 - Identify themes and differentiators to test in focus groups
 - Identify OOE 'story', tag lines to test in focus group
 3. Hold focus groups (August-September)
 - Design focus group questions document
 - Conduct 'table talk' style focus groups:
 - To review and validate community engagement findings

- Test OOE 'story', tag lines to test in focus group
 - To discuss options for better establishing and promoting the identity of the community
 - To solicit interest in more seriously considering alternate name for the community (note: this may fit better in phase two)
 - Gather required information to be used together to provide recommendation to Boards
 - Number of interviews and reporting methods to be determined
4. Present recommendation to Boards based on collected inputs: October
- Draft and present recommendations to Boards:
 - Draft and present community design themes and differentiators
 - Draft and present community brand statement
 - Draft and Propose design requirements for new logos
 - Draft and Present recommendations to better establish and promote the identity of the community
 - Recommend motion for community logo contest to develop new logos for OECA and CAG
 - Recommend motion for Phase 2 (Phase 2 of the project (if approved by OOECA board), would be to continue further development/refinement of the alternative naming activity). Where necessary carry forward recommendations to joint AGM: November

PHASE TWO (would require refinement based on Phase One outcomes)

5. Conduct community logo design contest: November-December
- TBD what would be involved
6. Research means for establishing alternative community name: November 2015 – February 2016
- Review Branding initiatives in other Ottawa communities to identify tactics to promote brand awareness
 - Consult City to investigate requirements and steps associated with formally changing the community name
 - Consult with other community associations to understand challenges, barriers and opportunities with formally changing the community name
 - Consider community engagement to solicit interest in more seriously considering alternate name for the community (key stakeholders to include: community members, businesses, education sector, etc)
7. Launch and communicate new logos (OECA and CAG): January 2016

8. Summary of analysis on merit of alternative name for community and recommendation: March-April 2016
9. Options analysis presented to OOEAC and CAG Boards – May 2016

Budget:

Estimate for initial logo design: \$500 (\$250 from each organization)

Project Team: Kevin Farrell (CAG); Michael Dawson (OOECA); John Dance (OOECA) + ?

