



Meeting of the Old Ottawa East Community Association Board

Tuesday, 12 March 2019, 7p.m.

Old Town Hall, 61 Main Street

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Board Members

Joan Batucan
John Dance
Tom Deadman
Don Fugler
Jaime Girard
Bob Gordon
Alexandra Gruca-Macaulay
Heather Jarrett
Ron Rose

Other Attendees

Adriana Beaman
Peter Beaman
Roger Bird
Jamie Brougham
Dan Byrne
Jeanie Cassidy
Joanne Cottreau
Paul Goodkey
Monica Helm
John Jarrett
Taylor Marquis
Neil Marshall
Wendy McRae
Shawn Menard
Ben Novak
Christian Pupp
Tina Raymond
Jim Strang
Ariela Summit
Peter Tobin
Benoit Tremblay
Mitch Vlad
Bonnie Weppler

1. Call to Order – Ron Rose
2. Approval of Agenda
 - Moved: Alexandra Gruca-Macaulay; Second: Jaime Girard; Carried
3. Approval of February 2019 Minutes
 - Moved: John Dance; Second Don Fugler; Carried

4. Presentation on Greenfield, Hawthorne and Main St. N Reconstruction – Nathan Quinn, Novatech

- Outline of the reconstruction was presented by Novatech, an engineering firm contracted by the City of Ottawa for the design
- The overview of the project is to rehabilitate or replace the linear infrastructure
- Planning of the reconstruction was contracted to Novatech by the City to implement based on parameters supplied by the City
- A complete outline of the reconstruction can be found on the City of Ottawa website: <https://ottawa.ca/en/city-hall/public-engagement/projects/greenfield-avenue-main-street-hawthorne-avenue-et-al-reconstruction-project>
- Southbound Main
 - i. From Greenfield to Hawthorne will be reduced by one lane, to accommodate new separated bike lane
 - ii. 10 main Condo; bidirectional path on west side of street to accommodate the crosspath to the canal crossing Colonel By; There may be intermittent blockages, coordinated between Novatech and condo board
- Northbound Main
 - i. Will remain mostly the same from Hawthorne to Colonel By, except expanded sidewalk to accommodate bike lane
- Hawthorne east/west
 - i. Water feeder main (4ft) is directly underneath the east direction, so raised bike path not reasonable as water not part of rebuild
 - ii. Storm sewer grates will not be in the bike lanes
 - iii. Initial intent for the south side of Hawthorne was to encourage ground floor commercial. The proposed development at 24 Hawthorne Ave is currently not compliant with that vision.
- Greenfield
 - i. Will have unidirectional raised bike path on both sides, from Main to King Edward requiring the removal of some street parking.
 - ii. If the stairs leading to Greenfield from any property are damaged by the reconstruction, the City will repair those stairs
- Colonel By at Hawthorne
 - i. Bidirectional pathway between Graham and Hawthorne for cycling path on east side of Colonel By
- Echo drive north
 - i. No removal of trees
 - ii. New curb to be added on north side of Colonel By
- Additional Construction Notes:
 - i. Some items from the Main Street Reconstruction Safety Audit with respect to the intersection of Hawthorne and Main will be addressed as part of the reconstruction. No specific mention of what these items were
 - ii. Novatech mentioned that some changes at Hawthorne and Main may be utilized to help with the MTO bridge replacement
 - iii. Main Reconstruction Project to be completed before MTO project would start; Novatech referenced 2025 as potential start of the MTO project
 - iv. Hydro poles potentially in all locations moved closer to property line
 - v. Tree replant schedule will be on a 2 for 1 basis
 - vi. According to Novatech, they do not see any technical issue with burying wires; the City is to provide a formal reason at some point; Pat Sammon (City of Ottawa

Project Manager) stated that they do not see a strong technical reason to bury the wires and will eventually provide a formal response

- Project Schedule
 - i. Design to summer 2019
 - ii. Detailed design to 2019/20
 - iii. Tender 2020
 - iv. Start summer 2020
 - v. Full project scope 3 full years, estimated completion summer 2022
 - vi. Construction to be in 2 phases; each phase scope yet to be determined
- Public Advisory Committee
 - i. Meetings about the project and the overall scope to be held at St. Paul's University on the following dates: April 2nd; May 28th; October 22nd or 29th
 - ii. Additional meetings might be split into two groups to address North and South of Queensway
 - iii. Contact Tom Scott if interested in being added to the main contact list about the meetings
- Public Communications
 - i. Two public information sessions tentatively scheduled for June 18 and November 26
 - ii. Might be two additional sessions in spring of 2020 and spring of 2021
- Any questions about the project can be directed at:
 - i. Patrick Sammon, Project Manager, City of Ottawa Patrick.Sammon@ottawa.ca
 - ii. Nathan Quinn, Novatech n.quinn@novatech-eng.com

5. Chair's Report – Ron Rose

- Report attached as Appendix A
- Highlights:
 - i. With the recent passing of Paul Dewar, the Mainstreeter is asking for reflections of 200 words or less to be printed in the upcoming April issue
 - ii. New official plan for city is in discussion and residents are asked to complete an online feedback form before May 31, 2019
 - iii. Collaborative justice program follow-up; Amber Montgomery will attend a future meeting to provide a synopsis of the case and answer any questions
 - iv. Sean Power contacted Phyllis to participate in a committee to look over the calendar of events, community use, facilities requirements, etc, with respect to Immaculata School field on March 25th. If there are any other school issues, contact Phyllis (info@ottawaeast.ca) to discuss. The LPAT hearing about the field to be held in July.
 - v. French catholic school board has shown interest in Deschatelat building, St. Paul's property, and others in Centretown
 - vi. A Capital Ward forum on snow removal to be held on March 20th at City Hall
 - vii. OCDSB is seeking two parents to sit on parent advisory committee. Contact Nicole Guthrie at Ottawa Carleton school board for more information. Submissions are closing March 22nd. Councillor Menard suggests getting "active" parents involved.

6. Councillor's Report – Shawn Menard

- Ariela Summit to be representative for our community association. Can be reached at ariela.summit@ottawa.ca
- Info session on snow clearance

- i. Was rescheduled from February 27th to March 20th
- New bus route to be added: #55. This route will have service Monday through Saturday, running every 15-20 minutes and will traverse along Main St. along Smyth to the General Hospital
- Potential additional trips for bus route #56 will be conditional on the LRT opening
- The opening of the LRT is expected sometime in Q2 of 2019
- The councillor will be providing a report on the proposal of the Regional development of block 2B
- The LPAT meeting on Immaculata Field has been pushed to July 2nd. During this time, all activity on the field is status quo
- The AVTC is main block for any development of the brown field at Lees towers
 - i. The transportation master plan is up for renewal on Q2
 - ii. Councillor has met with mayor and city manager about the removal of the AVTC from the master plan
- Councillor voted against stage 2 LRT on principal due to the shortness of time from release of information to voting time, and not because he did not want the project to proceed. He supports the full development of LRT, but is not in favour of SNC group being involved in continuing phases
- City budget passed, with the following highlights:
 - i. Positive: 15 million was allocated for affordable housing- good
 - ii. Positive: Transit fares to remain at the same rate for the next year
 - iii. Negative: The expansion of Strandherd road is double the investment of affordable housing

7. Community Centre at Greystone Development – Taylor Marquis (Regional)

- Pruning of the trees along the Grand Allee to take place
- The shoring work for the next condo building to start with piling in April
- Regional has received an offer from the Conseil des écoles catholiques du Centre-Est (CECCE) {the French Catholic School Board} and the Ottawa Catholic School Board (OCSB) [This was later revised by Taylor to properly indicate the Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario (CEPEO), and not OCSB] for purchase of Deschatelet building. These are two separate boards, with separate offers. Any potential development with these groups would require adjustments to the current layout of property, including potentially removing the forecourt and rezoning. There is no timeline in mind, and no decision on public consultation as of yet.
- Community centre, Centretown Citizens Ottawa Corporation (CCOC) and Deschatelet
 - i. CCOC was not going forward with their plan
 - ii. Regional is still in discussion with the City about Community Centre
 - iii. To move forward with the project, some of the Deschatelet building would be used, and a separate building north of the Deschatelet would be built
 - iv. The cost of the retrofit to the Deschatelet building would be reflected in the sale or lease of the building
 - v. School board was notified about the relationship of the purchase, and might be part of the inclusion of the Community Centre
 - vi. CCOC plan was the breakdown for affordable housing; no direct outline on the block; commitment has not waived for affordable housing with a monetary value of \$500,000.

8. Immaculata Field Discussion – Phyllis Odenbach-Sutton

9. Motions for Board Consideration – John Dance

- Undergrounding wires letter
 - i. Propose sending a letter to the mayor detailing the boards position in favour of burying the hydro wires during the Main Reconstruction
- Footbridge plaque wording
 - i. Would like to recognizing the politicians involved in making project possible, these were: Paul Dewar, Catherine McKenna, Yasir Naqvi, Clive Doucet, David Chernushenko, and Shawn Menard
- Moved Tom Deadman; Second Alexandra Gruca-Macaulay; Carried

10. Treasurer's Report – Don Fugler

- No difference in account

11. Committee Reports

- Planning – Ron Rose
 - i. 24 Hawthorne site approval; comments have been provided by neighbours and by the Community Association
 - ii. 173 Riverdale; property is not in OOE, but faces OOE; proposal to replace 2 storey with 3 storey building which exceeds the allowable height limitations; residents in area have been informed; the OOECA will support OOS in their position
 - iii. Block 2A 2B meeting with Regional; OOECA opposes the current plan and will go to planning committee; if the OOECA loses, we will go with appeal; looking for support from community; March 28th is meeting date
 - iv. The new LPAT support center will be closing at the end of June 2019
- SLOE – Joan Batucan
 - i. Investigating green bins at apartment and condo buildings
 - ii. Meeting to discuss carbon tax March 13th at central public library
 - iii. Garden symposium on Saturday March 16th to discuss the landscaping of the Flora foot bridge;
 - iv. The committee is looking for more volunteers for general activities
- Transportation – Tom Scott
 - i. Met with city safety personnel.
 - 1. All residents should be reporting any incidents, safety concerns, aggressive driving, near accidents, etc. to 311
 - 2. Greenfield Main rebuild was discussed
- Federation of Citizens' Associations – Mark Seebaran
 - i. No report
- Communications – Catherine Pacella
 - i. No report
- Corners on Main & Greystone Village – Heather Jarrett
 - i. Work has started at second condo tower at Greystone
 - ii. At The Corners on Main, the boarding along Main St is expected to come down at the end of March, and commercial tenants to have possession on April 1st, but expect July for openings. The tenants will be Laurier Optical, Happy Goat Coffee, River Dental, and Walker Real Estate Group.
- Health & Safety – Jaime Girard
 - i. Robbery on Lees Avenue; pedestrian walking was robbed; not followed from ATM according to our safety officer; nor was it in character of neighbourhood; Incident occurred in early January around 7:30pm

- Membership – Suzanne Johnston
 - i. No report
- Lees Community – Tom Deadman
 - i. Safety presentation by police at 180 Lees, which had a poor turnout
 - ii. As discussed at February meeting, the idea of removing the chain link fencing behind the building does not have a lot of support
 - iii. Green bin program is stalled with building management; talks with city to help move forward
 - iv. Snow removal crews damaged some trees; trees on city property

12. Community Activities Group

- Registration for camps, after school and other programs are open
- Main event is June 15th; looking to close Main street again

13. New Business

- None

14. Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday, 9 April 2019

15. Adjournment

- First John Dance; Second Alexandra Gruca-Macaulay; Carried

Appendix A

Chair's report March 12, 2019

Tributes to Paul Dewar

- our community lost a wonderful and dedicated resident & friend when Paul Dewar passed away recently
- there have been many tributes to his character, his passion and his dedication to public service and youth
- In its upcoming April issue of *The Mainstreeter*, the editor is asking readers to share their most memorable experiences, encounters or reflections of the late Paul Dewar. The paper plans to print as many readers' submissions of 200 words or less as they can in a special final tribute to honour Paul's memory.
- Send your submission to editor@mainstreeter.ca by the March 8th copy deadline, and include your full name and your street of residence in Old Ottawa East if you do reside in the community. If not, your submissions are equally welcome, and please include your city or town of residence along with your name in full.
- I am also attaching a few links below to articles about Paul from a variety of sources:

<http://www.mainstreeter.ca/index.php/2019/02/18/paul-dewar-1963-2019-i-have-found-my-way-to-peace/>

<https://pm.gc.ca/eng/news/statements>

<http://ottawacitizen.remembering.ca/obituary/paul-dewar-1072610826>

Old Ottawa East Community Association Priorities and Goals 2019 and Beyond

- a document summarizing our thinking to date on priorities and goals has now been posted on our website <https://www.ottawaeast.ca/files/2019/goals-priorities-2019.pdf>
- my next Mainstreeter column will also focus on this topic, and will encourage residents of our community to get involved in projects of interest to them

New Official Plan for the greater Ottawa-Gatineau area

- I attended a presentation and open house on Monday, March 4 on the city's new Official Plan 3 year project
- see <https://ottawa.ca/en/city-hall/public-engagement/projects/new-official-plan> for more info, a link to the discussion papers completed to date, a link to an online feedback form (which can be completed until May 31, 2019) and a link where one can subscribe to a mailing st for this project
- I am also attaching an article from today's Citizen that focuses in on one of the city statements that I liked as well, i.e., that Ottawa should focus on "enhancing the identities of its distinctive neighbourhoods &

communities" <https://ottawacitizen.com/opinion/columnists/pellerin-a-plan-to-make-life-in-ottawas-suburbs-about-more-than-dreary-commutes>

Collaborative Justice Program follow-up

- I received an email from Amber Montgomery on Thursday, March 7 in which she indicated the following:
- she can make herself available for the April 9th community association meeting, but given that the case will be wrapping up in court by then, she suggested that she could provide a broad synopsis of what has taken place over the course of the process and be available to answer questions
- briefly, the boys have focused on anti-racism education, volunteer work with less advantaged groups (1 of the boys volunteered at the Mission and the other with children), paying / working off damages, and writing letters of apology to many of the affected individuals

Immaculata sports field

- I received a request from the new Immaculata high school principal, Sean Power, to participate in a meeting with representatives from the school (principal, phys ed teachers, & coaches) and Footy Sevens
- The stated purpose of the committee and meetings would be to look over the following: calendar of events between the school and Footy Sevens; the use of the track; community use of the field; maintenance schedule; landscaping requirements; facilities requirements (garbage, washrooms, clean-up, etc); parking lot requirements; gates; and security.

Pruning of Trees along the Grand Allee adjacent to 10 Oblats

- We received notification from the Councillor this week of Regional Group's plan to undertake some canopy pruning of the Grand Allee trees on March 15
- The pruning will be done under the guidance of their consulting Forester/Arborist, Andrew Boyd, and the work will be done by Manotick Tree Services
- The purpose of the pruning is twofold; 1. In accordance with regular maintenance, to keep these trees healthy and 2. To prepare the trees for the work that will be done adjacent to their growing area
- This is regular maintenance work and does not require a tree permit.

Meeting request from the French Catholic School Board

- I received the following request on February 28:

"L'administration du Conseil des écoles catholiques du Centre-Est (CECCE) souhaiterait vous rencontrer afin de vous faire part de ses intentions relatives à l'édifice Deschâtelets et d'établir un partenariat avec votre organisation."

- I replied requesting more information about timing & whether they were interested in a meeting with just a few board members or the broader community, but I have not yet had a response

NCC Removal of hazardous trees along the Rideau River Eastern Pathway

- I received the following message from the NCC, that may be of interest to those of you who walk or bike along the eastern side of the Rideau River:

"As part of its regular maintenance work, the National Capital Commission (NCC) will be removing approximately 80 hazardous Manitoba maple trees and branches located along the Rideau River Eastern Pathway, from Bank Street to Highway 417. This work is necessary in order to clear and secure the recreational pathway.

The work will commence on February 28, 2019, between 7 am and 5 pm, weather permitting, and should be completed by the end of March. The pathway will remain open, and signage will be in place to inform users that a crew will be working on the site."

Flora footbridge

- see link below for Rogers video of the footbridge, including an interview with our own intrepid footbridge advocate, John Dance

<https://www.rogerstv.com/show?lid=12&rid=4&sid=7482&gid=307965>

Ward Forum on Snow Removal

The forum for Capital Ward residents on snow clearing has been rescheduled to Wednesday, March 20 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at City Hall in Andrew S. Haydon Hall (City Council Chambers) and broadened to include all urban wards.

As per Shawn's newsletters:

"This has obviously been a big issue with the significant snowfalls we've seen this year. We want to help you understand what the current city protocols are, and we also want to hear what you would like to see out of snow removal in the city.

We appreciate that this is a significant issue with which all residents have been struggling for the past two months. We appreciate your understanding about this scheduling change, and we look forward to the expanded format of this Information Session.

In the meantime, we'd love to start collecting some of your experiences with snow clearing and suggestions for improvement. You can send them to us at CapitalWard@ottawa.ca with the subject line "Snow Forum".

- if we have time at our March board meeting, we may want to put together a list of key points / considerations from a community basis, for example, the importance of pedestrian / biking right of way clearance given how many people use these forms of transportation within our community

OCDSB - Parent Involvement Committee seeks Community Representatives

- I received the following request on March 1:

"The Ottawa-Carleton District School Board (OCDSB) is seeking two (2) Community Representatives to serve on its Parent Involvement Committee (PIC).

Your organization has been identified as one which may have a shared interest in supporting and encouraging the active involvement of parents in the education of students.

The PIC works with parents, school councils, and community partners to foster parent involvement and community engagement throughout the District by:

- providing information, recommendations, and advice to trustees;
- communicating with and supporting school councils; and
- undertaking activities and working with partners and agencies to help parents of pupils of the OCDSB to support their children's learning at home and in school.

The OCDSB recognizes the importance of incorporating members of the community into the PIC who can provide valuable experience and insight. If your organization is interested in appointing a staff or community representative to PIC, please consider submitting an application.

For more detailed information about the PIC, Community Representative eligibility criteria, and the submission process please visit the [website](#). Please be advised that the deadline for submission is 22 March 2019.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Nicole Guthrie, Committee Coordinator at nicole.guthrie@ocdsb.ca."

Ottawa Race Weekend

- check out the article on OOE in the Race Weekend blog posting below (I mentioned that this was coming in my last chair's report)

https://www.runottawa.ca/old-ottawa-east-tamarack-ottawa-race-weekend?utm_source=2019+Tamarack+Ottawa+Race+Weekend+Participants&utm_campaign=094547ba3c-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_01_23_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_e83feef150-094547ba3c-207018169

Phyllis