

October 8, 2019

Attendance:

Don Fugler, Donna Kille, Lorna Kingston, Peter Tobin, Tom Scott, Joyce Scott, Alexandra Gruca-Macaulay, Doug Macaulay, John Jarrett, Heather Jarrett, Jim Strang, Paul Goodkey, Christina Pupp, Brendan O'Kelly, Marilyn Fevrier, Donna Wood, Myda Egrmayer, John Dance, Bonnie Wepler, Don Stephenson, Camrose Burdon, G.R. Vlad, Suzanne Johnson, Jamie Brougham, Catherine Pacella, Phyllis Odenbach Sutton, Councillor Shawn Menard, Taylor Marquis (Regional Group).

Call to order – Phyllis Odenbach Sutton

Approval of the agenda - motion to approve: John Dance, seconded: Don Fugler

Approval of June 2019 and September 2019 minutes - motion to approve: Tom Scott, seconded Alexandria Gruca-Macaulay

Chair's report – Phyllis Odenach Sutton

- AGM is on November 12, 2019 – encourage all your neighbours to attend, cost is \$3 to join
- LRT is now open
- Not aware of any issues from Panda game last weekend
- Springhurst Park – councillor's office is going to set up a meeting to provide feedback - meeting is set for Thursday, October 17
- Had hoped to have a rep from the French Catholic School Board in attendance to discuss the proposed new school – unable to attend so Don from CAG will provide an update
- Lees on-ramp is scheduled to open the weekend after Thanksgiving
- Thanks to Ron Rose and OOECA members who helped to organize the all-candidates debate, it was standing room only and unfortunately, many people were turned away. Need a bigger venue for next year.
- Small group organizing to make OOE more bird friendly – meeting at October 9
- Greystone Retirement Residence – on-track to open in February 2020, first residents expected on February 2, 2020

Councillor's Report – Shawn Menard

- Please see attached councillor's
- Question: need to remove buildings is only for when the bridge comes out – this is two days work for buildings to come down permanently. Is this true? Answer: another bridge will be constructed over the canal for quick, rapid replacement – this is why they say Royal Oak needs to be torn down. Shawn will check to make sure this is the only reason why the buildings would need to come down and what can be done to prevent it.
- Question: problems with rough conditions on Greenfield, additional buses on this road. Now that Hawthorne/Greenfield project is delayed for a year, can some remedial work be done on this road now? Answer: Shawn will follow up with city staff.

- Question: what is the goal for the meeting re: Immaculata on October 22, and what can residents do to prepare for it? Answer: get bylaw change and support from OCSB for Immaculata field given the proximity of homes – ie: nuisance, or noise issues. Would be helpful to share information from other cities or other evidence where this has been done.
- Question: what can neighbours do about the volume? Answer: If you have a decibel machine that records noise, provide that information.
- Question: what is the status for the priority of council this term and is it too late for council to consider burying hydro wires? Answer: terms of council priorities are coming up same time as budget consultations. This year, no funding attached to help push these objectives. Best bet for Hawthorne: Hydro Ottawa is looking at other areas on Main Street so an opportunity exists if they bury a few; look at a motion to go to committee when this issue comes forward to bury the wires; opportunity when buildings on south side of Hawthorne are looked at.
- Question: nature of noise is important, not just decibel levels (World Health Organization information on importance of noise – ie: quality, character of noise); no other field like it in Ottawa; in Barrhaven, with new field, neighbours bought with awareness that sports field may go in. Answer: all information/evidence is helpful.
- Question: cost benefit analysis report prepared by HDR – they cite Elgin Street as having a cost benefit analysis to undergrounding. Answer: city wants it paid for by Hydro as opposed to assuming any costs.
- Question: City is going to oppose change to Kanata golf course, heard about an agreement dating back to 1980s. Answer: sometimes support is different in urban vs. suburban.

Greystone update – Taylor Marquis

- Last Wednesday, information session about 2A on Main Street (six storey building) – shoring and piling will start in November, last about a month; without a building permit, can still excavate and put pilings in for 2B for the garage (not pilings for the building – just the garage); excavation is December to January 2020; February to May 2020 for below on 2A; May to July for above ground; July 2021 – first occupancy
- Tower crane for condo tower #2 behind SPU expected soon – coming in off Hazel, exiting off Clegg
- 1C – where OC Transpo bus loop currently exists – moving forward with that site plan for early next year
- Question: wasn't plan just for one level of parking? And will it be available to the public? (ie: public parking) Answer: Always planned for two levels, and yes it could include public parking through a private operator.
- Question: when is first occupancy for condo building almost done? Answer: December 13, 2019 – four suites a week, starting from bottom floor.
- Question: my understanding of traffic flow on Tellman was that it was to be one-way going toward Hazel. Suggesting that cement trucks can exit onto Clegg? Answer: A curb will be installed after second condo tower that will prevent exiting onto Clegg – traffic

pattern will be officially enforced once more work is done. Will only be two weekends in beginning of November with the cement trucks.

- Question: make sure remaining trees are protected.
- Question: any updates on school? Answer: draft LOIs (letters of intent) have been exchanged, school board is looking at entire building but open to having community space, working with Ottawa Community Housing. They don't need entire space so looking at potentially having something above two-levels of school use – ie: affordable, seniors housing.
 - o Councillor clarified that city's intent is still to have community space

Transportation Report – Tom Scott

- MTO bridge replacement construction – environmental assessment has now expanded to seven bridges in downtown area
- Issue of noise, dust, dirt from Nicholas construction – community has asked for improved sound barriers
- Buildings at Hawthorne/Main need to be removed (Royal Oak, Greek on Wheels, Cyclos), concern that all trees in Ballyntyne Park would also be removed – this wasn't clear at April PIC but now it's being stated explicitly
- Request for new crossing guards – Chestnut or Concord to cross Lees but it does not meet the city's requirements
- Origin and destination study and assess traffic speeds at Toronto/Main
- Meet with Regional and 2A contractors – snow removal and road cleaning on Oblates – asked who takes responsibility? Answer pending.
- Discussion about traffic routes for dump trucks so they are not exiting onto residential streets
- Question: Main and Oblates bus shelter and bench removed, when is it coming back. Answer: shelter is coming back once certain construction is finished.
- Question: How does the process work for buildings on Hawthorne for bridge replacement? Answer: MTO will make an offer, already know Gordon and McGovern's is open to being bought-out. Long time before sites could see a business again.
- Motion: That the Old Ottawa East Community Association requests of the Province of Ontario and the City of Ottawa to accelerate their planning and development of improved sound barriers to protect the Springhurst and Greenfield residential communities as soon as possible after the completion of the Nicholas access ramps to the Queensway in Phase One of the Nicholas Underpass Bridge replacement project – moved by: Tom Scott, seconded by: John Dance
 - o Motion approved

CAG update – Don Stephenson

- Renovations to Old Town Hall will begin soon, building new porch behind building
- CAG fall programming is underway
- Deschaletes update – French Catholic School Board – agreement of purchase of sale has been submitted to Regional in mid-September 2019; letter of intent has a non-disclosure

clause, so now they will meet with the community; they were invited for tonight but could not attend; cannot schedule them for AGM, so need to figure out if they can wait till December to meet; will need a change of zoning

- CAG agreed to sign a letter of interest between school board and CAG to work with them to develop a community centre as part of the project; CAG was told that they would not grow beyond 300 occupancy; minimal busing; talking to Andrew Fleck about daycare; would not need to install lots of fences
- Phyllis – asked members if we should have a special meeting to discuss this, most people in attendance are interested in this
- Question: who would do the clean up, retrofitting? Answer: assume it would be new owners, the school board.

Treasurer's Report – Don Fugler

- We have \$22,573.77

Membership – Suzanne Johnston

- This is an important source of revenue, so we need more canvassers

Corners on Main & Greystone Village – Heather Jarrett

- Fundraising is at \$6000; appeal is going forward, we have hired a lawyer but we need more money; will be posted to eUpdate this week, going in Mainstreeter, looking to contact local media (ie: CBC)

Lansdowne – Richard Cundall

- In July, a survey put out by the city about potential changes to Lansdowne; survey was focused on west side of Lansdowne – ie: Aberdeen to Bank Street; community associations have concerns about how survey was conducted, questions asked; Casino Lac Lemy is helping to fund area around Aberdeen Pavilion as entertainment space – this was not reflected in survey, not reflected in results that people want more entertainment space

SLOE – Alexandra Gruca-Macaulay

- Cash-in-lieu of parkland funds - \$1.3 million for Capital Ward; community associations were asked for requests, top priorities – councillor's office will assess on a needs-based assessment; in OOE we have recently lost a lot of greenspace (ie: Greystone area, Ballyntyne Park) but our population is growing; worked with Rick Burrows from Vision Springhurst, CAG, Chris Osler from SHCHC and came up with list: more equipment at Springhurst, beach volleyball, basketball court is updated at Brantwood Park; west of Main Street, look for opportunities for greenspace

Planning – Ron Rose

- 10 Oblats – we have hired a lawyer who lives in the community

- Expect to have a period of time to prepare for hearings
- Cost of revision to appeals is \$2500-\$3800
- Committee of Adjustment – 74 Havelock Street, minor variances approved
- 20, 22 Hawthorne – under request for demolition – looking to remediate from oil spill
- 129 Main Street – been told we would have chance for input, both times shut down so councillor’s office is looking into it

Phyllis – making progress on putting together a new board for AGM

Motion to adjourn:

Attachments:

Grand Allee Tree Conversation Report

Councillor’s report:

1. 417 Bridge replacements: Our office has raised concern about the proposed expropriation of businesses on the North side of Hawthorne and have a meeting with the MTO scheduled for October 22. The preliminary design proposes building the bridges in Ballantyne Park and then moving them to the highway. We also want to see the cycling and pedestrian facilities improved from the Canal to Hawthorne as a part of this project. The MPP’s office is also working on this file.
2. Greenfield/Main/Hawthorne reconstruction project is getting delayed so that they will have a full construction season to start with. Construction is now planned to start early in 2021, with completion expected by the end of 2023. There will be an info session in spring of 2020. Issues to be resolved include undergrounding of hydro wires, cycling connectivity, safety audit, NCC crossing, and Enbridge gas relocations.
3. Immaculata field continues to be a battle. MPAC unofficially told the city that that the situation been deemed non taxable because the agreement is a license of occupation and not a lease, and the time utilized by the corporate commercial entity is less than 50%. We have asked questions about this and are waiting for the official response from MPAT. We have also scheduled a meeting with the planning department to talk about any ways to mitigate the impacts through bylaw.
4. Brantwood Park dog re-designation report will be released this week, with the final recommendation to allow dogs along the river pathway, but not off leash in the park. There was a lot of concern about conflicts between kids who use the field and dogs. The report will be emailed to all who sent comments to bylaw, and is also available from our office. Unfortunately, Lees field couldn’t be considered as part of this proposal, as it’s part of the AVTC (we are working on this issue more broadly)
5. We’ve had a lot of concerns about cut-through traffic east of Main street. The traffic group has agreed to do an origin/destination study recording vehicles entering at Toronto and Main and

existing at Clegg, hopefully with speed recorders. If this screening shows that traffic flow measures are necessary, it will go over to the circulation group at the city for next steps.

6. Public consultation on the playground replacement at Springhurst will be held October 17, from 6:30-8pm at the Old Town Hall. There is a survey and two potential designs up at Engage Ottawa, so please give comments.
7. BudgetSpeak, the consultation on the 2020 budget with the Urban Wards, is scheduled for November 5, from 6-8pm at City Hall. The focus areas will be mobility, affordable housing, and social infrastructure, with keynote speakers and small group discussions. Also holding a budget consult with South End wards Oct 22nd.
8. Meeting on contamination and residential testing around Springhurst Park will be held on October 28th at the Old Town Hall, with members of Ottawa Public Health.

Transportation Committee report:

1. MTO bridge reconstruction projects

Nicholas

- implications for additional noise and dust
- AVTC potential and role of Transportation Master Plan update as part of the Official Plan
- Request to City and Province for noise barrier improvements now not later

Main/Rideau Canal/Elgin/Metcalf project

- Now added to this list are O'Connor and Bank
 - Planned start at Main in 2025
 - Laydown and construction areas now further defined in MTO presentation to the City transportation Committee: use of Ballantyne Park and nearby properties on Main for both Main bridge and Rideau Canal bridge(s);
 - removal of Royal Oak, Greek on Wheels and cycle shop now more explicit
2. PXO – pedestrian crossing potential at Concord S or at Chestnut; anecdotal observations do not warrant a crossing guard, as City's criteria have changed but perhaps need a more formal assessment; complicated by the on and off ramps to and from Lees for Queensway traffic (not yet stabilized after LRT changes)
 3. Cut-through traffic to and from Clegg and off Hazel to Echo: raised with City staff but reply just received yesterday: City proposes to collect origin/destination (OD) data and to assess traffic speeds for further review of possible physical measures and to better target enforcement efforts
 4. Meeting with Regional and 2A contractors about routing of construction vehicles along Oblats and Hazel

- a. Concerns raised at the meeting
 - i. Snow removal and road cleaning along Oblats
 - ii. Hoardings along Main require movement of bus stop and removal of shelter (can the covered hoarding get put up after the shelter is gone but before the snow comes?)
 - iii. Control of access points to and from Main by active flag operators
 - iv. Protection of trees
 - v. Control and direction of contractor vehicles after they leave the site onto Main (impact of impending construction on Greenfield)
 - vi. Lighting from the site and security
 - vii. Noise by-law application
- b. Additional information to be provided
 - i. Single point of contact for community concerns
 - ii. Control over contractor parking both on and off site
 - iii. Impact on school crossings and bus loading areas