



Old Ottawa East Community Association Board Meeting

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022, 7:00 PM

Draft Minutes

Attendance: Catherine Pacella, Phyllis Odenbach Sutton, Don Fugler, Kristine Houde, Ron Rose, Alexandra Gruca-Macaulay, Courtenay Beauregard, Georgia Blondon, Heather Jarrett, Ian Sadinsky, Jamie Brougham, Jayson Maclean, John Dance, Tom Scott, Peter Tobin, Suzanne Johnston, Ariela Summit (Capital Ward Councillor's Office), Lee Jacobs (CAG), Evan Garfinkel (Regional), Adrian Beaman, Bonnie Ward, Doug Macaulay, Jim Strang, Micheal Samborski, Paul Goodkey

1. Call to Order – Catherine Pacella

2. Approval of Agenda

- Motion to approve moved by XX and seconded by XX

3. Approval of Minutes – January 11, 2022

- Motion to approve minutes with minor edits to add attendee names that were missed moved by John Dance and seconded by Phyllis Odenbach Sutton.

4. Chair's Report – Catherine Pacella for Bob Gordon

- No Chair's report for this month. Items are covered in the committee reports or will be deferred to March meeting.

5. Councillor's Report – Capital Ward – Ariela Summit for Councillor Shawn Menard

- It has been an eventful 10 days with the appearance of the trucker convoy two weekends ago
 - Councillor disappointed in lack of leadership in our city
 - Double standard in how protests are being handled
 - Every action should be geared to protecting residents, businesses, and social services
 - Convoy vehicles should be removed from residential areas
 - Federal government should take over management of area where occupation is occurring
 - Deadlines should be set to close down occupation
 - Support each other with buddy systems, clear out assembly
 - Do not allow trucks and other vehicles, supplies such as gas cans to enter the area
 - City and ops should apologize to residents for handling of the situation
 - Councillors and residents using buddy system to get around downtown
 - Not in support of mass arrests
- There is some good news:
 - City Council moved to remove the idling bylaw allowing vehicles to idle in -5C to -27C weather
 - City prepared to tow vehicles parked illegally in the area
 - Judge granted a 10-day interim injunction against all noise at all hours in zone north of 417

Comment 1: Suggest that people (professionals - psychologists, mediators) be sent to the area to educate protestors, change their minds. Not speaking to them at all does not seem productive.

Q1: With the noise injunction, could we take this opportunity to look at lowering the current noise bylaw to 9pm or 10pm? Implications in OOE with soccer games that run until 11pm.

A1: It's a good suggestion but noise bylaws are very hard to enforce because noise has stopped by the time the bylaw officers arrive. Will bring suggestion back to office.

Comment 2: Annoyed by lack of communication with the protestors – should have discussion about what freedom means and other key issues related to the protest.

Answer: Regarding this comment and the first comment - Not to simplify the response, but it's not simply one conversation that can be had - Many protestor groups and many reasons for protesting. City has taken the position not to engage a negotiator at this time.

Q2: The councillor is going to have a meeting later this month regarding the two buildings at Bank and Sunnyside. I'm unable to attend. Is it possible to review the meeting afterwards?

A2: Yes, recording will be posted to site for review after the meeting

Comment 3: It's distressing as someone with an office in downtown. This is going to encourage copycats. Similar incidents years ago that were copied. Parliamentary Protective Services (PPS) area should be better defined, for example Wellington Street should fall under their jurisdiction. We don't know what is going on behind the scenes but there is certainly a lot of trauma in the city over the last 10 days. I find it distressing, dangerous, and threatening. I sympathize with those in charge, but I agree there seems to be an absence in leadership. A group of people at three levels need to band together. This is serious on so many levels - political, economical. The buddy system resonates with us and we try do the same with our friends from the precinct, provide a temporary reprieve further from downtown core.

Comment 4: We should be very gentle with our elected officials at this time. Certainly, they weren't prepared. They will learn from this, and future similar actions will be minimized. They're caught with a ball of barbed wire and dealing with it as best as they can. I've spoken with truckers – They're politically very naïve, highly motivated.

6. Regional Group Update – Greystone Phase 3 – Revised Plans - Evan Garfinkel

- Site application for Phase 3 submitted in July 2021 and reviewed with this community last year
- Four slides presented to reflect changes made since 2021 following community, OOECA input, and purchase of land by the schoolboard, including:
 - Piece of land behind Deschâtelets sold to schoolboard for use as playground
 - To address traffic and congestion concerns, number of parking spaces lowered by 90 spaces - only 1 level of underground parking
 - Traffic to pass on Deschâtelets resulting in decreased traffic on Scholastic
 - South side and upper floors of buildings pulled back (Slide 3)
 - More open plan proposed (Slide 4)

Comment 1: Planning committee appreciates what Regional has done to address some of our concerns, and changes have gone in right direction. Kindergarten area makes sense. However, access from pedestrians to the river remains an issue. What we were concerned about is accessibility, especially during winter.

Answer: Architect uses highline for design - Up to city to maintain the path or close it, i.e., during the winter or from a crime prevention perspective. We'll go back and hash it out.

Q1: I'm wondering if Regional supports kids playing out in the back of the school. Wondering what is in the corner of the L shape of the building

A1: that space is private land, amenity space for the condominium area. Not accessible by the school.

Q2: Regional got a lot of extra land by tearing down the chapel and allowing them to build extra units. This area should be designated for public use.

A2: Will take it back to the team. But do want to note that there are a lot of other green spaces and parks in the area available for public use.

Q3: Pleased with the accommodations that Regional has made. You listened to our concerns and have tried to address them. Regional is aware of my reservations about the pathway. Who is responsible for the pathway?

A3: This is still being hashed out.

Q4: Do you know where entrance is to these school areas? It would be a shame if it is open for school use only, and only during school hours (and at no other time)

A4: Judging on the elevation and fence separating the lands, I would assume that entrance is through school.

Q5: I think that redeveloping from the south and growing from the north the Deschâtelets building will catch your eye. I think the last setback will help to mitigate issues. Questioning the side elevations – I want to know how the calculation comes about. Raised pathway is going to be a metal grating so light can access vegetation below - canopy trees, etc. Three feet of soil, etc. is supposed to be enough to sustain vegetation and trees. Wondering if pathway as depicted on the drawing is too close to Deschâtelets building. Can it be moved?

A5: Will take it back to the team. They have done a lot to pull it back.

Q6: Concern that Phase 3 plan continues to prioritize vehicular traffic over pedestrian, bikes, etc. Road that is currently 1-way will now be a 2-way. Continued densification is going against developer and city commitment to promote active transportation, accessibility, and active living.

A6: Reduced parking as much as we could. One of the challenges is that Greystone Village is an active construction site - right of ways are very tight right now. Over time, as parcels wrap up construction, this will free up traffic flow. From the original traffic report (2016) to now, there are more cars. Every time we submit a new plan, an update to the transportation report is provided. The City reviews the report and provide their sign-off on that. Concerns re: transportation need to be sent to the city. Last note - if you have a traffic problem, that's almost a good thing – means that people will adjust their behaviours.

Q7: This may be a question for Regional or for City - Why is rideau river pathway not being cleared along Greystone? Cleared elsewhere along the path but if someone is walking from Brantwood towards Springhurst and Lees, they'd have to go another way. Part of active transportation route.

A7: It's City's responsibility to clear that 30-metre corridor.

- Ariela offered to follow up with the city on snow clearance plan agreed upon last year.

7. Treasurer's Report – Don Fugler

- Current balance is \$20,272.07, a \$35 decrease from last month - Cheque to FCA processed.

8. Motion to elect Jamie Brougham to be a member of the OOECA Board as Chair of the Parks & Greenspace Committee effective immediately.

- Motion moved by Phyllis Odenbach Sutton, and seconded by Alexandra Grace Macaulay. All are in favour, no motions against, no abstained. Motion passed.

9. CAG (Community Activities Group) Report – Lee Jacobs

- Programs closed due to COVID restrictions from DEC-JAN. Programs are being adjusted again as CAG tries out new things
- Outdoor after school program trialed - did not meet city and provincial guidelines and had to shut down. No offerings due to restrictions over this time.
- Minor upgrades to Old Town Hall completed, including flooring upgrades, painting and bathroom upgrades.
- Kitchen also slated for upgrade. Local wedding booked for September 3rd and party will use space.
- Note that Brantwood rink is being used a lot. CAG providing support to rink volunteer coordinator, Louis, who is doing great job maintaining the rink.
- Summer camps e-guide has been posted and registration opens FEB 18 at 10am. PDF includes 10 weeks of camps on offer this summer. Goal is to increase capacity from 15 to 24 kids per week.
- E-commerce software CAG is currently using is challenging and they hope to transition to other platform by registration, if not by adult program registration in April.
- Spring and Main Event brainstorming started, with the hope that summer will allow us all to emerge from our cocoons
- Old Town Hall currently being used MON-FRI, 8:30am-3:45pm for a class, overflow from school.
- During COVID - In person N.A. meeting hosted at Old Town Hall respecting COVID restrictions. CAG happy to be able to offer this meeting. They are one of only two City sites able to make this happen.
- Everything else in terms of rentals is on hold until restrictions begin to lift later in February and March.
- Met with the City to review Engage Ottawa survey results regarding the new community centre. Mentioned that City expressed surprise that only 144 responses were received - no concrete plans to date on amenities community centre will include other than gymnasium. City has shared that they will host another consultation. CAG encourages community members to reply to the online survey.
 - Ariela confirmed they promoted the survey when it was launched, shared survey results, and also confirmed that there will be more opportunities for input on the community centre/gym.

Q1: Question regarding Old Town Hall

A1: It was closed but should be open now.

10. Committee Reports

10.1. Transportation and Infrastructure – Tom Scott

- Greystone dug storm sewer hole - 10 feet deep near 10 main street - filling it in now
- Parks Canada will continue wall rebuild beyond Concord North and we hope they will coordinate the work with other builds in that area beyond Queensway bridge (Parks and NCC)

Q1: Can you clarify what is going on at Lees?

A1: From Lees to King Edward and Hawthorn to Echo - all gas lines are being updated.

Q2: Pathways for People info session took place last night - their goals are not completely formulated yet, but they will be a menace to Old Ottawa East. Very idealistic views on how parkway should be used and it will cause accessibility problems for the community.

A2: Bob sent a letter to MP and included several other people on that note. We have asked that rather than proposing a road closing exercise, this needs to be something that promotes the canal as a destination site. Waiting on response from the City and NCC.

Comment: We should keep on this issue, and we need to let them know that access is limited if Colonel By and Queen Elizabeth Drive are closed. The Pathways for People group seems very well funded, highly active, and highly motivated.

10.2. Membership – Suzanne Johnston

- No report for February.

10.3. [Corners on Main, Greystone Village, Lees – Peter Tobin](#)

- Nothing further to add than what was provided in the report.

10.4. [Parks and Greenspace – Jamie Brougham](#)

- Proposed grass planting along the river pathway, and keep people off plantings in the spring
- Small garden at the end of Letchworth Road - City plants the garden but then walks away from it. Someone should take ownership of it.
- Spoke with Mme Beauvais to have beer garden installed in residence space at St-Paul

Comment: Reminder from past Parks committee member to keep an eye on City schedule for remodeling of tennis courts at Brantwood park - Cash in Lieu of Parkland (CILP).

Answer: Ariela responded that she believes it's gone to tender but since many City projects have been delayed with the pandemic, she will follow up.

10.5. [Planning – John Dance](#)

- 67 Springhurst seems to be on hold. Suzanne and neighbours are actively following up with builder.
- 121 Evelyn - architect and two owners came to planning committee and presented their plans. Had already consulted with neighbours. Thanks to Paul and Ron who continue to work with FCA on initiatives going on there.

Q1: You mention in your report that you're looking for volunteers for some of the neighbourhoods that aren't currently represented (i.e., COM and Greystone). Are you looking for board members or members at large? How does this differ from Peter's report?

A1: Looking for people to keep an eye on development in their area and let the Planning committee know of any changes in their area. The more people, the better.

10.6. [Federation of Citizens Associations \(FCA\) – Ron Rose](#)

- City looking at Cash in Lieu of Parkland (CiLP) from developers - current split of funds is 60% to the ward, and 40% to the city. FCA has put forward motion that this should move to an 80/20 split, and in cases when a ward is significantly under-parked, the full amount, 100%, should go to the ward.

- Since the last FCA meeting in January meeting, stress was put on the FCA to make a statement on the trucker's convoy – The full statement is included in the FCA report.

Q1: In reading FCA report from last month, have they come up with a pro or con for the Alta Vista Transit Corridor? Transportation committee of the FCA?

A1: There will likely not be a discussion on this at FCA until next winter once City has completed its destination origin survey.

10.7. Lansdowne – Alexandra Gruca-Macaulay

- Nothing to add to short report submitted for February.

Q1: Are the two buildings the low buildings facing Bank street - offices on top 2-3 storeys and commercial below?

A1: Located where Bank of Montreal has some office space. No residential units above. Don't anticipate any impact for OOE other than Minto staying motivated to keep the space beautiful to encouraging more leasing.

10.8. Sustainable Living Ottawa East (SLOE) – Jayson MacLean

- Tree project for the coming year - inventory/reconnaissance mission to find places where trees can be planted. Community engagement to get community engaged. Looking for volunteers.
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Comment: May be links to work of other committees, i.e., Parks and Greenspace – Group could help with survey development and poll residents on issues of common interest.

10.9. Health and Safety – Courtenay Beauregard

- No report for February, other than to mention that we have a new officer for OOE. Will forward officer's name to the group.

10.10. Communications – Catherine Pacella for Bob Gordon

- Website update started. Committee chairs were asked to forward a brief description and key activities to Kristine to help design a committee sub-page.
- Bob, Catherine, Kristine to discuss key website needs and committee will be consulted to refine plan.

11. New Business

11.1. Motion to approve donation to Rideau Winter Trail (RWT)

- At last month's meeting, comment was put forward to make a donation to RWT, but no decision was passed.
- When asked if donation was made last year, VP and treasurer confirmed no. When prompted for donation amount, group proposed amounts ranging from \$200 to \$400, and agreed on \$300 donation for 2022.

Comment1: Propose that the board develop a planned program on which groups we donate to and why. We need to have a much better system for donations.

Comment2: Important to have a pool of money to draw from if something big happens. We are being cautious since membership numbers have dropped in recent years. This money has taken a long time to raise. Need to be thoughtful on how we spend it.

Comment3: We need to think of ourselves as neighbours. Hope that if we do have a serious issue, we would be able to raise 20K-40K to support key issues. From experience with other board that is sitting on significant money and is being complacent. One thing we should be doing is thinking as neighbours, not as taxpayers.

Comment4: Agree with previous comment - thinks community will support OOECA to address major concerns.

Comment5: Agree - Brantwood fieldhouse - monies raised came mostly from donations from community.

Motion: Move to donate \$300 dollars to Rideau Winter Trail in recognition of the use of that trail by numerous residents of Old Ottawa East.

- Motion moved by Ian Sadinsky and seconded by Ron Rose.
- Motion passed unanimously by the Board, none opposed, none abstained.
- Treasurer to issue cheque to Rideau Winter Trail.

12. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn meeting moved by Tom Scott and seconded by XX.
 - All in favour, none opposed, none abstained. Motion passed.
- Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 7PM

Attachments

Item 10 - Committee Reports

Transportation and Infrastructure – Tom Scott

1. Parks Canada Update - [Repair Work on Ottawa Walls at Pretoria Bridge](#)

On February 3, 2022, Parks Canada informed us that the canal wall on the east side between the Queensway overpass and Pretoria bridges will be reconstructed with the following impacts on Old Ottawa East neighbourhoods:

1. The contractor will be onsite Monday to Friday generally between the hours of 07:00 to 18:00. Construction noise and traffic can be expected during this time.
2. The pedestrian and cyclist pathway on the east side from Pretoria Bridge to the Queensway Bridge will be temporarily closed and a detour route will be in place. Please exercise caution and follow signage in the area.
3. The access point to the Rideau Canal Skateway on the east side, just north of Pretoria Bridge will be closed. A temporary alternate access point will be in place south of Pretoria Bridge.

Parks Canada also advised that traffic on Colonel By Drive north-bound from Pretoria will be affected from time to time.

2. Speed Board on Greenfield Avenue

A speed board was installed by the City of Ottawa on Greenfield Avenue to help moderate speeds for west-bound traffic in the recently signed gateway neighbourhood for 30 km/h.

3. Transportation Master Plan - Phase 3 Consultations and February 15th Open House

The City of Ottawa launched its [consultation on the Transportation Master Plan](#) in June of 2019; Phase 3 of consultations and feedback commenced October 2021. During this third phase of engagement, the public was invited to provide input on about 70 different proposed transportation-related policies, grouped around 11 themes, to be included in *Part 1 Policies* of the TMP. The City encouraged residents to use its online engagement tools to provide feedback, especially on the pedestrian and cycling projects that are proposed for implementation from 2023 onwards.

Please note that the deadline for input to this phase of consultations has been extended to February 18th, 2022, but the City recommends providing input as soon as one can.

More information is provided on the City of Ottawa's [Transportation Master Plan Update](#). The public is encouraged to review the draft policies and complete the [feedback forms](#) by **February 18, 2022**.

Residents are also invited to take part in the **TMP Open House on February 15th at 6:30 PM** focusing on the proposed policies. This is an opportunity to learn more about the TMP policies and take part in a question-and-answer session. Those interested in attending can register at [EventBrite.ca](#), and are strongly encouraged to submit their questions ahead of time using this [online form](#).

4. Infrastructure Master Plan

The draft **Infrastructure Master Plan** has not been updated since October of 2019 and calls for inputs and feedback are still being developed by City staff.

OOECA had already provided input in 2019 regarding capacity of the power grid, especially related to a policy shift to electric vehicles by 2030; as well, we promoted establishing a standing policy of undergrounding hydro

wires and other utilities whenever new development or major infrastructure redevelopments take place. A policy on locating power-generating turbines within the City boundaries is also expected to be raised. The IMP Update is also intended to deal with water supply, domestic sewers and stormwater management, among other physical assets of the City. OOECA also recommended in 2019 that the TMP and the IMP be integrated as much as possible to allow for synergies between surface and underground projects and to reduce neighbourhood disruptions for construction and repair, both for City projects and for private developments, to a minimum.

Membership – Suzanne Johnston

- No report for February

Corners on Main, Greystone Village, Lees – Peter Tobin

1. Convent Site

Rarely do we see any activity at the convent site. A few weeks ago, workers were removing materials but on most of the occasions I have checked, there were no cars or trucks on site. John Dance is expecting an update from Smart Living Properties in mid-February.

2. Spencer Site

Pile driving has occurred most weekdays this past month at the Spencer site. At the northeast end of Scholastic Drive, work is progressing on the construction of two homes. One house looks almost ready for occupancy while framing at the last site is expected to be completed within a couple of weeks.

3. 190 Lees

The extensive renovation work of the building interior and the parking lot at 190 Lees is complete and all units are rented out except for occasional move-out/ move-ins. Staff at 170 Lees report that their building is also full.

4. 170 Lees

My phone message last week to Doug McLean, manager at 170 Lees, remains unanswered. He assured me last fall that he would be engaging a landscaping company to address the decade long problem of water flowing from the 170 Lees parking lot down onto the soil below and eventually flooding the MUP with mud. To my knowledge, the city owns 1 or 2 metres of land on both edges of the MUP.

Parks and Greenspace – Jamie Brougham

1. Planting near Hurdman Station

Made suggestion to the city about planting next to Hurdman station. The area is in fact city land and buses park there waiting for passengers. I should suggest poplars or evergreens however I think poplars are better with the space available. Also suggested that an effort be made to narrow the width of the dirt path along the river with the city attempting to plant grass and that some effort be made to keep people off some of the grass in the early spring when the ground is completely saturated.

2. Park Gardens

Inquired about park gardens initiated by the city. There is one at the end of Letchworth at Brantwood park that was planted and walked away from. What initiatives are being taken to have someone take responsibility for these if the city won't?

3. Beer Garden in OOE

Emailed St-Paul - Mme Beauvais - asking about a beer garden behind the residence, sighting a community need, president by religious institutions in Europe, and by the school itself asking the community why we need a beer garden. She replied that she will discuss and consider it. I also put it to the new director at their social innovation workshop, direction@innovationsocialeusp.ca, Amélie Neault. Elisabeth Bruins is gone. I got no reply from her. Could try writing again.

Planning - John Dance

1. Greystone Village - Phase 3 Update:

At the OOECA planning committee of February 1, Regional's Evan Garfinkel and landscape architect Jerry Corush presented revisions to the Phase 3 plans. The revisions are proposed in light of the community and City comments of last fall. Evan will be providing the update at an upcoming Board meeting. There was some question whether this would be at the February or March meeting. Since Regional will be submitting a revised SP application in late February or early March, the planning committee requested the presentation be made on Feb 8th.

Key proposed revisions are:

- Slight "pulling" of the South building further away from Deschâtelets Building.
- Revised upper floor setbacks on the South building.
- Greater setbacks from the streets.
- Relocating the parking garage entrance to Deschâtelets Avenue, to reduce the number of vehicles on Scholastic Drive (parallel to the river).
- Reducing the number of underground parking spaces (one level of parking versus previous two levels).
- Slightly increasing the number of units but making a number of them smaller than first proposed.
- Proposed selling to CECCE a parcel of land adjoining Deschatelets (to the east) so that Au Coeur school will have a protected yard for kindergarten students. Regional still wants the public access from the Forecourt Park to the River to go between the two new buildings, with a raised pedestrian bridge going over the private space between the two new buildings. The bridge's platform is proposed to be metal grating to allow sunlight for the vegetation below. The public access is proposed to be open in the summer months only – closed in the winter. Planning committee members think there should be year-round access.
- The interior private lands (over the underground parking garage) are the private rear yard amenity area for the building residents only. Abundant tree canopy species of trees are proposed to be provided.

2. 67 Springhurst Avenue - Development of double lot:

In response to Chris Jalkotzy's request to neighbouring residents and others that they meet with him again (first meeting was in December) to discuss development of the double lot that is currently for sale, Suzanne Johnston, the neighbours' lead, responded to Mr. Jalkotzy that "prior to engaging in another evening of discussion they [neighbours] would like to see the following:

1. Advise what you are proposing that is different from the original proposal.
2. Provide accurate schematics of the property with regard to a new proposal and illustrate the differences from the last proposal.
3. Review [advise] what your review with Fotenn [planning consultant to Mr. Jalkotzy] produced.

Mr. Jalkotzy's original plan proposed about 24 dwelling units (a number of them would be "secondary units") on the double lot at 67 Springhurst. The lot had an asking price of \$2.8 million, however, the listing is no longer readily available online. Suzanne emailed Mr. Jalkotzy January 27th, but, as of this writing, he hadn't responded. The property in question is zoned R3P, which allows "as of right" two triplexes or four (maybe five) townhomes or similar densities.

1. 121 Evelyn Minor Variances:

Jacques Hamel (architect) and owners Anne Audoin and Jeffrey Gordon presented their proposals to the planning committee and confirmed that they have consulted with neighbours and most neighbours support the requested variances. Some neighbours are awaiting the MV application details before indicating support. The planning committee indicated no major objection to the requested variances, but did request the owners to consider planting "canopy" trees on their corner lot. (The City does not oblige property owners to plant trees although it does oblige them to protect trees of a specified size.) See **Attachment 1** for images of the proposed variances.

3. 47 Lees Minor Variances:

The owner is seeking one additional MV (reduced west interior side yard setback) to the two MV's previously granted by the CofA in August 2021. The proposal involves adding a third dwelling unit in the attic space of the existing duplex. The renovations will be contained within the existing building, with a rear yard exit stairway being the only exterior construction proposed. See **Attachment 2**.

4. Federation of Citizens' Associations (FCA) Update:

OOECA planning committee will participate in the FCA planning and zoning Working Group regarding Committee of Adjustment (minor variances and severances) issues, including:

- role of city planning staff at the CofA
- identification of planning staff assigned to a CofA application
- updating CofA files when submissions are revised
- posting online all CofA application documentation
- posting online CofA decisions
- notifying community associations of CofA applications in their area
- adherence of the CofA to city infill guidelines (this was promised by the city)
- need to include streetscape character analysis in CofA process

- lack of representation by CofA/City at Ipat appeals
- usefulness of an fca workshop on committee of adjustment procedures (June? September?)
- ability to propose guidelines to new city council/planning committee on CofA procedures when CofA is reconstituted

FCA Planning and Zoning meeting

The focus of this meeting was the High Performance Development Standards (HPDS) presentation by city staff, Rebecca Hagen and Don Herweyer.

2. OOE Secondary Plan - Issues:

The revised list of issues that OOECA planning committee intends on pursuing with the City is **Attachment 3**.

3. Gaps in neighbourhood representation on Planning Committee:

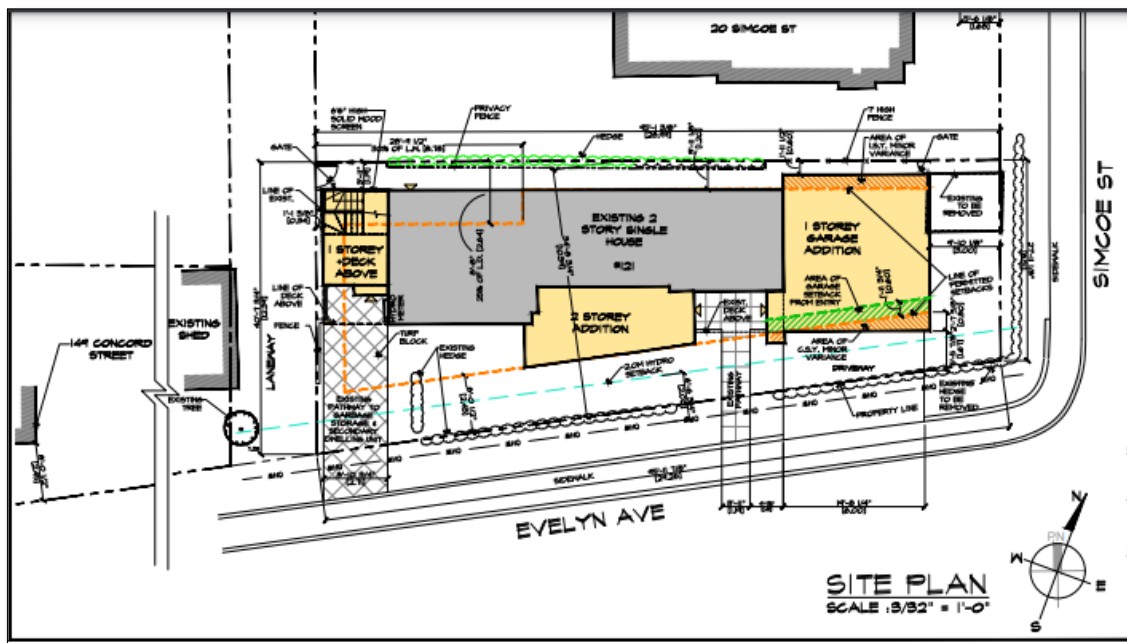
What are they, how might we fill? (See **Attachment 4**): We need new committee members to represent Greystone Village/TCom; Main Street; Brantwood Park/Rideau Gardens; Lees Avenue/Lees Station.

4. Planning Committee on OOECA website:

The proposed update requested by Kristine Houde is **Attachment 5**. NB - this is a work in progress ...

Planning - Attachment 1

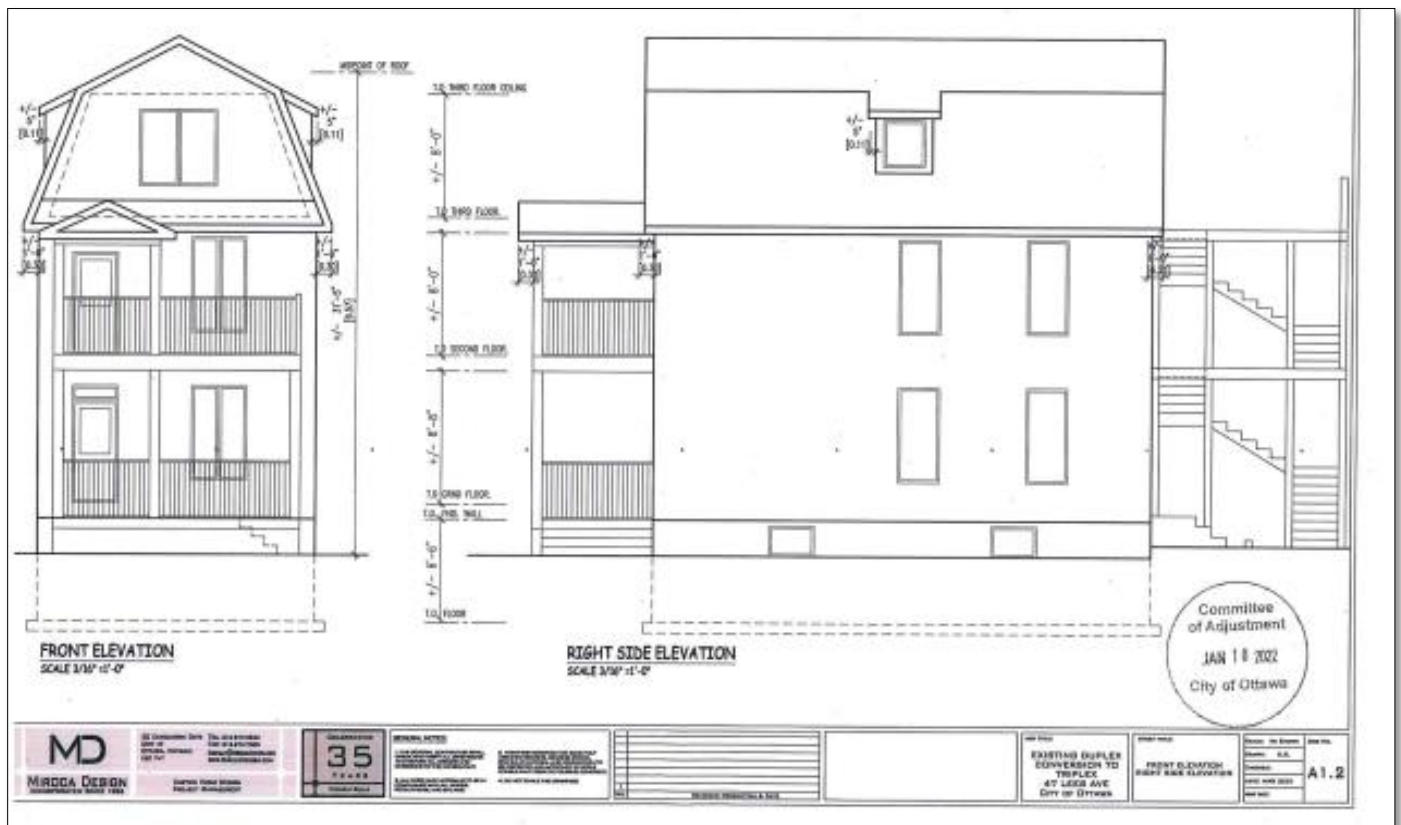
121 Evelyn: Minor Variances

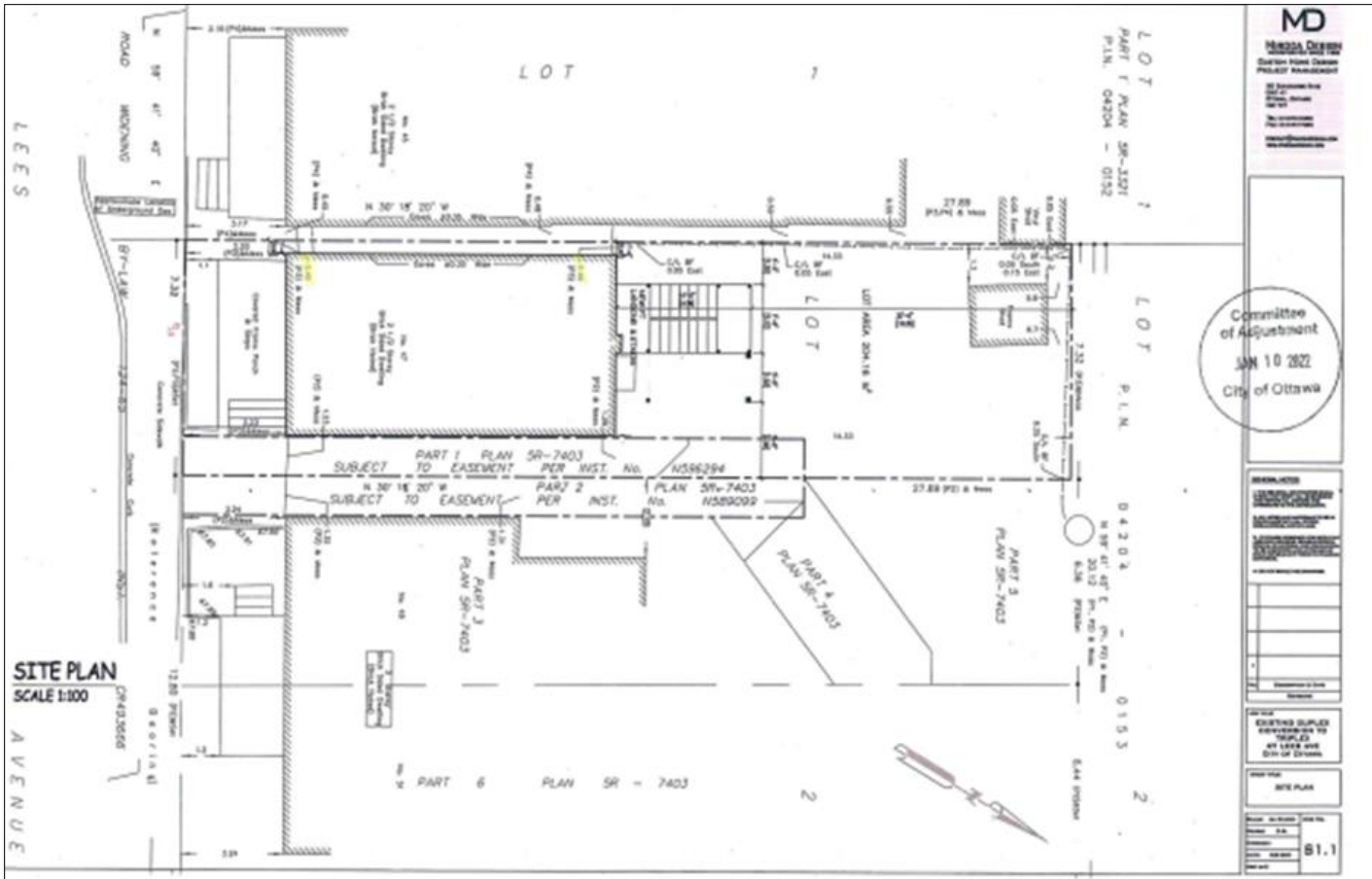
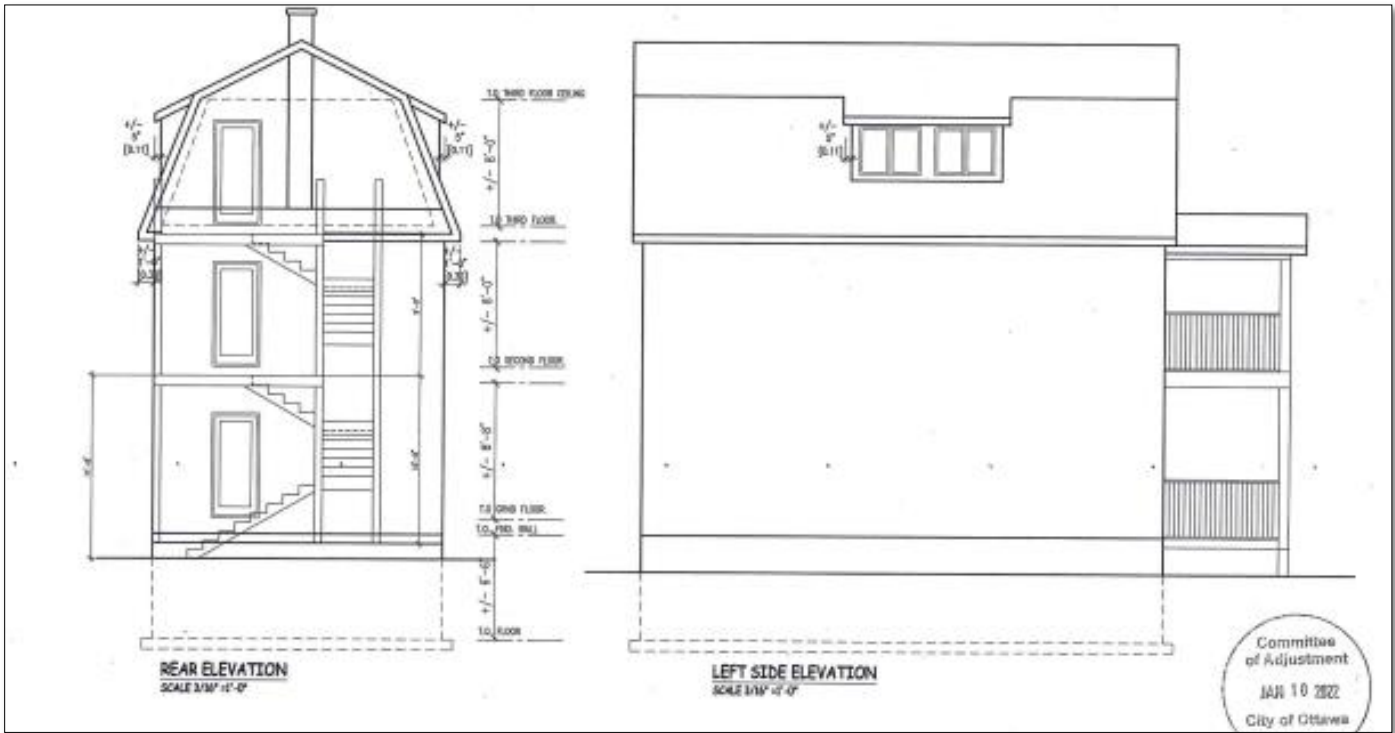




Planning - Attachment 2

47 Lees Avenue: Minor Variances





OOE Secondary Plan - Issues to be Pursued with City Staff

(Ron Rose / Paul Goodkey)

The following is a revised and draft list of the gaps between what we believe should be in the revised OOE SP and what exists.

1. *The land east of Springhurst Park is not included in the SP.*

(Alain Miguez's memo clarifies that it is now included in the Central and East Downtown Core SP. That's beside the point: we believe it should be included in the OOE SP. The fact that much of this area is included in the Lees Transit Oriented Development (TOD) area is also irrelevant. The Lees TOD has been part of the OOE SP since 2010. In 2014, OPA#132 amended the OOE SP policies for Lees TOD, however those policies have not been carried forward in the Central and East Downtown Core SP.

2. *AVTC/Green Transportation and Utility Corridor remains in the OOE SP.*

Staff has previously indicated "Until such time as the Master Transportation Plan updates plans for this corridor, no further changes to the secondary plan are deemed appropriate." To date, the draft TMP has not addressed anything about the AVTC. The OOECA has been stating concerns and negative impacts for more than a decade. When will the TMP address the AVTC?

3. *There is not an OOE SP schedule showing maximum height limits for "Neighbourhood Low-Rise" designated areas within Greystone Village.*

The OOE SP Schedule A indicates areas designated "Neighbourhood Low-Rise". The current zoning for the "Neighbourhood Low-Rise" areas limits building height to 10 m / 3 storeys. However, OOE SP Schedule B does not indicate maximum building heights for Greystone "Neighbourhood Low-Rise" areas and OOE SP section 3.3 Policy Area 3 Part f) simply states "Provide a range of building heights between three and nine storeys...". The OOECA has been down the OOE SP / Zoning By-law "ambiguity" road before. Maximum height limit policy clarity is needed. Rezoning constraints by way of OP policy is necessary.

4. *Property parcels/residences east of the ends of Montcalm and Havelock/Concord North*

Areas are not recognized/included in the OOE SP Schedule A. Also, Greenfield is mis-named where Havelock really is and there is no route showing for the real course of Greenfield.

5. *Rideau Canal Special District:*

Why are the Pretoria Dental Office, the Gray Jay building and the buildings at the corner of Echo Drive and Main St. not included in the Rideau Canal Special District? The Rideau Canal Special District is supposed to include the first row of properties along the Canal. Why were these excluded? Paul suspects it's because these properties are designated "Mainstreet" in the OOE Secondary Plan, but clarity is needed. Also, what does the new Rideau Canal District of the OP mean for OOE residents who live / work along the Rideau Canal?

6. *Measures are needed to ensure future symmetry along the Grande Allée.*

This is required to ensure that an eight-storey building is not built along the Grande Allée directly south the existing six storey 2A Building and adjacent parking lot area. A related point is that Building 2B has been unilaterally designated "Mainstreet" by New OP staff, instead of "Neighbourhood Mid-Rise". If there

is to be no commercial on the 2B building ground floor, what is the reason for this unilateral re-designation, given no previous OPA?

7. No reference to affordable housing.

Why do other secondary plans, including the Central and East Downtown Core Secondary Plan, have affordable housing policies, whereas the OOE SP policies have been removed?)

8. Why is there a continued reference to the “Main Street Transportation and Streetscaping Study” of 2000 – OOE SP Section 1.2 part 2?

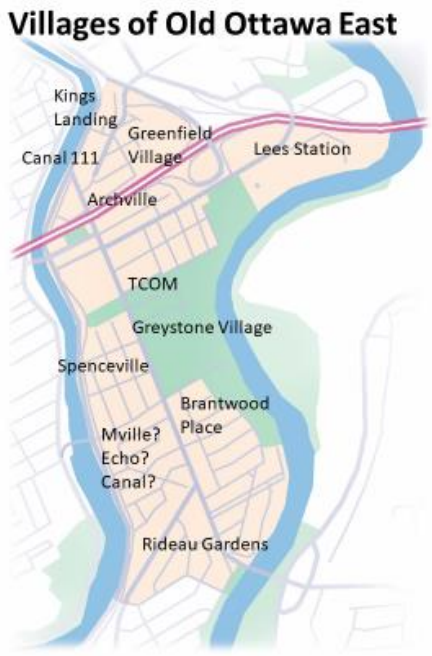
Staff has indicated “The 2000 document was the once that influenced the policy creation of the secondary plan. Updates to the secondary plan was a consistency exercise. This is why policy reference to such things as burial of overhead wires being considered, was included even though the latest studies indicated that was not feasible.” However, clearly the 2000 document is stale-dated and clearly the burial of overhead wires on Main Street was feasible, except for the fact the city did not insist on a cost-benefit analysis c/w accurate costing from Hydro Ottawa, as was the case for the recent Elgin Street renewal.

AND

How and when will/can changes be made to the OOESP?

Planning Attachment 4

Planning Committee - Neighbourhood Reps

 <p>Villages of Old Ottawa East</p> <p>Kings Landing Canal 111 Greenfield Village Archville Lees Station TCOM Greystone Village Spenceville Brantwood Place Mville? Echo? Canal? Rideau Gardens</p>	<p>Filled:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Spenceville - Olivier2. Archville - Phyllis3. Echo-Canal - Paul4. North of Qway - Tom <p>Vacant:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">5. GV/TCom6. Brantwood / Rideau Gardens7. Main Street8. Lees and Lees LRT
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FCA – Ron Rose

1. FCA Virtual Meeting - January 19th

- The FCA met virtually on January 19th. The main item on the agenda was a detailed review of the implications of the Ontario Not for profit Corporation Act, which was actually passed in 2010 but is only now being enacted. The act will have implications for how Not-For-Profits (NFP) are governed. I don't know if our association, or any of the organizations to which we are affiliated are NFPs or not. However, we have three years to come into conformity with the revised act, so there's no rush.
- The meeting also passed a motion regarding Cash in Lieu of Parkland, requesting Council to amend the current regulations allocating 60% of Cash in Lieu of Parkland (CILP) funds raised from developers to the ward and 40% to the City. The motion requested 80%, and in some cases 100% to the ward, especially those wards which do not meet the City's target of 2 ha of parkland per 1000 residents. The motion also proposed repeal of a 2010 provision which means some development charges were not collected.
- The federation has circulated two surveys to its membership over the past two months, one on insurance rates and one asking what members want from the Federation. Both have been forwarded as appropriate. I don't know if they have been answered or not.
- The main Committee report dealt with at the meeting was that of the Planning and Zoning Committee, which presented a motion asking the Federation to pass a motion of support for the "Starts with Home" campaign by the Alliance to End Homelessness - Ottawa. I had reported briefly on this campaign for the previous meeting. Following some debate about whether the motion should indicate support for the proposal to licence landlords, a motion supporting the campaign was passed.

2. FCA Planning and Zoning Committee

- The P&Z committee met on February 5th. I was not able to attend but the two major items have been covered in the report of the Planning Committee.

3. FCA Statement on Trucker Convoy

- The FCA was under considerable pressure over the past ten days to state a position opposing the illegal occupation of Downtown by the "Trucker's" Convoy. The following statement was issued on Sunday, February 6th. Full statement included as Attachment 1.

Therefore the FCA endorses Ottawa City Council and Ottawa Police Services taking appropriate action immediately to end the illegal blocking of city streets, enforce the provisions of the City's noise bylaw, and enforce other relevant laws that protect the residents of Ottawa from hate speech and harassment.

4. City's plans for a new zoning bylaw review

- One other issue that will come up at the February 19th meeting of the CA is the ongoing discussion about the City's plans for a new zoning bylaw review.

FCA Attachment 1



Open letter to Members of Ottawa City Council

and Ottawa Police Services regarding the current truck convoy protest

(Sunday February 6, 2022)

The Board of the Federation of Citizens Associations (FCA), at the behest of its membership, has taken the following position regarding the current truck convoy protest in the City of Ottawa:

Whereas the Federation of Citizens Associations (FCA) is a federation representing 74 community and citizen groups in the City of Ottawa;

Whereas the FCA recognizes the right of all citizens to demonstrate peacefully in Canada;

Whereas the protest that began in Ottawa on January 28 (and continues today) has engaged in such illegal activity as blocking city streets, creating incessant noise in violation of the City's bylaws, and harassing law-abiding citizens and businesses;

Whereas Ottawa City Council is meeting in emergency session on Monday February 7 to address the illegal activities of this protest;

Therefore the FCA endorses Ottawa City Council and Ottawa Police Services taking appropriate action immediately to end the illegal blocking of city streets, enforce the provisions of the City's noise bylaw, and enforce other relevant laws that protect the residents of Ottawa from hate speech and harassment.

For more information please contact Alex Cullen, President FCA, at cullen@fca-fac.ca (613 252-5634).

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Lansdowne – Alexandra Gruca-Macaulay

1. “Office components” of Lansdowne Buildings

BTB Real Estate Investment Trust purchased the “office component” of two buildings at Lansdowne from Minto Group (979 and 1031 Bank St.) for \$38.1 million (the commercial parts of the property were not part of the sale).

<https://www.obj.ca/article/real-estate/non-residential/potential-everywhere-montreal-buyer-lansdowne-properties-going>

My understanding is that the funds from this sale will not flow through to the partnership between the City and OSEG etc. since the waterfall agreement covers the retail, but not office, component of the Lansdowne development.

One hope is that the lessor’s portrayal of Lansdowne as a “vibrant” place that will be attractive to potential lessees might give community groups a bit of leverage in our attempts to make the urban parks “vibrant” and attractive to people.

In other words, although not party to the public/private partnership, BTB may be a “friend” to future efforts to help increase the vibrancy of Lansdowne (or maybe that is wishful thinking)

2. Internal Councillor Working Groups, Stakeholder Group

Councillor Menard has advised that “the internal councillor working groups on this file have been postponed to mid February as a result of Covid (that happened on Tuesday). I anticipate the stakeholder group [which CA reps are on] would meet shortly after that.”

Sustainable Living Ottawa East (SLOE) – Jayson MacLean

1. Trees in Ballantyne Park

John Dance has made inquiries over the past year to the Ontario Ministry of Transportation about the project to replace the nearby Highway 417 bridges, slated now for 2025, and its potential impact on the trees in Ballantyne Park that runs along the north side of Hawthorne Avenue. There are a number of trees in that park that are at least 80 years old, some large oaks and red maples, but the area is slated to be a lay-down area for the bridge replacement structures and it seemed unlikely that that work could be carried out without first taking out the trees.

John hadn't received any definitive response from MTO but in January SLOE member Judith Kennedy contacted both MP Joel Hardin's office and Cllr. Shawn Menard's office and the quick reply from Menard and Dan Chenier, City manager for Recreation, Cultural and Facility Services, was that the big trees closest to Hawthorne within Ballantyne Park would be preserved while the ones closest to the highway, both immediately north and south of the highway, would likely be removed for the lay-down.

This is a positive result, with our community job now being to hold MTO and the City to their word. Many thanks to John and Judith for their dogged determination.

2. Trees all over the place

SLOE will be undertaking a community initiative this year in cooperation with Old Ottawa South's Tree Committee. The project will have two parts: first, using maps and going street-by-street around the neighbourhood volunteers will identify locations that could be suitable for trees and, second, volunteers will be going door-to-door to distribute information to residents on tree planting on their property ('how to' guides, info on the City's Trees in Trust program, etc.) and to offer support to residents in their tree-planting and caring endeavours.

SLOE will be recruiting volunteers for the project over the next few months, with the efforts to include notices in the Mainstreeter, social media posts and a tree-focused community webinar.

Health and Safety – Courtenay Beauregard

- No report for February.

Communications – Bob Gordon

- No report for February.