



Annual General meeting
Old Ottawa East Community Association (OOECA)
Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Call to Order

- Welcome by Chair Bob Gordon
- Greetings from MPP Joel Harden & Councillor Shawn Menard
- Joel Harden, MPP
 - acknowledgement of concerns around LRT, Civic Hospital and the environmental impact, PCW shortage, ongoing concerns with COVID-19
- Shawn Mendard, Councillor
 - acknowledge work with Joel Harden's on many files, thank you to Bob Gordon for his work as president over the past year
 - cash-in-lieu funds – next year, looking at tennis courts in Brantwood, also a dock at Springhurst Park
 - budget - \$30 million for sewer work at Main/Concord/Greenfield/Hawthorne, money for Forecourt Park and Grand Allee
 - Official Plan – not perfect but were able to get some positives
 - Gym space in community centre at Deschatalets, hopeful for more affordable housing
 - Transportation – 30km/h speed zone in many parts of OOE
 - Lots more needed around climate change but some positive steps

- Motion to approve agenda moved by Don Fugler, seconded by Tom Scott - passed
- Motion to approve minutes from November 2020 AGM moved by Phyllis Odenbach Sutton, seconded by Ron Rose – passed

- Chair's Report (Bob Gordon)
 - Thank you to Brendan O'Kelly for his role over the past few years, stepping down from the board
 - Some vacancies on the board – Parks and Greenspace, Communications, Secretary
 - Call for nominations from the floor – none
 - Motion to approve 2021-2023 board moved by Tom Scott, seconded by Jim Strang – passed
 - Motion to approve Don Fugler as treasurer beyond three consecutive terms as stated in the bylaws moved by Tom Scott, seconded by Jayson Maclean – passed
 - Motion to approve Suzanne Johnston as membership chair beyond three consecutive terms as stated in the bylaws moved by Tom Scott, second by Phyllis Odenbach Sutton – passed

- SLOE Report
- Treasurer's Report
 - Revenue – membership (reduced due to pandemic), generous donation from John Jarrett from art sale, support for brochure, *loss of revenue from Main Street BBQ due to pandemic – total revenues = \$4072
 - Expenses – LPAT, OOE brochure, insurance, Mainstreeter column, support to other organizations, miscellaneous – total expenses = \$9,483
 - Plans to spend down the road on updates to website and branding
- Transportation report
 - Pedestrian crosswalk at Greenfield and Concord Street North
 - Road safety
 - Greenfield/Main/Hawthorne reconstruction
 - Continued issues – Queensway and noise
- Planning report
 - Official Plan review
 - Committee of Adjustment and site plan control
 - Greystone Village Phase III
 - Successful appeal of University of Ottawa Lees campus transfer from Capital Ward
 - Ottawa University Lees campus expansion
 - Greystone Phase II
 - Demolition of the Deschatelets chapel, city approved community centre
- Greystone Village/Corner's on Main report
 - Deschatelets Chapel Wing
 - Au Coeur d'Ottawa (CECCE) school and affordable housing for seniors
 - Shoreline remediation
 - Convent site sale to Smart Living Properties
- Lees Apartments report
 - 190 Lees renovation
 - 170 Lees garbage issue, mud on the MUP
- SLOE report
 - Guided tree walks, tree canopy project (CAFEs)
 - Climate action – series of articles in Mainstreeter, as well as a webinar
 - Rideau River and shoreline
 - Invasive species weeders
- Parks and Greenspace report
 - Updates to Springhurst Park, amenities installed
 - Park clean ups
 - In the future, Brantwood Park tennis courts through CiLP funding
 - Grand Allee and Forecourt Park priorities for 2022
- Lansdowne Park report
 - OOECA part of community consultation group but no meetings held
 - City approved more favourable partnership deal for OSEG
 - Through traffic continues to be an issue, upgrades to north side stands
- Other highlights for 2020-2021

- Main Farmers Market
- Main Event online event
- Springhurst Park remediation
- Traffic calming and closures
- Cessation of Mainstreeter column
- Greenfield/Main/Hawthorne approval of burial of hydro wires
- Ward boundary successfully appealed
- John Jarrett contribution from art sale
- Even with COVID-19, OOECA has been very active!
- 2021-2022 year ahead
 - Greenfield/Main/Hawthorne renovation
 - Community centre/gym progress
 - Opening of Au Coeur d'Ottawa school at new location in Deschatelets building
 - Cash-in-lieu of parkland investments in OOE
 - Community priorities / bylaws
- Note that in the past we have had a joint AGM with CAG and Mainstreeter - they will have their own AGM in the near future
 - Continue to work well together on many issues / projects
- Q&A session
 - Q – Re: Greystone – Councillor noted that he hopes that we'll have affordable housing at that site – why can't hold them more accountable for affordable housing?
 - A – aware of issue, it has been and continues to be raised at meetings, ongoing issue
 - Comment – proposal by new MP at the end of the campaign to close Colonel By is ill thought out for many reasons
 - A – letter sent to new MP on this issue outlining our concerns and request for more data
 - Q – dirt laneway between Lees and Evelyn and in the winter, the road crew salts the lane – it creates mush and mud and the residue from the salt was still evident through August – can the salting stop?
 - A – Councillor Menard – will let the road crew at the city know and follow up
 - Comment – follow up re: affordable housing – concur with comments, need more affordable housing so young people can stay in the community
 - Q – Can someone share letter that was sent to MP re: Colonel By
 - A – yes, it will be posted to the website
 - Q – Could Councillor Menard elaborate on the actions that the city is taking re: vibrations in Greenfield area?
 - A – Councillor Menard - on-site meeting at the intersection, also discussed crosswalk – proposing a traffic light at the intersection and city has said no, but will continue to push for it. Have also made a request for a speed board at that intersection, especially to monitor OC Transpo. Roads crew also requested to go out and address the heaving that is occurring on the road. Also, by end of the month, should have 30 km/h signage. OC Transpo will continue to reiterate to drivers to reduce speed, stats show about 40 km/h. Also putting up monitoring at Kings Landing to monitor vibrations.

- Q – Heard councillor on radio talking about the police budget – do we need police officers at construction sites? Also, developers have tons of cash to hire people whereas community associations are volunteer based.
- A – Councillor Menard – police budget has tripled since amalgamation, we do need more mental health resources/workers, goal is to re-allocate that funding into better initiatives
- Comment – Joel Harden, on November 23 putting forward a private member’s bill re: affordable housing
- Comment – appreciate that we can openly and freely have these conversations with our community and our elected officials
- Motion to adjourn moved by Tom Scott, seconded by Jim Strang