



Old Ottawa East Community Association Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 11, 2022, 7:00 PM

Draft Minutes

Attendees:

- **Board Members:** Catherine Pacella, Kristine Houde, Don Fugler, Georgia Blondon, Jamie Brougham, Tom Scott, John Dance, Jayson Maclean, Ron Rose, Peter Tobin
- **Other Attendees:** Ariela Summit, Lee Jacobs, Ben Doyle, Doug Macaulay, Elaine Caldwell, Francoise Bouchard, Marlene Lundy, Monica Helm, Michal Samborski

1. Call to Order

- Regrets from Bob. Catherine to chair October meeting.

2. Approval of agenda

- Motion to approve agenda as amended with requests to add 3 agenda items below moved by Jamie Brougham and seconded by Jayson MacLean. All in favour. Approved.
 - o Planning/Parks Recommendations for CC, Fire Lane, Forecourt Park – Item 9
 - o Letter to NNC to add trees to Colonel By – Item 10
 - o Motion for OOECA to contribute to Mayoral Debate – Item 11

3. Approval of Minutes – September 13, 2022

- Motion to approve September 13th minutes with minor edits put forward by John Dance, Alexandra Gruca-Macaulay, and Ron Rose moved by Don Fugler and seconded by John Dance. All in favour. Approved.

4. Chair's Report

- No report for October.

5. Treasurer's Report – Don Fugler

- Current balance is \$19,070.29 following payment of OOECA director and officer liability insurance, and deposit of port-a-potty-refund from the City of Ottawa.

6. Councillor's Report – Capital Ward – Ariela Summit

- The XX at Greenfield was replaced – looking for more permanent solution.
- Construction that was supposed to take place this fall is delayed until Spring.

Q&A

Q - Phyllis: Absence of garbage cans on Main Street – Issue has been raised before. Listed where garbage cans were located prior to construction. Comment from Georgia to support lack of garbages.

A: We have raised this before with the City. Will bring it up again with them.

Proposal from Ron: Will do walk through and inventory and will share report with Ariela, cc: Phyllis.

Q – Phyllis: Can Councillor’s office get back to OOECA to share the rules for an advance green, left turn arrow? Intersections on Main do not seem to work the same.

Comment from residents: Agree that the left turn from Main to Oblats is not working and others mentioned they have not seen left turn arrow ever when turning into the residential area.

A: Will bring it back to the City.

Proposal from Tom: Brought up issue previously to City and will follow up again on behalf of OOECA.

Q: Does stopped work on Forecourt also impact work on Grande Allée?

A: Yes, City has cited rising costs as one of the reasons that work is delayed.

Comment – Catherine: Child booster shot – surprised families are being charged \$12 for a booster, and even more surprised that there are only 3 locations to get a booster, none of which can be reached by foot, or easily by public transportation. Is this what is to be expected?

Question – Catherine: Is City Hall open for guided tours? If yes, would like to take Grade 5 class as part of their civics course.

A: Ariela will look into this.

7. Regional Group Update – Evan Garfinkel

- Regrets from Evan Garfinkel – No report for October.
- Questions can be directed to:

Evan Garfinkel, Regional Group

1737 Woodward Drive, Ottawa, ON K2C 0P9

T: 613-230-2100 x 6004

C: 613-884-5574

egarfinkel@regionalgroupp.com

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

- Regrets for missing September meeting.

- Families from Ukraine joined CAG camps at the end of April, camps were subsidized through the summer. Great experience for the staff as much as the children from these families.
- Registration and payment system is up and running, same system as GNAG and OSCA.
- Moved to hybrid programs for the Fall – everything on offer has in-person component. Challenging to deliver hybrid programming, but it's getting easier each week.
- Added adult art program which ran in past years. Figure drawing at Brantwood – sold out since 1st week.
- A few things not going so well: increased enrolment at Brantwood after school program from 5 in 2021 to 14 in 2022, but after school program has dropped from 12 to 3 at Old Town Hall. Challenging to deliver program with decreased uptake. No clear reasons for drop after follow-up with parents.
- Sunday, October XX – small Halloween party, with candy to be passed out
- Main Event did not happen – Ran out of capacity and had a lot of items to complete with insufficient volunteers. Could not make it happen in the time available.
- Will plan a winter event and put together a committee of volunteers. If there is a lack of volunteers, will not be able to proceed.
- Met with Rick Burrowes and Parks and Greenspace reps and City reps in Brantwood Park. Initial ask was to explore a volleyball court. City staff mentioned that park is in flood plane. What was a bit surprising was the amount of effort it would take to update play structures, or other equipment – must meet accessibility requirements which is costly endeavor. Means that we need to be strategic and put thought into it. Would likely need to secure funding for accessibility and develop a plan.

Q&A

Q - Tom: Are there nearby services that were closed during COVID that are now open and absorbing CAG registrants?

A: Au Coeur offers a program – they are full this year. Not sure about Lady Evelyn. Asked parents who did not return why they didn't return – a common answer was that kid aged out or wanted to be with friends at EDP program at their school.

Q – Tom: Regarding People's Park – Would you consider programming there?

A: Rick is great at getting interest and uptake at People's Park. With CAG having discussions with City re: Old Town Hall, involvement with People's Park may seem like conflict of interest. Did assist with line marking for soccer fields in that area. Would need to consider if that falls under CAG mandate.

Q: What Facebook groups do you post to?

A: Facebook CAG, Grapevine, and account shared by all activities groups in the area.

Q - Jamie: Understanding that there are discussions regarding CAG management of activities and discussion about community centre management, does CAG have capacity, interest to manage activities there?

A: CAG has been advocating to manage the activities at the community centre since discussions began. We will staff positions based on needs and demands if they have space in the community centre, or if a decision is made to have CAG run activities.

9. Community Centre, Fire Lane, and Forecourt Park Recommendations – Kristine Houde

- Parks committee members joined Planning Committee meeting on October 4th to jointly discuss the Deschâtelets development, namely the fire lane options, and community centre, with the objective to recommend next steps for the association to be engaged in future discussions with the City and CECCE.
- Prior to meeting, links to Engage Ottawa, the “What we heard” summary from City planners following the late April consultations and their July report to council were shared with committee members for review.
- Regarding the fire lane options, the group agreed unanimously that option 1, restricted access lane solely for emergency vehicles was the recommended option. This would ensure preservation of the most greenspace, and would also, in theory, decrease the number of vehicles accessing the area for drop-offs and pick-ups.
- Regarding the community centre, the group reviewed the current agreement between CECCE and the City, including amenities, access to gymnasium, and available parking. Little has been shared regarding meeting spaces, gym equipment, and other features. Current agreement between CECCE and City is that City will manage the gym when not in use by the school, as well as other community centre spaces.
- Very little has been shared by the City regarding future Forecourt park features, and timelines for build.
- Comment from Lee, CAG that he and Bob met with Rebecca Bromwich

Q&A

Q – Ron: Can I take it that you and Bob are in active discussion with the city?

Comment – Jamie: It doesn't appear that OOECA and community are at the forefront of talks with City and CECCE. We should have a say. Wondered why Regional doesn't have a say.

A: Regional sold this asset to CECCE which was in their best interests. Now up to CECCE.

Motion: That an OOECA representative be formally appointed by the Board to represent the association in discussions with the City and with CECCE.

- All board members in favour, except for Ron Rose, against. None abstained.

Action: Motion passed. Board to discuss representation at next monthly meeting following AGM.

10. OOECA Letter to NCC – Trees on Colonel By Drive

- John drafted a letter to the NCC on behalf of OOECA requesting that more trees be planted along Colonel By Drive to address lack of trees in some sections of CBD, and to counteract more recent tree loss due to impact of the emerald ash borer and severe weather events like the recent derecho.
- Board supports letter being sent to NCC.
- Catherine to action with NCC following this meeting.

11. Committee Reports – See Appendix for submitted reports

The Corners on Main (TCOM), Greystone Village, Lees – Peter Tobin

- Referred group to his report, included in the appendix.

Q&A

Comment – Marlene: Homeless person appears to be set up beside TCOM near 15 Oblats. Also have students from Immaculata hanging out in that area or in the courtyard.

Q: Has anyone approached the Immaculata Principal?

A – Marlene: Yes, and have been told they advised students not to loiter on private property (TCOM) but this behaviour persists. TCOM residents have not taken further action recommended by school, i.e., take photos, call the police.

Planning – John Dance

- OOE Planning met last week to review and discuss the 15 Oblats submission and raise the major concerns that persist. While there are some positives with the submission, there are still several issues that were not addressed. Letter drafted
- Official plan amendment should be required if they have 5th floor. Concern that City also seems to be approving large developments as one-off approvals, rather than look at the cumulative impact to the area.
- Supports moving of public park to N-E corner of the lot.
- There are several other points in the letter, but would like to give the floor to attendees.

Q&A

Comment: Appreciates how the letter was worded and thank you to the committee for your work on this. Wondered if density was considered re: density of pets.

A: This is not an item that the City considers.

Comment – Michal Samborski: What is the process to ensure that the community is represented, or that feedback from community is considered.

A: Planning committee strongly recommends that residents write to the City. Deadline is October 21st. What we did is solicit feedback at all stages.

Q – Françoise Bouchard: Is there any study you can reference that supports the need for a public pathway in this area?

A: John referenced the secondary plan where the pathway is meant to be preserved.

Comment – Françoise: Same plan that says that the statue and trees also to be preserved?

A – John: Five years' work on secondary plan with the city to maintain connectivity. If the pathway isn't there, only connectivity is at the river, or on Main.

Comment – Michal: Agree about maintaining walkability.

Q – Georgia: Would recommend deleting the section that says, “if addition is built ..., recommend

A: We have seen what the City approves. Developer has worked with City on the proposal, and City may be keen on what is being presented now. Concern if that sentence is removed, City may not consider - let alone approve - suggest support changes to the design of the addition.

Comments – Marlene: Secondary plan calls for more access between Main and MUP but did not specify the space between TCO and 15 oblats. Interesting that CA is discussing this, but if you look at Google Maps, there is no pathway from other directions to MUP. Another issue is snow clearing. There is no clearing to the east of the sidewalk – you only have 1.5f at most on TCOM property, and a few feet on the other end. If the City's solution is to dump snow on TCOM property, that won't work. Have had major issues re: water penetration issues and drainage on that side.

A: This is a question for city planning people – it is up to them to figure that out. Technical issue the city will have to look at.

Comment – Alexandra: Citing from the Old Ottawa East Community Design Plan: "Integrate Green Space and Ensure Connectivity integrate existing trees in the development to the extent possible. Maintain public access through the new development by establishing east-west pedestrian/cycle paths between Main Street and the Rideau River as well as north-south between Springhurst and Clegg. Ensure connectivity to nearby transit stations."

Comment – Jayson: Not comfortable with the letter being put forward by OOECA rather than Planning committee directly.

Motion that the letter be approved as is, and be submitted by Bob Gordon, President, on behalf of the OOECA moved by Don Fugler, seconded by Jamie Brougham.

- All Board members approved, except for Jayson Maclean, opposed. None abstained. Motion passed.

Action: Catherine to send on OOECA's behalf following the meeting.

Letters re: 15 Oblats can be sent to:

John Bernier, MCIP, RPP

Development Review, Central Planning, PRED

City of Ottawa

Parks and Greenspace – Jamie Brougham

- Port-a-potty was well received, and successful endeavor.
- Mentioned that it is difficult to get through to the city and councillor's office work currently stalled in lead-up to elections.

FCA (Federation of Citizens Associations) – Ron Rose

- Circulated the FCA report. John mentioned several neighbors were interested in 121 Evelyn.
- Recommend that residents pursue an appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal if they feel strongly that the approval of requested minor variances should be challenged.
- OOE Planning Committee is willing to provide advice to residents but is not willing to launch and fund the appeal.

SLOE (Sustainable Living Ottawa East) Jayson MacLean

- No report for October.

Membership – Suzanne Johnston

- Requesting captains to champion/support canvassers at Greystone specifically. Second issue is that door to door canvassing is not back to 100% and no access to condo doors. In lieu of dropping flyers in mailboxes (which is not an option in condo buildings), posting flyers in prominent outdoor locations across neighbourhood, as well as Singing Pebble and other businesses.
- See membership report for areas requiring canvassers and captains, specifically in Greystone Village, and contact Suzanne to volunteer.

Lansdowne – Alexandra Gruca-Macaulay

- No additional information other than what is included in the October report.

Health and Safety – Courtenay Beauregard

- No report for October.

Transportation and Infrastructure – Tom Scott

- See report submitted.

Communications – Bob Gordon

- No report for October

12. Mayoral Debate – Motion requesting \$100 contribution from OOECA

- Councillor's debate was well attended, school trustees did not participate in debate, but attendees were able to meet with them prior to and after debate.
- One question that was dealt with was the Alta Vista Transportation Corridor (AVTC). Debate can be viewed on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/kgA50dJoJS8>

- Mayoral debate on Monday, October 17 at Horticulture Building at Lansdowne Park with 4 leading candidates. Many already registered to attend. Theme is “Leadership for a Livable Ottawa”, and will focus on questions of improving the livability, particularly of the central core of Ottawa. The debate will be moderated by CBC journalist Joanne Chianello, with questions provided in advance by community associations and the public.
- Old Ottawa East is one of the three core organizers of this event, with multiple community associations supporting and publicizing the event, and a full house is expected. Registration is advised at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/leadership-for-a-liveable-ottawa-tickets-432518944807>.
- Event will be live streamed by Rogers TV and broadcast by Rogers Cable 22 later in the evening.
- Debate is expected to cost \$1,800, including facility rental, sound and lighting, extra chairs, and security. Most community associations have agreed to contribute \$100 to the cost, and motion is being put forward that OOECA do the same.

Motion to contribute to mayoral debate:

Whereas section 3.1.2. of the constitution of this association includes the principle of “Encouraging public participation in the planning and development of the community” while section. 3.1.3. includes the principle “Providing a means through which the opinions and desires of the people of Old Ottawa East can be made known to their elected or appointed representatives.”

"Whereas the Old Ottawa East Community Association has accepted an invitation from the Glebe Community Association to participate in the planning of the mayoral debate, and

Whereas the debate of the leading candidates for Mayor has been set for October 17th at the Horticulture Building at Lansdowne Park, and,

Whereas there will be costs involved in presenting the event, currently estimated at \$1,800.00, and,

Whereas many of the 20 community associations supporting this debate have agreed to contribute to these costs,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Old Ottawa East Community Association contribute \$100.00 to the cost of the All Candidates Debate on September 22nd, 2022."

Motion moved by Ron Rose, **seconded by ???.**

- o All Board members in favour, none opposed, none abstained. Motion passed.

Action: Ron to secure \$100.00 cheque from Treasurer, Don Fugler.

13. New Business - No new business.

14. Adjournment and Next meeting – AGM (Zoom Meeting) – November 8, 2022, 7:00 PM

- Motion to adjourn moved by Tom Scott, seconded by Kristine Houde. All in favour, none opposed. Passed.
- Next meeting is AGM. If any board members receive information on actions that were discussed this meeting or for previous meetings, share with other Board members via email prior to AGM.

15. Addendum to October 11th OOECA Monthly Meeting included on p. 13

- Follow-up on action items raised at October meeting.

Appendix – Committee Reports

1. The Corners on Main (TCOM), Greystone Village, Lees – Peter Tobin

- Significant progress has been made in the water-proofing efforts along the trench between Corners on Main and the convent building. That said, because some deficiencies remain in the first stage of the project, the first stage will not be completed within the targeted 3-to-4-week timeline. It seems inevitable that the trench will not be filled in until some time in 2023.
- The concerns of many Corners on Main residents re the convent building have been heightened by the recent posting on the City's DevApps of the developer's proposal. Notices within TCOM1 have urged residents to direct their concerns to the city prior to the Oct. 21 deadline. An update on retail venues leased by Regional and Domicile can be found in the October issue of The Mainstreeter.
- The difficulty in keeping Immaculata students from occupying the TCOM courtyard during lunch hours makes the proposed 'passive surveillance by residents' along the proposed walkway, even more troubling for the TCOM residents along that walkway.

2. Lansdowne – Alexandra Gruca-Macaulay

Lansdowne 2.0

Renegotiation of the Master Limited Partnership Agreement between OSEG and the City:

On May 25 2022, Council approved the business model and financial funding strategy proposed in the Lansdowne Partnership Sustainability Plan and Implementation Report (File Number: ACS2022-PIE-GEN-0003), and delegated authority to the City Manager to renegotiate the terms and conditions of the partnership with Ottawa Sports and Entertainment Group for the redevelopment of Lansdowne Park for the construction of a new event centre, the reconstruction of the North Side Stands and new retail space that intends to include a podium component.

Since that approval, and in response to a status update request, the City Manager's office indicated that there have not been any meetings held regarding the proposed renegotiation as currently there is further due diligence being conducted on the assumptions that have informed the Lansdowne 2.0 financial and business plan (including consideration of the impact of motions passed by Council).

Hopefully some of the significant risks underlying the proposed financial plan will be more transparently displayed because of the due diligence process.

3. FCA – Ron Rose

Instructions for the new Committee of Adjustment

One of the first tasks of the newly elected City Council is to re-establish the Committee of Adjustment and seek new members for it. This provides an opportunity for Council to also instruct the new Committee of Adjustment on how it conducts its business.

This FCA workshop is to develop recommendations from the FCA to assist City Council in its instructions to the new Committee of Adjustment. Last June 9 the FCA held a workshop on best practices at the Committee of Adjustment – [See presentations](#). It is recommended that participants review this to facilitate discussion at our workshop.

Agenda:

- (1) Review of Committee of Adjustment role & responsibilities
- (2) Review of City of Ottawa Infill Guidelines
- (3) Discussion Groups
- (4) Report from discussion groups
- (5) Next Steps

FCA Call to Action

- **Register for Workshop on new CoA - 22 October, 9am-12pm –** rsvp@fca-fac.ca

4. Membership – Suzanne Johnston

The membership drive is now well underway. The kits have been delivered to captains and canvassers and we are hopeful that the lovely weather will help contribute to a successful membership drive. As indicated last month the drive this year will be much the same as last year and include the options that have been in place since the pandemic changed the way we conduct the membership drive.

The sign up and payment options include the following:

1. Drop \$ with name and address back in the canvassers mailbox and canvasser will drop the card back.
2. Drop \$ with name and address at Singing Pebble and a card will be given
3. Sign up at the Farmer's Market on Saturday a.m.
4. Pay online at the OOECA website - www.ottawaeast.ca

The community continues to grow and so does the need for canvassers. The streets in need of canvassers are as follows:

- **North:** Havelock, Harvey, Concord North
- **Central:** Drummond, Hazel, Main-Clegg to Immaculata, ½ of McGillivray
- **Greystone:** See below

Greystone:

- Captain for all streets and buildings in area

- Asst. Captains for each building

As Greystone continues to grow and the number of buildings become occupied, we are looking for a new Captain for this area as Heather Jarrett retired last year – the files are up to date, and many canvassers remain in place. The job of Captain includes supplying membership kits to canvassers, collecting them prior to the AGM and delivering them to the Membership chair. The time commitment for captain is 2 – 4 hours for the duration of the membership drive and the ongoing task of recruiting canvassers throughout the year, however many of the canvassers remain in place for the buildings.

Regarding canvassers for all OOE, please think of your new neighbors or current neighbors that would like to get more involved in their community and suggest the membership drive. The time commitment is quite minimal, usually 1-2 hours and involves the following:

- Go door to door on a sunny day on your appointed street to hand out notices for the Annual General Meeting with instructions on how to sign up.
- Handing back the canvassing kit with information to your Zone Captain around the end of October.
- Meeting new people on your street – always interesting
- Attending a get together for all the Canvassers and Captains held by the membership chair the first week of November – Best part!! (Covid permitting)

We invite residents of the OOE who live in apartments or Condos to get involved in the membership drive within your apartment building or Condo. We would look forward to having new residents and current residents be part of the membership committee and or the membership drive.

5. Planning – John Dance

Sisters Development / 15 - 17 des Oblats Update

- The development's site plan control application and proposed zoning by-law amendment have been submitted and are posted on the City's Devapps site:
<https://devapps.ottawa.ca/en/applications/D07-12-22-0124/details> and
<https://devapps.ottawa.ca/en/applications/D02-02-22-0083/details>.
- The proposal is very similar to what has been consulted on with one key difference being the orientation and location of the interior fifth-storey amenity space.
- The OOECA planning committee's (OOEPC) position on the proposal is as per the attached letter. As noted in this letter, "The proposed retention and adapted reuse of the Sisters convent is appreciated and is not what was expected. As was noted by one participant at the June 28th session, the proposal has 'a lot of positives.' Conversely, there remain major concerns with the proposal."
- The major concern is the density and its related traffic/parking impacts.
- OOEPC supports the proposed public walkway between the western face of the development and the eastern face of The Corners on Main development (i.e., a connection between des Oblats and Springhurst). A number of residents in TCoM are opposed to this walkway because of privacy,

security and noise concerns, however, the planning committee is of the opinion that such public access is a longstanding desire of the community association.

- Special thanks to Phyllis Odenbach Sutton for the detailed analysis of the development proposal.

Minor Variances: Committee of Adjustment - 121 Evelyn Avenue - Question of Appeal

- As previously reported, the Committee of Adjustment considered an application for several minor variances for redevelopment of 121 Evelyn Avenue. OOEPC opposed the variance that would permit 8.2 metres of driveway entrance vs the 3.0 metres permitted by the by-law.
- The CofA subsequently approved all requested variances (although the Chair and one of the four other members voted against the driveway variance).
- All of those who officially made comments on the requested variances had until October 6, 2022 to appeal the decisions to the Ontario Land Tribunal.
- OOEPC decided not to recommend to the OOECA Board that an appeal should be pursued because:
 - o First, unlike the 2B appeal (nine storeys sought vs six allowed), we don't see this as one that would have major implications for the community.
 - o Second, the cost and volunteer effort of such an appeal is beyond what we are willing to pursue.
- OOEPC will oppose other applications for minor variances that seek far more driveway than is allowed and we are willing to provide advice to neighbours who do make an appeal of the 121 Evelyn decision.
- One of the neighbours was disappointed with OOEPC's unwillingness to appeal the decision and noted by email:
 - o "We are exhausted after 2 1/2 years of this....so none of the neighbours are appealing as its time to pass this baton to a better resourced group such as the OOECA. What the purpose of the OOECA if it won't address both large and "small" issues in the neighbourhood? It's all about scope and scale...if you get a bunch of these smaller items sneaking through, then eventually you have enough critical mass that they too will have a negative impact on the community."

3. Outstanding Concerns with OP, OOESP and other Issues - Meet with City Staff

- Following the election, OOEPC intends to meet the Councillor and his staff and then members of the City's Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development department to discuss and hopefully resolve the following issues:

OP/SP/ Transit Oriented Development Plan (TOD - Lees Station)

1. OOE Secondary Plan and related zoning North of 417.
2. OP's Rideau Canal Special District and impact on Canal 111 and Kings Landing
3. 200 Lees (uOttawa): TOD targets vs what uOttawa plans
4. Density targets for OOE

Interpretation of Zoning By-Law

5. Rooming house-like development in the north of 417 area.
6. TM zoning in 2m front yard setback - allowable uses.

7. The FSI calculation for Regional's Phase 3 and what's already built in the FSI 2 area

Minor Variances

8. Why no City response to OOEPC questions about 121 Evelyn?

9. Inadequate time to consider City staff analysis and opinion on minor variances.

New Zoning By-Law Update:

- What's going to be proposed by the critically important zoning by-law update project has not yet been revealed. However, as noted by OOEPC member Paul Goodkey, changes within the new Urban Design Guidelines for Low-rise Housing, suggest major changes may adversely affect neighbourhood compatibility of new developments. Extracts from a recent email from Paul follow:

- *“The revised 2022 guidelines are not just ‘housekeeping’. They have been approved by Council, without any consultation (perhaps consultation with the Industry folks, but not anyone else). Despite what the staff report (see attached) indicates, this approved 2022 Guideline will ‘drive’ the New Zoning By-law, notwithstanding staff’s promise for consultation during the Phase Two update.*

· *On page 10 of the staff report, under the heading Low-rise Infill Housing Guidelines Phase Two, the report speaks about: What does design compatibility mean and how do we understand the 'context' of a development? What elements in the design of low-rise housing contribute to neighbourhood compatibility? What building and site design elements are most problematic/concerning for neighbourhood compatibility?*

· *However, the word compatibility has been removed / deleted from the 2012 version, as well as the Glossary definition for Compatibility. We are now talking about context - i.e. “Low-rise buildings to be designed to respond to context and transect area policies”.*

· *Where is the congruency between neighbourhood low-rise compatibility and context?*

IMHO, the 2022 Guideline has set the stage for the New ZBL and we (the FCA and all CA’s) must insist on amendments to that document, prior to any 2023 Q1 updates. If we do not do so, any New ZBL appeals will not have firm grounds with the OLT. This is not a topic for another day – it’s a topic for now! And it’s a topic that should be broached within the upcoming CofA workshop.

6. Transportation and Infrastructure – Tom Scott

The City of Ottawa TMP Update team replied to our Active Transportation survey inputs and a request for a follow-up on a proposal for a Rideau River footbridge at or near the east end of Clegg Street at the park. A copy of the team’s e-mail is attached. Further, we again stressed the importance of an early meeting with them to determine next steps including a feasibility

study and any necessary environmental impact assessment, in the event that any senior level of government mounts another Infrastructure Program for contributions to 'shovel-ready' projects.

The schedules for the next phases of the Greenfield/Main/Hawthorne (GMH) reconstruction project have been pushed back and the tendering process has only recently closed. The actual phasing and timing of work will depend on the successful bidder's proposal and may vary from that already published on the City's GMH website, but for now is unknown. An update via a Public Advisory Committee meeting has been requested.

The pedestrian crossing signals at Concord N and Greenfield are finally back in working order after a long summer with none. We reported to the Councillor's office that the electronic speed board along Greenfield westbound routinely shows vehicles speeding and that speeds of 73 and 71 km/hr have been observed, where the avenue is posted for 30 km/hr. To try and avoid another large truck coming down Concord and trying to turn eastbound on Greenfield [which is why the signal post has been taken down three times], we also recommended 'no trucks' signs at the residential streets of Harvey, Concord, Havelock and Montcalm since Greenfield remains a major truck route.

During discussions of a fire lane in the Forecourt Park area, questions arose about a more permanent solution to traffic in and around Greystones, a solution that we noted in May remains to be achieved until site development works are completed. Actual impacts of the school have yet to be assessed. Residents in the newly developed areas had made concerns known to the Councillor's office about speeding, parking and lack of accessibility during the last rounds of construction along Oblats in particular and will likely reoccur when Spencer and the Sisters' Residence reconstruction are underway. John Dance will report that additional traffic surveys and O/D studies are needed to bring planning inputs for Greystones and the surrounding neighbourhoods up to date.

OOECA supported a motion by Mr. Barry Padolsky at the October 3, 2022 Built Heritage Sub-Committee to have a heritage review undertaken with an aim to designate the CPR railway bridge over the Rideau River. A copy of our supporting letter to the Chair of BHSC is attached.

Addendum to October 11 OOECA Minutes – Follow-up on Action Items

1. Letter to the City, cc: Fotenn and other recipients re: 15 Oblats

- Sent by Catherine Pacella, VP, OOECA on October 12, 2022, cc: John Dance, Planning.

2. Letter from OOECA to NCC re: Trees on Colonel By Drive

- Pending

3. Garbage Bins on Main Street

Ron Rose completed inventory of neighbourhood on OOECA's behalf and shared with councillor's office:

1. NE corner of Clegg St and Main St, at USP.
 2. SW corner of Main St and Herridge St, in front of Aesthete MD.
 3. NE corner of Main St and walkway to 223 USP, Gignes Pavilion 4.
 4. SE corner of Main St and Hazel, in front of 3Trees.
 5. West side of Main St south of Evelyn Ave opposite Calvary Baptist Church
 6. NW corner of Main St and Graham Ave.
 7. 7NE corner of Main St and Hawthorne in front of Old Town Hall.
- There is a big gap between Hazel and Evelyn. The only garbage bins on public property are three compartment bins, all located between Clegg and Hawthorne, a strip which is the location of three new restaurants (Beans and greens, Vespa Wine Bar, and Sula Wok, one existing cafe, (Happy Goat), and one announced Bakery and Cafe in Le Milieu, and future developments in TCOM and Milieu.
 - There are no garbage bins apparent on side streets within one block of Main St.

Email reply dated November 7, 2022 from Ariela Summit, Councillor's Office:

- discussed with waste staff, who have identified four locations for 3-stream bins. Bins cannot be in front of an entranceway, and must provide sufficient sidewalk space so as not to obstruct wheelchairs, strollers, etc. Proposed locations:

East side Main between Oblates and Springhurst:

1. S/E corner Main @ Oblate. This would accommodate the existing bus stop. We would be reinstalling the bin that was there prior to the construction.
2. N/W corner Main @ Oblate-Springhurst. Installing mid-block would accommodate all stores on the block. Reason for this is that there are many front entrances and we do not install in front of doors. Also, with a patio in place and empty store fronts for potential future patios to be inserted I think it's best to stay away from that.

West side Main between Hazel and Oblats:

3. N/W corner Main @ Hazel, in front of Watson pharmacy. Protected by tree guard.
 4. 176 Main, West side. Installing mid-block Hazel-Oblate would accommodate more businesses. With so many front entrances there were no other good install locations.
- Next steps include consulting with any businesses that are immediately adjacent, just because bins can attract wasps or rodents. Please let us know if you have any input. We are somewhat

limited by available sidewalk space, but I can discuss any requests with waste staff. They've let us know that the bins won't be installed until spring 2023, but I'm pushing to see if we can get the first one, on Main and Oblats, this fall. I'll keep you posted on any updates.

4. Left Turn Lane at Main Intersections

Email from Tom Scott to Councillor's Office on October 12th - awaiting reply.

Hello Jonathan

This issue came up again last evening and residents in the area don't believe that the turn signal functions as it should. It was reported that even a City bus waiting, which should have been the equivalent of two cars in the lane, didn't seem to trigger the turn so that is equally problematic for bus service. Perhaps staff need to put boots on the ground and actually go out and see what is happening, and ensure that the signals really do work the way you informed us in your most recent reply.

Given the much-increased traffic onto Oblats as a main Greystones gateway, residents were asking why it couldn't get the same treatment as Clegg for southbound left turns, with an automatic advanced turn signal each time.

Cheers

Tom Scott

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