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Old Ottawa East Community Association (OOECA)
Annual General Meeting
November 8, 2022
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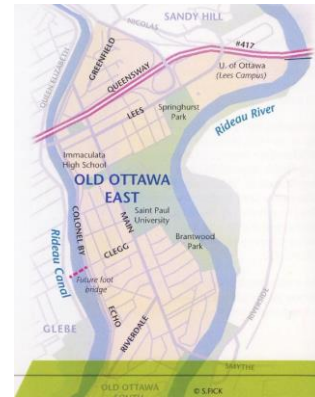
CA goals:

- Encourage citizen participation in planning & development of our community
- Help to make opinions & desires of residents known to elected representatives & their staff
- Preserve & improve OOE as residential community, focus attention on its history & heritage & enhance amenities to improve quality of life in our neighbourhoods
- Protect & enhance parks & greenspace

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Overview

1. Current and proposed board, vacancies
2. Financial report, upcoming expenditures
3. Transportation
4. Planning
5. Update on major developments
6. Greystone Village/Lees
7. Environment/SLOE, Parks & Greenspace, Lansdowne
8. 2021/22 in brief
9. Next year



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- This report is to provide an overview of the past year, by reviewing each of current standing committees and outlining our current finances. This will include a summarized report from Transportation, planning, Greystone/Lees, SLOE, Parks and Greenspace, Lansdowne as well as a general overview of other activities and items.
- The final item is an overview of the coming year, and to what items the CA will be paying focus
- Finally, the presentation will conclude with an open forum for questions

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Current OOECA Board Members

President: Bob Gordon
Vice-President: Catherine Pacella
Past-president: Phyllis Odenbach Sutton
Secretary: Kristine Houde
Treasurer: Don Fugler
Planning: John Dance
Transportation: Tom Scott
Membership: Suzanne Johnston
TCOM/Greystone/Lees: Peter Tobin
SLOE: Jayson MacLean
FCA: Ron Rose
Lansdowne: Alexandra Gruca-Macaulay
Health & safety: Courtenay Beauregard
Parks & Green Space: Jamie Brougham
Members at large: Georgia Blondon
Vacant positions: Communications

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- The OOECA board is made up of Directors which include president, past-president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, chairs of the respective standing committees, and members-at-large, with a minimum of 9 people required to form the board, who serve a two year term upon election
- A general election is held every other year, with the last election taking place in 2021, the current board members are presently serving their 1st year of their term
- Upon conclusion of the 2021 AGM, there was one appointee to the board for the Secretary position; Kristine Houde. Kristine was acclaimed by director vote at the 2021 December meeting, and I thank her for work, with not just the secretary position, but all other committees of which she is a part
- Where we added one, another departed. The board did receive one resignation from a Member-At-Large, Ian Sadinsky. I would like to thank Ian for his time and efforts in helping with the various committees, along

with his engagement with myself to help foster a more direct engagement strategy

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Financial Report			
October 15, 2021 – October 15, 2022			
Carryover	\$17,563	Expenses	
(From October 15, 2022)		- FCA membership	\$35
		- Directors' insurance (2023)	\$540
		- Rideau Winter Trail donation	\$300
		- Toilet rental for summer	\$381
		- Support for election debates	\$300
Revenues		Total expenses	
- Memberships sold	\$2,963	\$1,556	
Total revenues	\$2,963	Balance	
		\$18,970	

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- This slide is an overview – Detailed [treasurer's report](#) is posted at OttawaEast.ca
- Thank you to treasurer Don Fugler
- These figures are valid as of 13 October 2022.
 - There are two sub-accounts included in the OOECA account, where the OOECA takes care of banking for subgroups or committees within the Association. These are the Lees Avenue Community Garden and SLOE

A) Lees Avenue Community Garden - started the year with \$1925.22 in their account. With two cheques issued for maintenance supplies, their account with OOECA is now down to \$427.25.

B) Sustainable Living Ottawa East (SLOE) - had no changes to their funds in our account. They still total \$2556.37.

C) Old Ottawa East Community Association – 2021/22

For the OOECA in 2021/22, there was an income of \$2963.75 from the sale of OOECA memberships, which included a late submission of \$63 from the

canvassing of the previous year. There was no Main Event this year and thus no additional income.

This year, expenses were limited. OOECA made contributions to the Rideau Winter Trail and to the 2022 municipal election debates for mayor and councillor. We also sponsored a summer-only portable toilet at Springhurst Park; which was a huge success

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OOECA Board Vacancies and Committees

Current vacant positions:

- Communications

If you are interested in joining the board, as a member-at-large, or part of a committee, please contact

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- At present time, there is a vacancy with the Communication committee, with the position being filled ad-hoc by several members who are active in other positions.
- Additionally, if you are interested in joining the board, the role of member-at-large is a great introduction to get acquainted with the functions within the board, with the prospect to take a role in one of the standing positions
- Also we would be interested in getting representation from the Brantwood Park area if possible
- As is the procedure as laid out by our Constitution, at this time I am asking if there are any nominations from the “virtual” floor
- Depending on response to this request, ask for motion to approve board + possibly some other nominees*
- If no nominees from the floor, ask people to consider volunteering & to contact the CA after the meeting to get more information or to put forward their name*
- If you are interested in becoming more active with the community association, you can always join a committee without being a board member. Doing so is a great opportunity to focus on items that are of particular interest.

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Upcoming Financial Expenditures

- Website redesign, rebranding - continued ...
- Desire to update our platform & logo; to the extent that costs exceed \$1000, additional funds will need to be sought at a Special General Meeting
- Possibility of outsourcing some website work to expedite the on-going transition

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Transportation

- Preliminary work completed for GMH project
- PXO crosswalk at Greenfield and Concord
- Flex posts and extended area at SW corner of Main/Hawthorne
- City's Transportation Master Plan
- CPR bridge over the Rideau River

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The transportation committee had many successes this year

Successes:

- Preliminary work for the Greenfield/Main/Hawthorne (GMH) reconstruction project completed; undergrounding of utilities on Hawthorne, as specified in the Secondary Plan, accepted at City Council subject to budget adjustments; overhead lines along Greenfield and N Main will also be buried - will help replacement trees along Main and Greenfield thrive; early-phase completion of Rideau Canal fully-signalled PXO at North Main and Colonel By Drive - will continue to pursue left-turn toward Pretoria, especially during major GMH digs
- Flashing beacons (re)installed for a **fourth** time at PXO crosswalk at Greenfield and Concord St N
- Flex posts (re)installed and extended at SW corner of Main/Hawthorne
- Input to City's Transportation Master Plan for improved active transportation across OOE, including a new footbridge crossing of the Rideau River at Clegg and Brantwood Park; and, response to NCC for temporary closure of CBD
- Input to City Built Heritage Sub-Committee to designate the old CPR bridge over the Rideau River and review proposals for its repair and rehabilitation to continue as an active transportation route

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Transportation - Challenges

- GMH delays
- PXO crosswalk at Greenfield and Concord
- Safety audit recommendations for Main from Harvey to Graham
- Sound barriers north and south of the Queensway
- Continued negative impact of development construction

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Although, the transportation committee had successes, there are challenges outstanding, and continuous overlapping issues

Challenges:

- GMH main contracts still delayed another construction season for supply-chain and labour shortages
- Continued difficulty with damage to PXO at Greenfield/Concord St N and heavy truck incursions onto residential streets; ongoing damage to street corners for bus and truck curb-jumping, notably for relatively recent brick-work along the Main complete-street works
- Safety audit recommendations for Main from Harvey to Graham remain unresolved especially for cyclist risks; and, while most of OOE residential streets are now 30 km/hr with gateway and other signage, enforcement remains an issue
- No progress on sound barriers north and south of the Queensway at the rebuilt Nicholas intersection
- Requests to the Province for an improved regulatory framework and strengthened enforcement for road-racing and noise-making (including trucks using engine braking) in downtown residential areas,
- Continued negative impact of development construction on existing roadways and urban-canopy mature trees

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Planning

- Organization
- Reviews
- City Policy
- New Provincial Legislation

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As with other years, the planning committee continues to be a very active committee with many projects to review, keeping members continually engaged

- Organization
 - Welcomed new members Tom Scott (N of 417), Kristine Houde (GV/Corners), Dianne Caldbick (Brantwood). Bid adieu to Olivier Bassett.
 - Other members: Ron Rose (Spenceville), Paul Goodkey (Canal South), Phyllis Odenbach Sutton (Archville), Courtenay Beauregard (Archville), and Bob Gordon. Thank you!
 - Committee's terms of reference approved (thanks Alexandra Gruca-Macaulay)
- Reviews
 - Influenced Regional's GV Phase 3 plans to make it more compatible with Deschâtelets Building, river frontage and neighbourhood.

- Participated in City's "pre-application consultation" process and contributed to reducing density and mitigating impacts of large new proposals
 - Reviewed and commented on site plan control and rezoning applications for 15 - 17 des Oblats
 - Reviewed and commented on relevant Committee of Adjustment minor variance applications.
- City Policy
 - Participated in Federation of Citizens' Association's ongoing review of City's zoning by-law amendment and related matters stemming from new Official Plan.
 - Provided related stories for The Mainstreeter including explanation of minor variances (December issue)
 - Prepared for meeting with City staff to discuss outstanding planning issues (e.g., zoning N of 417)
- New Provincial Legislation
 - Proposed Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, ignores community involvement and importance in the planning process
 - Current zoning and neighbourhood character considerations may be ignored.
 - Environmental and heritage protection is reduced
 - The cost of speeding up the approval process may be increased municipal costs and less compatible developments
 - OOEPCC will work with other community associations, the FCA and the City to mitigate impacts
 - Please make the Province and the City aware of your concerns!

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Greystone Village

- New retail
- Spencer condo occupancy
- Milieu and Ballantyne
- Trench between Convent and Corners
- Au Coeur d'Ottawa (CECCE) school and affordable housing for Seniors
- Shoreline naturalization and invasive species
- Convent site proposal

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- New retail on Main includes RiverBank Dental and coming soon Ears on Main hearing centre, an
 - independent pharmacy, JFUSE restaurant (January 2023), a cafe or patisserie and another unit leased but
 - occupying tenant not yet identified. Four other units in the Milieu are available for lease
- The Spencer condo to have occupants by spring of 2024
- Milieu and Ballantyne continue to add new residents
- back filling of the trench between the convent building and Corner is expected to be completed
 - by mid-November this year; the garden retaining wall will not be replaced until spring.
 - The French Catholic School Board (CECCE) is awaiting Ministry of Education approval of their plans which include the Au Coeur d'Ottawa school and affordable housing for Seniors

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Lees Apartments

- 190 Lees renovation
- 170 Lees
- Still largest populus

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- Continuing with its multi-year renovation, the work continues at 190 Lees and is expected to complete in 2023
- Although previous issues with garbage and deposits on MUP from surface run-off were a concern previous years, the amount of complaints dropped compared to other years
- Even with the continued development of Greystone, the Lees apartment complexes contain the largest populus in OOE; this very fact provides a strong argument for the continued greenspace of the “People’s Park” and removal of the AVTC from the TMP. Engagement with these residents, whether short term or not, is as important as all other areas of OOE

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Federation of Citizens' Associations (FCA)

- Letters to Provincial Government
 - BILL 3: Strong Mayors
 - Building Better Homes Act, 2022
 - Bill 109, Housing for Everybody Act
- Workshops
- Planning and Zoning Committee - very active
- New chair; Robert Brinker

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-The Federation of Citizens' Associations (FCA) includes approximately 70 community associations within the City of Ottawa, of which the OOECA is a member.

-The FCA sent Letters to the Provincial Government on BILL 3: Strong Mayors, Building Better Homes Act, 2022, and Bill 109, [Housing for Everybody Act](#),

-Two workshops were held (June and October) on improvements to Committee of Adjustment

-Held a workshop on organizing all-candidates meetings in March 2022.

-Had a very active Planning and Zoning committee which will guide FCA response to the revised and approved Official Plan for Ottawa as well as the response to Bill 23, the More Homes Built Faster act.

-Fact sheet issued on Land Use Planning for the Provincial election

-Robert Brinker was elected Chair of the FCA replacing Alex Cullen.

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Environment and Sustainable Living Ottawa East (SLOE)

- Trees!
- Climate Action
- Rideau River and Shoreline
- Other Initiatives

Volunteers welcome! Contact info@ottawaeast.ca or contact SLOE on their Facebook page

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SLOE - 2022 Year-end report

SLOE is Sustainable Living Ottawa East, the Environment Committee of the OOECA. We currently have three main sub-committees dealing with: (1) Trees (2) Climate Action and (3) Rideau River and Shoreline. As well, there are a number of ongoing and self-sustaining groups affiliated with SLOE, including Invasive Species Weeding Group, the Rideau River Turtle Group, Bird-Friendly OOE and the OOE Community Gardens.

(1) Trees

- SLOE carried out a Tree Canopy Regeneration Project aimed at getting more trees planted in OOE and supporting community awareness of the importance of maintaining and strengthening our trees. The Project took place over the spring and summer, with volunteers spreading out across OOE to deliver flyers on the Project and the associated Tree Giveaway and to speak with residents about their trees. The Project resulted in many conversations with residents and, eventually, the planting of over 50 trees in OOE.
- Volunteers helped monitor the Spongy Moth infestation as it pertained to OOE, with some park trees getting the burlap wrap treatment by volunteers. The infestation was thankfully less prevalent this year.

- SLOE volunteers completed an intensive reforestation project in a resident's backyard on Evelyn Street

(2) Climate Action

- SLOE participated in climate discussions with the pan-Ottawa environment group CAFES (Community Associations for Environmental Sustainability)
- SLOE advocated for a stronger climate-related agenda in the City of Ottawa's draft Official Plan
- SLOE initiated an ongoing program called 30 Minutes to Save the Planet through its Facebook group, delivering weekly instalments on how to effect change on the climate issue.

(3) Rideau River and Shoreline

- SLOE helped facilitate the dialogue between residents and developer Regional concerning naturalization of the 30-metre corridor along the Rideau River Nature Trail

(4) Other Initiatives

- SLOE started up a conversation with Ottawa's Community Garden Network and the City of Ottawa on finding a space for a new community garden.

Additional volunteers are always welcome and would be appreciated.

- Contact info@ottawaeast.ca or engage on the SLOE Facebook page

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Parks & Green Space

- Provided input for dock at Springhurst Park
- Springhurst Park N-W corner port-a-potty 3-month pilot project a success
- Supported community effort to raise awareness and use of the People's Park
- Brantwood Park proposed enhancements
- Grande Allée and Forecourt Park
- River corridor behind Greystone
- The other side of the Island!

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- Parks and Greenspace Committee in consultation with the councillor's office and City re: 2nd dock in OOE at Springhurst Park.
 - City proposed two designs, neither of which were accessible, or preserved the greenspace. City did not follow-up as requested with other proposal, and dock was not installed this year.
 - P&G to communicate with City and councillor's office early next Spring to provide input on dock.
- Port-a-potty 3-month pilot project on West side of Springhurst
 - P&G put forward motion for OOECA to fund a 3-month pilot of port-a-potty in west side of Springhurst this summer. This pilot was well received by residents and park visitors.
 - Parks and Greenspace to lobby City next year for more permanent solution for this park space
- Brantwood Park
 - Got new tennis courts this fall, like Springhurst experienced lots of 'unofficial' use this summer with it being more defined by its peaceful atmosphere.
 - proposed enhancements – Tour with City, CAG, P&G reps
 - Earlier this year, signage and markers installed at south entrance of Brantwood to direct foot and bike traffic onto path, and try and minimize damage to greenspace that worsened

through COVID. Grass regrowth also attempted with limited success. P&G to work with City for more permanent solution.

- Recent tour of Brantwood installations with City and CAG to discuss possible new features – City cited accessibility requirements for all new features, flagged that Brantwood is not on top of priority,
- People's Park
 - With AVTC continuing to appear on city planning documents, efforts have been spearheaded by Rick Burrowes and other OOE residents and park users to increase use of this greenspace beside Springhurst Park.
 - Area renamed People's Park, with activities organized through the summer and fall. Efforts to optimize use to continue next year, with local leagues and teams encouraged to host games in this space.
 - This official park combined green space experienced strong resurgence in use with an open form model and a area resident championing its support and use.
- Grande Allée and Forecourt Park
 - Neither park was completed by Regional or the City this year, despite commitments last year to do so.
 - Minimal communication from the City regarding Forecourt Park plans and features, and no P&G representatives are being actively engaged in discussions.
 - Motion put forward at October OOECA meeting to have a designated representative speak on behalf of P&G, Planning or OOECA Board for these spaces to ensure community voice is heard.
- River corridor behind Greystone
 - well used with both a nature trail and paved recreational pathways. Regional has done some good planting, but the ideal outcome will rely on some vegetation management.
- The other side of the Island!
 - Towards the Canal there is not enough greenspace and no parks. Opportunities are on NCC land in front of Immaculata and we need idea suggestions for more. Perhaps a boardwalk like at Dow's lake along our side of the Canal?
 - Volleyball court, Ping pong table, Exercise equipment, Children's playground update
 - Park clean ups occur twice a year (spring and fall).

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Lansdowne Park

- Lansdowne 2.0
 - Lansdowne Partnership Sustainability Plan and Implementation Report Main
 - Recommendations
 - City Costs and Debt
 - Issues
 - Current Status
- Lansdowne Park still important to OOE largely to Flora Footbridge

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Lansdowne 2.0 - the \$332.0 million project proposal:

Background

- In 2012 City Council approved a partnership agreement between the City and the Ottawa Sports and Entertainment Group (OSEG) for the revitalization of the Frank Clair Stadium, Civic Centre, and former parking lot at Lansdowne Park
- Partnership involved leasing the City owned property to OSEG for a minimal cost
- In return for the below market use of the real estate, OSEG was to maintain that portion of the property, and the City and OSEG were to share in profits from Stadium, Event Centre, and Retail operations
- Expected returns on this investment have not been satisfactory either to OSEG nor to the City (City has received \$0.0 return on investment thus far); the existing partnership agreement is not considered to be financially sustainable
- The Lansdowne Partnership Sustainability Plan and Implementation Report (Lansdowne 2.0) was tabled by city staff with the Finance and Economic Development Committee (FEDCO) on May 6 2022

- Intent of Lansdowne 2.0 is to try and rehabilitate the financial sustainability of the partnership between the City and OSEG

Lansdowne Partnership Sustainability Plan and Implementation Report Main

Recommendations (Lansdowne 2.0)

- Replace the Civic Centre with new smaller Event Centre (5,500 seats) to be located under hill at east end of the football field
- New Event Centre will have "grassy" roof that cannot be walked on and would remove about a football-field worth of existing parkland
- Refurbish the football stadium north stands
- Demolish existing retail podium (where Goodlife Fitness now operates) and replace with new retail podium that will add 59,000 sq. ft. of new retail space (total of 100,000 sq. ft.)
- On top of new retail podium build 3 residential towers, ranging in height between 35-46 storeys, for a total of 1200 new residential units, 10% of the new residential units would be "moderately" affordable

Lansdowne 2.0 City Costs and Debt

- Estimated Project Cost: \$332.0 million (from May 2022 report)
- City would cover the \$332.0 million in costs by:
 - Issuing a \$239.0 million debenture with a 40-year repayment term
 - Selling the rights to the space above the retail podium to private developers to allow them to build the residential towers (air rights)
 - Redirecting 90% of the property taxes from the new towers to Lansdowne debt repayment (city has named this "property tax uplift")
 - Directing any proceeds that the City might receive in the future from the partnership's revenue sharing agreement (with hope of profit from retail rents, Redblacks, and Event Centre)

The Lansdowne 2.0 staff report recommendations were approved by Council on

June 8 2022 with specific approval of the Financial and Business Plan, and authority was delegated to the City Manager to renegotiate the partnership agreement with OSEG based upon the financial and business plan.

Issues

- Process: the Lansdowne 2.0 report was rushed through without adequate public consultation over the decision to approve the financial plan for a \$332.0 million project

Significant Financial Risks:

- the new Event Centre and Stadium are projected to lose \$84.0 million over the life of the partnership; financial sustainability hinges on:
 - Successful sale/rental of 1200 new residential units in a central location at a time when the downtown core has lost a significant portion of office workers
 - "Syphoning" property taxes away from City services; other Ottawa residents would shoulder increased cost burden
 - Profitability, and continuing OSEG ownership of the Ottawa Redblacks over 40 years (currently bottom of East Division standings)
 - Profitability of new 100,000 sq. ft. of "bricks and mortar" retail space over 40 years at a time when bricks and mortar retail is in decline
 - Construction cost inflation and impact of rising interest rates on debt costs
- Significant Quality of Life Risks:
 - No traffic plan to deal with congestion from 1200 new residential units (Lansdowne not on LRT line)
- Reduced public park space: No new park space, despite increase of about 3,000 new residents AND loss of a football-field's worth of public space due to inaccessible Event Centre roof
- No truly affordable housing
- Environmental impact of 3 new 35-46 storey towers
- No new funds allocated for needed improvements to Aberdeen Pavilion and Square (future unfunded "wish list")

Current Status

- Councillor Menard had sought to delay Lansdowne 2.0 approvals until such time as the public had the opportunity to assess the costs and risks

involved, however neither FEDCO, nor City Council were willing to pass the motion

- But, with significant work by Councillor Menard's office other motions were passed including:
 - That Auditor General consider including in her review the following elements:
 - budget/estimated costs and associated authorities;
 - funding strategies and associated financial arrangements; and
 - project agreement(s), etc.
 - That OSEG be directed to develop and implement a transportation demand management (TDM) strategy for this new development
 - That City staff work to advance any and all options to increase the level of affordability or to increase the number of affordable units at Lansdowne
 - That City Staff provide options to make the [new "green"] roof of the Event Centre accessible to the public

Currently the City is conducting further due diligence on the assumptions that have informed the Lansdowne 2.0 financial and business plan (including consideration of the impact of motions passed by Council).

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Other 2021/22 Highlights

- Online membership
- Continued virtual meetings
- No Main event, so no additional revenue
- First full season of Springhurst updated amenities
- Although mostly virtual interactions, the CA continues to be actively engaged

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- The 2022 membership drive was the first year to include an online option. The first year saw approximately 50 memberships and continues to grow; even with the occasional technical glitch
- The CA continued meeting virtually, and plans to do so until at least the New Year. The board will vote on moving to potential hybrid solution of virtual and in-person at that time
- There was no Main Event this year, unfortunately. The event does generate between 15% to 20% of CA's revenue so we are hopeful for the CA BBQ to return next year
- Although launched in 2021, this was the first full year of the newly installed Springhurst Park amenities. Again, thanks Councillor Menard and team, the team SHCH, and a special thanks to Rick Burrowes who continues to grow the activities at the "People's Park"
- Big thank you to the membership committee and volunteers who continue to dedicate their time to engaging the community

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Next Year: 2022-2023

- Start of Greenfield Avenue, Main Street (north of Harvey), & Hawthorne Avenue ... hopefully
- Community centre and gym progress ... again
- Opening of Au Coeur d'Ottawa school in Deschâtelets building, along with affordable housing for seniors
- Community Priorities and CA Bylaws
- Forecourt Park and Indigenous Reconciliation
- Revitalization of OOECA website

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- Community priorities were set in 2019; should review to focus on outstanding items, add new, and celebrate successes. Many that were in the list were realized over the past year.
- Hope to see the community center begin construction and the opening of the Au Coeur in the Deschatelets building
- Rideau Winter Trail