

OOECA Board Meeting Agenda – February 13, 2024

Hybrid meeting, 7pm–9pm. Details at OttawaEast.ca/Events/

1. Welcome and land acknowledgement

2. Call for agenda items and approval of agenda

3. Approval of minutes

- December draft minutes – Pending. For approval at March meeting.
- [January 2023 draft minutes](#) (OttawaEast.ca Archive) – For review and approval in March.

4. President’s Report – Bob Gordon

5. Treasurer’s Report – Don Fugler

6. Councillor’s Report – Councillor Shawn Menard, Capital Ward

7. CAG (Community Activities Group) – Lee Jacobs

8. Committee Reports (*submitted reports start on page 2)

1. The Corners on Main and Greystone Village – Peter Tobin (*report on page 2)
2. Health and Safety - Georgia Blondon (*report on page 2)
3. FCA (Federation of Citizens’ Associations) – Ron Rose
4. Parks and Greenspace – Vacant
 - [Letter – Flora bridge snow removal](#)
 - [Letter – Grande Allee Trees](#)
 - [City of Ottawa memo – Waste diversion in parks pilot – 2024 expansion \(French\)](#)
5. Planning – Vacant
6. Lansdowne – Alexandra Gruca-Macaulay
7. SLOE (Sustainable Living Ottawa East) – Michal Samborski (*report on pages 3-5)
8. Membership – Jayson MacLean
9. Transportation and Infrastructure – Tom Scott
10. Communications – Bob Gordon, Kristine Houde
 - Logo contest update, project/engagement plan to be presented in March

9. New Business

- [Plaque for Holy Trinity Church – OOECA funding recommendation](#)

10. Adjournment

Committee reports

The Corners on Main and Greystone Village – Peter Tobin

J:Fuse

I happened to meet the owner James Park one day last week as he was unloading some small items for the restaurant. My previous contact with him had been only by text or email. They are still having a persistent problem connecting the rangehood to the building. I asked if the restaurant would be open the week of Feb. 12 but he was reluctant to speculate on that and I inferred both disappointment and frustration in his reply.

Convent

From what Marlene Lundy, board member of The Corners on Main 1 (TCOM1) explained to me, there is a final sign-off from the City remaining to be checked off. I haven't seen any evidence of that Forum/SLP's intent to move quickly on the work.

- Question: who will now be the contact(s) between the CA and Dayna Gilbert?

The Mainstreeter has an informative article (part1, part 2 in April) by Adriana Beaman re her appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal on the convent redevelopment.

Health and Safety – Georgia Blondon

Mandate

Heading this committee, I want to establish a mandate that reflects the goals of OOECA and community residents. Below is an outline, I am happy to receive suggestions.

To establish the awareness of issues related to verbal or physical threats to individuals, theft, violence, excessive rowdiness. And the awareness of the health and wellbeing of community residents, for example, accessibility in our community for individuals with disabilities.

Ottawa Police and other key contacts

Vehicle thefts and emergency and non-emergency telephone numbers

Interestingly, Ottawa police reported that in 2023 the equivalent of 5 vehicles a day went missing, half were recovered. Thefts are primarily perpetrated by youth that are being paid by organised crime.

Of note: Our police liaison officer for OOE is Constable Stephanie Lemieux with the Centretown Community Police. Following are a few telephone numbers to be aware of:

- 911 for crimes in progress or for emergencies
- Non-emergency line - 613-236-1222, ext. 7300
- Online reporting - [OttawaPolice.ca – Reports and requests – File a report \(French\)](https://ottawapolice.ca/reports)
- 211 - Essential Community Services
- 811 - Health Services (on call nurse)
- Anti-Fraud Centre - 888-495-8501 to report scams, etc.

Sustainable Living Ottawa East Report - February 2024

Revisiting old programs

Tree Planting

Residential yards

Who can provide feedback + lessons learned from previous efforts to provide trees for residents for their yards?

- Who from community association was involved
- Level of interest from the community
- # of trees given away
- What worked
- What didn't
- How were costs covered
- Where were trees purchased/obtained from?

Starting new programs

Tree Planting

Public lands (institutions, municipal, provincial, federal)

Plant trees on public lands

- Akin to letter to City of Ottawa re trees along Grand Allee
- City has a tree planting program
 - <https://ottawa.ca/en/living-ottawa/environment-conservation-and-climate/public-spaces-and-environmental-programs/tree-planting#section-cf04d222-6322-427f-af9d-85581012de83>
 - However no obvious way to make requests <https://ottawa.ca/en/living-ottawa/environment-conservation-and-climate/trees-and-urban-forests/requests-forestry-services>
 - **Questions for councillor:**
 - How to make requests for tree planting with city forestry services?
 - Does the city provide trees, planting, and maintenance of the trees?
 - To expedite, can planting and maintenance of trees be done by volunteers?
 - **Question:**
 - Were there previous efforts for OOE volunteers to plant trees on public lands?
- Step 1:
 - inventory possible locations
 - Will set up a method for residents to provide suggestions
 - Call for volunteers
 - Will set up a method for residents to sign up

Pollinator Patch

Residential yards

- Program objectives
 - Spread message regarding benefits of native species vs traditional lawns
 - Provide support for residents interested in planting native plants to their yards
- Program Description
 - ASAP: Purchase 25 packages of six native plants
 - March: Advertise giveaway within the community
 - include information regarding benefits of native plants, pollinator patches, etc.
 - Include information regarding planting
 - Will set up a method for residents to sign up
 - **Question:** any resident or restricted to association members only?
 - April: select 25 residents to receive six native plants
 - Provide all information needed for successful planting
 - May: Distribute plants between 25 selected residents
 - Consultation and support if volunteers available
 - If program successful, grow our own seedlings for give away subsequent years

Motion: Requesting \$312.50 from OOECA to purchase 25 packages of six native plants.

Public lands (institutions, municipal, provincial, federal)

- Program Objectives:
 - Replace some spots currently mowed with native plant patches
- Program Description
 - City does not have a suitable support program in place
 - **Request for Councillor:**
 - Work item for Environment and Climate Change Committee
 - Please explore the introduction of a native plant patch program for residents to work with city staff to replace mowed spots with native plants.
 - Ideally the city does everything: evaluates location requests, plants, and maintains patches.
 - Alternatively, enables volunteers to do some/most work by providing permissions, guidelines, and support.

Invasive Species Removal

- Program Objectives:
 - Provide resources to identify and give info on common invasive species
- Program Description:
 - Step 1: Inventory common ones:
 - Some kind of tree? Maple?
 - Common topic of discussion in context of maintenance of Rideau River Trail behind Greystone village
 - Dog-Strangling Vine?

- Common Buckthorn?
- Garlic Mustard?
- Periwinkle?

Miscellaneous items

Follow up from January meeting

- Tom Scott was looking for an update on heritage tree designations of the two Ash trees located at the corner of Concord Street North and Havelock Street
 - **Question:** Where can one get an update on this?
- Tom Scott mentioned previous community campaign called Count the Stumps that could be used for future work in this space
 - **Question:** Where is the output of this campaign?

Follow up with councillor