

OOECA Board Meeting Agenda - April 9, 2024

Hybrid meeting, 7pm–9pm EDT, in person and online. Details at OttawaEast.ca

1. Welcome and land acknowledgement

2. Approval of agenda

3. Approval of minutes

4. President's Report – Bob Gordon

5. Treasurer's Report – Don Fugler

- Current balance: \$20,512.18

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

7. CAG (Community Activities Group) – Lee Jacobs

8. Committee Reports (with links to submitted reports)

1. The Corners on Main and Greystone Village – Peter Tobin (report on p.3)
2. Transportation and Infrastructure – Tom Scott
 - April 2024 GMH project update – Consult PDF in [English](#) or [French](#)
 - [Attachment 1](#) and [attachment 2](#) (on pages 2-5) - Committee chair and MTO email exchanges between regarding 417 Rideau Canal bridge replacement
3. Health and Safety - Georgia Blondon
4. FCA (Federation of Citizens' Associations) – Ron Rose
5. Planning – Vacant
6. Lansdowne – Alexandra Gruca-Macaulay ([report on pages 5-6](#))
 - Lansdowne 2.0 procurement report presented to Finance and Corporate Services Committee and to Council on April 17, 2024. See report for links.
7. Membership – Jayson MacLean
8. SLOE (Sustainable Living Ottawa East) – Michal Samborski
9. Parks and Greenspace – Vacant
10. Communications – Bob Gordon, Kristine Houde

9. New Business

- Have your say - [Engage Ottawa](#) first consultation on Tree Planting Strategy - Respond to [tree planting program survey](#) by April 15th, 2024

10. Adjournment

Committee reports

The Corners on Main and Greystone Village - Peter Tobin

J:Fuse

The Opening Soon sign continues to flutter. I spoke to the owner at the restaurant twice during the last week of March. He explained that the problem with the range hood connection had been resolved and that both the fire and building inspections had been completed. When I asked whether he will open in about two weeks i.e. mid April he replied "Yes, two weeks". A post on Instagram says they are hiring. Dishes are in place, the owner and his wife are often on site now. All good signs but staff has to be hired and trained and last minute details take more than minutes.

Milieu retail spaces

It looks like a section of the large retail space of Milieu Retail near Main and des Oblats, has been hived off to create a new retail space. The site where Beans and Greens was located has a for rent sign out front.

The Spencer

Most units have closing dates in November/December 2024. Sample prices:

- 2 brm +, 1093 sq.ft. \$920K
- 2 brm 920 sq.ft. \$826K
- 1brm+ 743sq.ft., \$676K.

Transportation and Infrastructure - Tom Scott

Attachment 1

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: DEB.Kingston (MTO) <deb.kingston@ontario.ca>
To: tscot9401@rogers.com <tscot9401@rogers.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 at 07:52:46 a.m. EDT
Subject: 417 Rideau Canada Bridge Replacement - 2392

Dear Tom,

Thank you for your email dated March 7, 2024, regarding the Ottawa Queensway Downtown Bridges Environmental Assessment Study from Metcalfe Street to Main Street.

The EA process remains open, and comments and feedback are welcome.

Once finalized, the Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be made available for a 30-day public review and comments period as part of the EA process. The documentation you have requested will be summarized in the TESR and made available once published for public review.

The proposed 90-week closure length of the Colonel by Drive and Queen Elizabeth Driveway is a worst-case, and the potential opportunity to reduce the closure length will be further reviewed in the subsequent detailed design stage with input from stakeholders.

MTO recognizes the impact these critical bridge replacements will have on residents, through an urban environment, and is committed to mitigating construction impact to the greatest extent possible. Where feasible, active transportation will be provided through the construction site.

For additional information about the project, please visit the project website at www.queenswaydowntownbridges.com, or contact Francis Omordia, Senior Project Engineer, by email at francis.omordia@ontario.ca or by telephone at (613) 583-2091.

Thank you again for taking the time to bring your concerns to MTO.

Sincerely,

Jenn Meleschuk,
Manager, Engineering Program Delivery East
Ministry of Transportation

Attachment 2

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Omordia, Francis (MTO) <francis.omordia@ontario.ca>
To: TOM SCOTT <tscot9401@rogers.com>
Cc: Vanderlaan, Frank (MTO) <frank.vanderlaan@ontario.ca>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 at 09:35:48 a.m. EDT
Subject: RE: MTO construction design and plans for 417 Rideau Canal Bridge Replacement Project

Good morning Tom,

Thank you for your email dated March 6, 2024, regarding the Ottawa Queensway Downtown Bridges Environmental Assessment Study from Metcalfe Street to Main Street.

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Regards,

Francis Omordia P.Eng.

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From: TOM SCOTT <tscot9401@rogers.com>

Sent: March-06-24 2:29 PM

To: Blazina, Tanya (MTO) <Tanya.Blazina@ontario.ca>; Omordia, Francis (MTO) <Francis.Omordia@ontario.ca>

Cc: Traffic and Safety <trafficandsafety@oldottawasouth.ca>; CCA Transportation Chair <transportation@centretowncitizens.ca>; Centretown Citizens <ccca@centretowncitizens.ca>; sue.neill Osca Bridge <sue.neill@rogers.com>; Glebe Transportation Committee <transportation@glebeca.ca>; John Dance <john.dance.ottawa@gmail.com>; President OOECA <president@ottawaeast.ca>; transportation@ottawaeast.ca; Joel Harden-QP <jharden-qp@ndp.on.ca>; Shawn Menard <shawn.menard@ottawa.ca>

Subject: MTO construction design and plans for 417 Rideau Canal Bridge Replacement Project

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Good afternoon Tanya and Francis

We have been dealing with MTO for a number of years now on this environmental assessment process, back to a time when Dave Lindensmith was the senior project engineer and the Honourable Steven Del Duca and the Honourable John Yakabuski were among his Ministers. Up until this phase of the downtown bridges replacement program, we have had good and open relations with MTO staff and Dave came to visit the sites and tour with us a number of times.

During and since the shut-downs of the pandemic, the exchanges of information and the access for consultation have been relatively restricted compared to prior phases of the EA. You noted in recent correspondence with John Dance, related to one of his requests for information for the local Old Ottawa East newspaper, the Mainstreeter, that a number of various parts of the consultation process had already been held leading up to pending completion of the TESR, itself now substantially delayed.

"Since the planning and Environmental Assessment began, community consultation has included:

- Three (3) Public Information Centres (PICs)
- Notification of the PICs was communicated various ways to directly affected residents, local business owners, local municipalities, Members of Provincial Parliament and external agencies and interested groups
- A presentation to the City of Ottawa Transportation Committee
- Input from the City of Ottawa
- Input from the National Capital Commission and Parks Canada

- Meetings with city councillors and local MPPs."

The most contentious piece was that the publication was said to be based on the outcome of the third PIC. However, in the November of 2022 release, where a construction option was selected, it chose one that had not been part of any prior meaningful consultation, but also one that had very serious and previously unseen impacts on downtown transportation - both for vehicular and for active users. A subsequent virtual meeting with MTO staff did little to better that lack of meaningful consultation and community feedback. Several of our neighbouring Community Associations equally impacted by the Rideau Canal Bridge reconstruction reported to us that they had not been engaged at all. To that point, we have written to the Minister several times asking for the EA consultation process to be reopened before the TESR is finalized.

In the interim, we are seeking access to documentation from the various inputs and meetings that you noted in the message copied above. The presentation to the City of Ottawa's Transportation Committee had very little different information than what was published in November 2022, so we are left wondering what was the nature of staff consultation prior to that public Committee meeting, since the process was opaque to us.

We want to reiterate our request to have the Minister pause the EA process and reopen the phase leading to the TESR for fuller and broader community consultation, and have also asked our Member at Queen's Park to make that request again.

Thank you for your kind consideration and attention to this matter.

Cheers

Tom Scott

Old Ottawa East Community Association - Transportation and Infrastructure

Lansdowne - Alexandra Gruca-Macaulay

- Lansdowne 2.0 Procurement Options Analysis and Recommendations, Report to Finance and Corporate Services Committee (FCSC) on 2 April 2024 and to Council on 17 April 2024 (File number: ACS2024-PRE-GEN-0002)

What is it?

- Procurement Report, and request for approval of \$20 million OSEG line of credit, and delegation of authority

Lansdowne 2.0 Procurement Options Analysis and Recommendations (PDF)

<https://pub-ottawa.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=175032>

Recording of April 2, 2024 Finance and Corporate Services Committee meeting

<https://www.youtube.com/live/vpUjjdm9brA?si=I-UcUG058wydaq-g>

- Lansdowne discussion begins at 1:41
- Delegations begin at 1:57
- Alexandra Gruca-Macaulay's delegation begins at 3:01
- John Dance's delegation begins at 3:22

Committee approved all recommendations, including the design-bid-build procurement model (despite being lowest ranked) and line of credit approval for OSEG.

The recommendations next go to Council for a vote on April 17, 2024.

- Should the Glebe Community Association be successful in its appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal then the design would need to change.
- Moreover, the Auditor General's report is expected to be made public in June – there are compelling reasons to pause the design and procurement process, but the push continues to get design approved before Ontario's building code changes next year.