

OOECA Board Meeting Agenda – September 10, 2024

Hybrid meeting in-person and online. Details at OttawaEast.ca/Events

1. Welcome and land acknowledgement
2. Approval of agenda
3. Approval of minutes - [June 2024 \(OttawaEast.ca/Archive\)](https://OttawaEast.ca/Archive)
4. Chair's Report – Bob Gordon
5. Treasurer's Report – Don Fugler
 - Current OOECA balance is \$20,502.18.
 - Only transaction over summer was a belated \$90 membership deposit.
6. Councillor's Report, Capital Ward – Councillor Shawn Menard, Ariela Summit
7. CAG Report (Community Activities Group) – Lee Jacobs
8. Committee Reports (submitted reports begin on page 2)
 1. Membership – Jayson MacLean ([report](#))
 2. Transportation and Infrastructure – Tom Scott ([draft letter to Minister of ECP](#))
 3. Planning – Vacant – Acting - John Dance
 4. Parks and Greenspace – Vacant ([report includes motion - request or funds](#))
 5. The Corners on Main and Greystone Village – Peter Tobin ([report](#))
 6. Health and Safety – Georgia Blondon ([report](#))
 7. Lansdowne – Alexandra Gruca-Macaulay ([report](#))
 8. Communications – Kristine Houde ([report](#))
 9. FCA (Federation of Citizens' Associations) – Ron Rose
 10. SLOE (Sustainable Living Ottawa East) – Vacant
9. New Business
10. Adjournment

Committee reports

Membership – Jayson MacLean

The membership drive is about to begin, hopefully starting next week.

- **Canvasser Kits:** prepared by Wendy McRae, they will include an AGM notice to be handed out to each household, but we need to firm up the location of the AGM in order to complete these notices.
- **Area Captains:** we have six zones/areas in OOE but only three area captains (Isabelle Panier for the North East, Nancy MacDonald for the South East, Kristine Houde for Greystone)
- **Canvassers:** some areas have canvassers for every street, while others are sorely in need of canvassers. Excluding Greystone and Lees Apartments, we have the following streets without canvassers:
 - OOE North: Concord north, Echo north, Greenfield, Harvey, Main north, Montcalm
 - OOE Central: Clegg east of Main, Drummond, Echo south of Hawthorne, Herridge, Glenora, Hazel
 - OOE Southwest: Bower, Clegg west of Main, Echo south of Clegg, McGillivray south of Clegg, Muchmore, Riverdale
- ** Please consider volunteering a couple of hours of your time over the next month and a half to distribute AGM notices and collect membership dues. If you live on one of these streets, all the better, but even if you don't, you can pick a nice sunny day and head out for a stroll. We have an orientation sheet in the canvasser kits with content and advice on what to say when talking to residents. If you are not interested in door-knocking and chatting, we would still appreciate your help in putting AGM and membership notices in mailboxes. Contact me at jaysonmaclean@gmail.com. Thanks!
- **Greystone:** on Tuesday, September 3, Membership had a productive meeting with members of the OOE Engagement committee of River Terraces and Peter Tobin of TCOM. They were supportive of the membership drive and will set up membership tables and distribute materials in the various buildings. As far as the townhomes and single homes go, we are aiming to get some canvassers for those streets.
- **Lees apartments:** I don't have any engagement with these residents yet.

- **Farmers Market:** plans are being set and volunteers found for having an OOECA table at the market from mid-September to the end of October.
- **Main Event:** there will be a membership table at the Saturday BBQ and perhaps at other times, depending on the event and volunteer capacity.
- **Call-outs for volunteers:** notices have been posted on OOE-related social media
- **Post-drive volunteer party:** TBD!
- **Online membership payment:** this will be available via e-transfer. Currently, we are ironing out the kinks.

Transportation and Infrastructure – Tom Scott

Draft letter for Board consideration at September meeting. Letter has full support from members of the Transportation and Infrastructure committee.

[Transportation-draft-v4-email-letter-to-Minister-of-ECP-September-2024.pdf](#)

Lansdowne – Alexandra Gruca-Macaulay

1. Petition for a City-wide referendum on Lansdowne

- From Neil Saravanamutto: Ottawa residents are calling for a binding citywide referendum to decide if we should spend \$493 million on this stadium reconstruction.

Please sign this petition to let Ottawa taxpayers have a say in this expensive capital project that will add hundreds of millions of dollars of 40-year debt:

https://betterottawa.ca/lansdowne/?utm_source=substack&utm_medium=email

2. Summary of public comments from two on-site events at Lansdowne on site plan

- “As We Heard It” reports of comments about the proposed site plan from the June 18, 2024 Open House at the arena, and the August 11 pop-up at the Lansdowne Farmers’ Market have been posted on Engage Ottawa <https://engage.ottawa.ca/lansdowne-2-0> . These reports are attached in the appendix.

3. Virtual Meeting hosted by City on the site plan (date of OOECA meeting)

- The City has prepared a site plan application for the proposed new Lansdowne 2.0 event centre. There will be a virtual information and comment session on **Tuesday, September 10 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.**

[Register for the virtual information session \(Zoom meeting\)](#)

4. Poor Results shown on City survey on how well they consulted with public on Lansdowne 2.0

Question options

Yes No N/A

Unfortunately, most respondents did not feel that City staff considered their feedback and concerns. 69% responded with 'no' versus 9% for 'yes' and 21% with 'N/A'.

Source: Survey Responses Report, City of Ottawa

Appendix: "As We Heard It" Reports from City of Ottawa, Engage Ottawa

As We Heard It Report – Lansdowne 2.0 Event Centre Site Plan Application

- Staff conducted a Lansdowne Drop-In Open House on June 18th, 2024, from 6:30pm to 8pm. There were 100 to 120 participants.
- The format was an in-person event with 25 boards displaying various topics for the Site Plan and 10 subject matter experts to answer questions, gather feedback and interact with the residents. Guided tours of the centre were also provided throughout the session.
- The table below helps outline the themes and respective comments heard from the participants of the open house.

Theme	Comments
Landscape Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I have no concerns with the landscape. I like the idea of the stone benches around the entrance.• I really appreciate the built-in seating along the walkways.• Construction plans must consider the cost of destroying landscape step-by-step.• The overall design is not pleasing. It's just a mixture of styles that don't add together.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respect the QED scenic and heritage quality and values. Protect the cultural landscape elements of QED and its surroundings.
Theme	Comments
Landscape Design: Accessibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to all levels of the building for handicap, fans, visitors, including the visually impaired • The accessibility changes are so important!
Theme	Comments
Landscape Design: Greenspace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Somehow the result of a poor decision (among many) to sacrifice public greenspace to a new event centre has been made worse with the intrusion of industrial interlock into the area south of Aberdeen Pavilion. • Landscape design transforms a pedestrian, passive recreation area into an 'outlet mall' vibe. Lots of interlock and very little park. • The landscape architect mentioned that they were trying to tie this arena entrance area into the character of the OSEG area. In my view, it should attempt to integrate into the park and green space not the sterile commercial area that is all hard- surfaced and made unsafe by vehicular traffic. • Please do not sacrifice valuable greenspace for development. • The landscaping is disappointing...we were told there would be additional green space but the area is almost completely hardscape and the raised lawn area makes that new green area less accessible and useful. Grass at ground level would be preferable. It is real shame to be removing so many benches and public space for quiet enjoyment south of the Aberdeen Pavilion. This is further diminishing the urban park and public realm. • Sorry to see loss of green space, loss of tobogganing is unfortunate since it is a key winter use. Do not like raised lawn, it is taken away from more passive enjoyment. • Design landscape to reflect and respect natural elements of the driveway corridor and canal. • This project has expensive financial failure written all over it. To lose park space in a new development is unconscionable.
Theme	Comments

<p>Materiality of Event Centre</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The design of the Event Centre misses the mark in that it seems to be designed as a stand alone facility that is meant to be distinctive— like the Canadian Tire Centre—rather than what it is—a secondary building, invisible from the street, that does not need to make an architectural statement since it is next to the Aberdeen Pavilion —which is the centerpiece of the site. • This building should be modest, subdued and to disappear as much as possible in the park environment. The excitement will come from the programming, not the architecture. • I recommend more gender-neutral washrooms to accommodate different demographics at different levels. • All materials should consider the sun position at all times of the day. Heat accumulation, ice build-up, slipping factors. • Event Centre exterior is esthetically deficient. For hundreds of millions of dollars this decision is a disgrace. • Eyesore and will be a white elephant. • Happy to see there is a proposal for relocation of the Baron. • I see no reason for an event centre. The arena could have been rebuilt in its present location with all the accessibility ideas incorporated. There are enough event spaces in Ottawa. The Aberdeen Pavilion is losing its heritage faces. It looks buried surrounded by buildings that just don't fit. What kind of 'park' is Lansdowne? The whole plan is ugly. It's not esthetic at all for such a wonderful piece of public land. • I like the plan to build a standalone Event Centre first! I also like the focus on accessibility for new Event Centre. • I would like to see more features to make the building net zero carbon footprint.
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Theme	Comments
<p>Materiality of Event Centre: Reduced Seating</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please increase the seating capacity of the event sports arena. • I strongly believe the seat capacity of the arena/event centre should be revisited. While I understand the plan was made before the PWHL, I think the City needs to consider the event and future needs, not those from 6 years ago. Ottawa's team had some of the most attended games and Toronto and Montreal would if Mattamy and Verdun had a bigger capacity. Moving the team to the CTC is not a feasible option as attendance would decrease (I don't know that I would renew my season tickets). The Sens are moving back into the City, so it doesn't make sense to send the PWHL there in a few years, as it's already been demonstrated to not be a good area. The league will most certainly keep growing and I anticipate more games and more teams. The PWHL is the biggest draw for me to come to Lansdowne. I would love to see a capacity in the 10,000 to 12,000 range. • My main concern is capacity. It is difficult to imagine going from 8,700 fans to 5,500. Especially when the next bigger venue is something as big as the CTC. PWHL Ottawa needs to have as many seats as possible. I do agree that a new facility is needed to meet accessibility needs, I just don't think it should come at the expense of capacity. • My main concern is the capacity of the event centre. It's really hard to believe there would be even fewer seats when the most largest event centre like this is the CTC. We should be planning for greater capacity for the PWHL fans as the league becomes more established. • Reducing the seating from 8,500 to 5,500 seats seems counter productive for potential future viewers. Especially when the women's hockey is currently always a full house. • I do not like the less capacity. What does this mean in 20, 30, 40 years?

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<p>Materiality of Event Centre: Roof Pattern Design</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In my view, the notion of an illuminated roof is folly—it would distract from the Aberdeen Pavilion, would overwhelm the artwork, would cause light pollution and would completely take away the evening ambiance in the urban park. The roof • should be designed to keep light in, not send it out. If the exterior of the building needs lighting for safety reasons, the lighting should be at ground level—not projecting into the sky. • Rather than a flashing light show on the roof of the event centre, I think something subtle would be more preferable. • Totally opposed to illumination of roof, it cannot compete with Aberdeen or sculpture. Roof should disappear as much as possible, needs to be discreet. The impact of the event centre, especially being so close on the Aberdeen is unacceptable for heritage. • No mention of a light pollution study. The roof lighting ‘mood boards’ in particular are not in keeping with even the most basic ‘dark sky’ guidelines and no mention of outdoor lighting sky impact.
<p>Theme</p>	<p>Comments</p>
<p>Materiality of Event Centre: North and South Side Stands</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No roof on the North Side stands will not be acceptable to most fans (season ticket holders). • South stands look great, more decisions like this. • Instead of having lights on the arena roof, a roof should be built on the north stands. When my friends and I have a choice we always choose the seats with the roof.
<p>Theme</p>	<p>Comments</p>
<p>Residential Towers: Shadowing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The sun is being blocked by the two towers for patios at restaurants and current condo/homeowners. • Has an engineer confirmed that tall towers can be built on site? There is a water table below the parking lot and in Phase 1 they couldn't build a second floor of parking because they kept hitting water. How can two towers stand and be safe and not cause severe damage down the road? • The elderly Glebe Centre across the street will be experiencing shadow most of the day with the 2 towers. No one advocated for them. They need Vitamin D the most, now their windows will be a dark mess. • More housing asap!
<p>Theme</p>	<p>Comments</p>

<p>Traffic and Transportation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Queen Elizabeth Drive and Colonel By Drive should remain commercial vehicle free. • Another thing I would love to see if buses from line 2 to Lansdowne. I don't know if there are any plans but an express bus from the Carleton LRT stop to Lansdowne would encourage the use of public transportation to Lansdowne (same for Hurdman Station). • Absence of transportation and mobility element to the site is noticed and evident. Aim for maximum active transportation and transit. • Traffic flow and parking issues. • Transportation solutions for events – shuttle buses etc. should not have negative effect on nearby neighbourhoods • I am worried the strain on local transportation, infrastructure and congestion. Need transit!
<p>Theme</p>	<p>Comments</p>
<p>Traffic and Transportation: Access</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There needs to be some adjustment to the plans and the placement of the arena to eliminate the pinch point and to ensure effective public access and egress. We don't want to see in a few years that there is a need for access via the park and even more green space gets hardscaped.
<p>Theme</p>	<p>Comments</p>
<p>Other:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No I like the accessibility improvements, multi-use space, housing increase. • Cost to taxpayers • This like previous events is not consultation. Lansdowne 1.0 is a design as well as a financial disaster. Lansdowne 2.0 has been pushed through with complete disregard for the public interest. All Ottawa property taxpayers will be paying over decades for a few private developers to make profits. • I'm still a supporter of spending \$150M to do all the upgrades to help for accessibility and improving change rooms, etc., but I'm still not sold on losing 3,000 seats, losing a north stand roof, losing sunlight, and losing a toboggan hill to pay \$500M. • Air rights for residential towers should be leased rather than sold. Important given value of property, then City retains their value and benefit.

As We Heard It Report – Lansdowne 2.0 Event Centre Site Plan Application

Staff conducted a **Lansdowne Pop Up on August 11th, 2024, from 9am to 2pm** at the Lansdowne Farmers Market. There were 100 to 120 participants.

The format was an in-person event with 3 boards displaying various topics for the Site Plan and 2 subject matter experts to answer questions, gather feedback and interact with the residents.

There were two other projects featured at this pop-up, the Zoning Bylaw update and the Phase 4 of the Transportation Master Plan with another 3 staff to speak to these.

Feedback was gathered both verbally and through comment sheets.

The table below helps outline the themes and respective comments heard from the participants of the pop up on the Site Plan for Lansdowne.

Theme	Comments
Landscape Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trees should be replaced 1 for 1 (if not compensation in the Glebe should be done to bring it to 1 to 1 ratio)
Theme	Comments
Landscape Design: Greenspace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objecting to any reduction in green space. In paved pedestrian areas, more trees and shade cover are needed to make the development people oriented. Should not replace green space. Concerned about loss of public space, great 'hill' chopped in two (Berm). Keep all the park, no more new buildings. Don't get rid of green space (especially the hill). Good for mental health. Shouldn't reduce green space at all from what is here now. Great to see some form of the berm integrated in the design, as well as a significant part of the great lawn. The public realm looks great overall but hoping that there will still be room for seating and shade/planting. Comments about ensuring the berm can accommodate sledding in the winter.

Theme	Comments
Materiality of Event Centre: Reduced Seating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments both showing concern and support for the proposed capacity of the event centre.
Theme	Comments
Materiality of Event Centre: Roof Pattern Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walkable forest on the arena roof. • Looks great overall! Love the use of wood/natural materials and lighting.
Theme	Comments
Traffic and Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic is a mess now, we cannot sustain more. • Concern about more traffic from more residential. • Concern the new Event Centre is not on an LRT line/station.
Theme	Comments
Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This site is not appropriately located for major entertainment development. • Put event centre downtown near rapid transit. • Lansdowne is the right location for the Event Centre and mix of uses
Theme	Comments
Financials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ottawa's deficit, the mayor says we are in bad financial state. So why are we spending millions on "playful, frivolous" projects (stadium at Lebreton, Lansdowne 2.0) when we need social services for desperate people – medical, housing? • With the City stretched for funds, and the development at Lebreton flats, this project should be put on hold. • Concerned about the risky viability of the CFL + therefore the Redblacks (OSEG only committed until 2032). • Tax uplift is a misnomer as it shifts funds to pay off debt instead of those funds being directed to public service. • Overall costs are excessive. • No more money towards OSEG. • No more taxpayer money should go in to any redesign of Lansdowne. • Re new stadium – reconsider where it should go. • Before the mayor raises our taxes, he and this Council should cancel this vanity project that will cost the city half a billion dollars

	<p>and counting. I doubt we will ever see any profits from this project – or if any, they will go to OSEG. How does the City approve a project if there isn't any affordable housing included?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern about the City's budget. • Concern about the City's ability to generate revenue as per the funding strategy.
Theme	Comments
<p>Other:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for boat up access to Lansdowne at the Canal • Concerned about the originally promised boutique shops which did not happen. • Idea to build 2.0 is so misguided, waste of money. Transportation needs money. • More development at Lansdowne will kill the Glebe. • Suggestion to replace all the dark tinted glass on the Lansdowne retail spaces. This would greatly enhance the shopping experience, drawing customers in. Retail is suffering here. No neon "Open" signs would be required. A pilot projects should be tried. • This design and concept on Public Land is the opposite of public space. • Against the further development away from public use of this space for many reasons: no long term view, saving public space in a City that is getting more crowded, no vehicle use within the park (pollution, safety), lack of transportation infrastructure, in an area popular for healthy pursuits. • Comment that UDRP has serious concerns re meeting places and truck delivery and car traffic. • Rather than spending money on Lansdowne, it should go to: Transit should be free. More affordable housing. Rehabilitation centres rather than prisons. • Should have deep swimming wave pool (indoors and outdoors) with diving boards, beach – South of France, climbing wall, smart sensors, social hub – Gen Z supper lonely. Outdoor restaurants. Learning centres, solar panel roads, Tons of technology. • Support the new plan does not impact the play structure or rink/basketball court area.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should have at least 20% deeply affordable housing. • No more taxpayer money should go into any • Reconsider where the new stadium should be built to meet needs of Ottawa sports fans while fitting in with sustainable city design and transportation. • Need for new facilities for the sports and entertainment needs of the City. • Support for a hotel use within the air rights build.
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Health and Safety – Georgia Blondon

1. On Aug. 26th I contacted our liaison officer Cst. James Kennedy, he wrote he had nothing to report regarding safety concerns in our area over the summer.
2. Several residents have commented that they are pleased with the new speed cameras. Police have been ticketing drivers who are speeding or not stopping at stop signs. A new speed camera has been installed at Main St. & Springhurst Ave.
3. Earlier this summer police were searching for a missing person in the community. Police emphasized if there is a concern regarding a missing person it can be reported asap, a waiting period is not necessary.
4. I have noted several pedestrians jaywalking across Main St., between the areas of Clegg St. and Hawthorne Ave. some with children. There are well identified cross walks in this area, please encourage pedestrians to use them to prevent an accident.
5. I have not been able to see the new Springhurst dock installation due to a recent mobility issue. Rick Burrowes posted an important petition on OOE Facebook regarding limited accessibility for those with mobility issues to the part of the dock that sits on the river. Hopefully the final plans will allow access for everyone to use the entire dock.

The Corners on Main and Greystone Village - Peter Tobin

Convent site: demolition of the interior started in mid-August and is expected to continue until January 2025. A representative of the demolition team told me “there is some asbestos, but not much”. Workers in hazmat garb started removing asbestos on Sept. 3.

The team at Milieu Retail announced that the space on des Oblats Av. nearest the entrance to Milieu apartments will house Vets on Main; opening is expected by years’ end.

J:Fuse now has a lunch menu Fridays to Sunday starting at 11 am. The menu with prices is posted on the restaurant’s windows.

Xing Fu Tang has extended their hours and are now open 11am to 10 pm with a 10:30 start on the weekend.

Parks and Greenspace – Vacant (report submitted by Kristine Houde)

OOE Parks - Adopt-a-Park Agreements, Cleaning the Capital proposed dates

- 2 of our [Adopt-a-Park](#) agreements (Springhurst and Ballantyne) are coming to an end in November, and the Grande Allée park is available for adoption based on City records.
- We will submit the applications for the 3 parks using info@ottawaeast.ca as contact.
- As part of the adopt-a-park agreements, we are expected to participate in the Spring and Fall [Cleaning the Capital](#) events.
- Clean-up date proposed the weekend of The Main Event (Sat-Sun Sep. 21-22), with rain date Sep. 28-29. Residents could pick up cleaning supplies at CA “booth” at Main Event.
- If anyone is interested in supporting the parks clean-up, or wants to discuss our parks in general, reach out to Kristine at info@ottawaeast.ca email address.

Brantwood Park – Recycling in Park Pilot Project

- Councillor and City staff met with CA reps and residents in July to discuss proposed placement of posts and bins for Recycling in Parks pilot program.
- Issue: Placement of garbage signs obstructed view from benches to river.
- Walkabout completed to determine placement of 3-receptacle garbage bins (x4) in Brantwood. Garbage bins have since been installed near tennis court/parking lot, on foot path near play area, near swimming pool, and at Brantwood Field House.
- Thanks to the councillor’s office and city staff for help to relocate bins to reduce impact on the views to river and other park amenities.

Springhurst Park – accessible dock installation update

- Construction was put on hold when community members approached builders and city to question why ramp and dock were no longer going to be accessible per initial concept plan (concept plan proposed accessible design features, including longer dock with incline that met Ontario and City of Ottawa accessibility requirements)
- CA reps and Rick Burrowes met with councillor and Ariela at the dock build site to voice concerns, proposed solutions that could be done to make dock accessible now, rather than try to fix issue retroactively.
- Per July 30 email from councillor’s office, they will follow up with City staff on the recommended accessibility measures that were discussed during the onsite meeting, then update the group once the city reviews plans and returns with changes to address dock accessibility.
- Many lessons learned from this experience including how big a disconnect there may be in how City defines accessibility and usability vs. resident and community definitions, how CA/residents need to be more proactive in its efforts to stay up to date on projects

in our community, and what the reasonable expectation should be for city staff to be more transparent, engaged, and proactive with community leads in updating on major changes to plans such as this dock project and other major projects that impact our residents.

Forecourt Park and Community Centre (CC)

- Given recent experiences and lessons learned with the Springhurst dock project, Parks committee should take a proactive approach to Forecourt Park design so that considerations are acknowledged and proactively integrated in the final plan to make spaces usable and accessible to our multi-generational, active community.
- Parks committee meeting proposed in late September to review community feedback on this project dating back to 2015, and as recent as the virtual consultations in 2022, with more recent discussions with city and school board reps. Objective would be to provide written recommendations to CA board, CAG, councillor, city and school board for response and action.

Greystone Village (GV) 30-metre corridor, naturalization, and invasives

Ongoing concerns raised by residents, invasives volunteer group and OOE turtle group, looking for “naturalization” to be better managed. Regional does not appear interested in maintaining this area, and previously said that volunteers should not be getting rid of Manitoba maples since they help to stabilize the soil near the river. Main issues:

- 5-8 dead or dying trees planted by Regional at the northwestern edge of their land and Springhurst Park - planted after the final grading was done last summer but just before a heat wave and with no watering
- Refusal by Greystone to deal with Wild Parsnip in this area, a toxic plant that can result in blistering on contact
 - Note invasive weeding group eventually decided to risk removing the plants from 4 areas of the corridor in late August.
- Concerns by turtles group that vegetation in area north of the lookout by retirement residence is not allowing enough light for proper incubation of the turtle eggs
 - Note: Regional provided permission for this group to clear away some vegetation so eggs did not need to be removed/relocated from all nests.
- Occasional cutting back of Japanese Knotweed at the edge of GV with Springhurst park is not effectively dealing with this invasive
- Increased presence of Manitoba maples, which are often so close to some of the native trees that they may yet kill what was planted
- The Invasives group has started working to get rid of the burs from Burdock in the river corridor, but every year, it is getting worse.

Parks – Miscellaneous

1. Request from resident, Rick Burrowes, for CA to fund water testing kits for Rideau River since testing not currently being done by officials. Rick will also launch the Rideau Swimmers Facebook page to connect people using the Rideau River, i.e., to share concerns, support advocacy, and increase safe and accessible access to enjoy the river.

Motion: That OOECA provide funding to resident, Rick Burrowes, to purchase 2 water testing kits (approximately \$300) to test Rideau River during the 2025 season.

2. Feedback to councillor, City staff re: maintenance of area parks, particularly Brantwood:
 - Resident, John Calvert, and others in OOE have requested that city/councillor explore options for safer lawn maintenance, snow removal to avoid tearing up the park lawns or creating potholes in footpath.
 - City staff shared the challenges of park maintenance, need to use vehicles that meet multiple location needs. They did not offer to find solution to issues raised by locals.
3. Rideau River Nature Trail / western pathway (Brantwood Park and on to Smyth Bridge): Local residents voiced concerns about the Rideau River Nature trail (south of Greystone Village). This is an ongoing concern and will be addressed at the September board meeting if time allows, or future meeting following discussion at ad-hoc Parks meeting.

Communications

OOECA Logo Survey and Next Steps

- Article in August Mainstreeter explaining logo redesign project and encouraging residents to respond to logo survey (3 questions):
<https://forms.gle/Gd4sSG6eM7rdPzCY9>
- Collated survey responses will be shared with board and local artists and graphic designers at a Fall gathering or CA meeting. Once key concepts are defined, logo team proposes hiring professional graphic designer to create new logo.

The Main Event – CA activities and calls for volunteers

- Calls for volunteers for BBQ, membership drive, clean the capital event will be posted to website, Facebook groups, and condo buildings.
- Kristine to contact Immaculata HS for students looking to complete volunteer hours.

Remembrance Day ceremony at Brantwood Gates (November 10th, 10:45am start)

- John Dance and Jessica Jepp are leading planning of the Remembrance Day ceremony at Brantwood Gates again this year. John will approach CA for volunteers, other support.