



Minutes of the Old Ottawa East Community Association Board Meeting

Tuesday, 10 February 2026, 7p.m.

Old Town Hall, 61 Main Street

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Attendance

Acting chair Joseph Sleiman called the meeting to order.

Attendance: Joseph Sleiman, Don Fugler, Mark Dermer, Anthony Leaning, Jayson Maclean, Lee Jacobs, Phyllis Odenbach Sutton, Jamie Brougham, John Dance, Bob Gordon, Heather Jarrett, Allison Eddy, Brian Coleman, Mitch Vlad, and Jocelyn Kearney.

2. Approval of Agenda

- **Discussion:** Phyllis noted that the agenda was not posted sufficiently in advance.
- **Motion:** To approve the agenda. (Moved: John; Seconded: Jayson). **Carried.**

3. Approval of January 2026 Minutes

- **Correction:** Jayson requested an amendment regarding the tree planting at Brantwood Park to correctly reflect that there was an OOECA contribution.
 - **Motion:** To approve the January minutes as amended. (Moved: John; Seconded: Jamie). **Carried.**
-

4. Recruitment Committee Update & Board Nominations

John Dance provided an update on board vacancies and encouraged community members to get involved.

- **Nominations:** Jocelyn Kearney has stepped down as Treasurer to offer her candidacy for Secretary. Mark Dermer offered to stand as Treasurer.
 - **Motion:** That Jocelyn Kearney be confirmed as Secretary and Mark Dermer be confirmed as Treasurer. (Moved: John; Seconded: Anthony). **Carried.**
-

5. Capital Ward Report

Due to weather, Ariela Summit was unable to attend on behalf of Councilor Shawn Menard. Mark Dermer presented her report for the Board. The written report is attached as Appendix 1.

- **Springhurst Park:** Discussion ensued regarding possibility of new amenities for the park. There is some concern about high cost estimates from the City. John Dance will inform Ariela of the CA's interest.
 - **Capital Ward Cup:** A brief discussion was held regarding this upcoming event.
-

6. Community Activities Group (CAG) Report

Lee Jacobs reported on a high-demand period for CAG.

- **Summer Camps:** Registration sold out in 15 minutes, representing a quarter of annual revenue. Current facilities, specifically the small field house, limit capacity.
 - **Main Event:** CAG accepted Jayson's offer to form a committee to begin planning for the Main Event.
-

8. SUP at Brantwood Park

Jamie Brougham presented a request from Laura for the CA to endorse her stand-up paddleboard setup at Brantwood Park. **Consensus:** The Board supports the request.

8. Treasurer's Report

Jocelyn Kearney confirmed that the OOECA account currently holds \$22,743.82, in addition to specific funds for SLOE and the Lees Avenue Garden.

7. Committee Reports

- **Planning:** Anthony Leaning reported that few OOECA comments on the new zoning by-law were incorporated. He will contact Ariela Summit to correct the record regarding "extensive amenity space" at 15-17 Oblats. Written report attached as Appendix 2.
 - **Health & Safety:** Written report from Georgia Blondon attached as Appendix 3.
 - **Membership:** No report this month.
-

8. New Business: Lady Evelyn Alternative School Update

Bob Gordon provided a report on the proposed closure of Lady Evelyn.

- **Current Status:** Kindergarten (KG) intake has been suspended for 2026, though KG is currently core French rather than "Alternative". Projected enrollment for next year is just 55 students.
 - **Advocacy:** Parent group is lobbying for French Immersion to be brought to the school. Concerns were raised that if the school is declared surplus, it could eventually be sold to developers.
 - **Next Steps:** A group of representatives from four local schools will present three options to Supervisor Plomondon on February 19th, ranging from allowing JK registration to implementing full French Immersion.
-

9. Other Business & Adjournment

- **Springhurst Beach:** Rick Burrowes will present on this topic at the April meeting.
- **Rideau Winter Trail (RWT):** Motion to contribute \$500 to the RWT. (Moved: Anthony; Seconded: John). **Carried.**
- **Outreach:** Discussions focused on raising the CA's profile in *The Mainstreeter* and leveraging the CAG newsletter to recruit volunteers.

Adjournment: 8:00 p.m. (Moved: Bob; Seconded: Mark). **Carried.**