

Report from OOECA planning committee to Board

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Attending:

- Joseph Sleiman
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- John Dance
- Anthony Leaning

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## 1. RIDEAU RIVER NATURE TRAIL REDUX

The planning committee has revived the exploration of the future of the RRNT through Greystone. This strip resulted in the completion of a riverside path from Strathcona Park in Sandy Hill to Linda Thom Park in Old Ottawa South. Regional had landscaped the 30m river strip along with their site development and continues to own it, but wants to dispose of this liability. The City so far has no interest in acquiring it.

A 2021 report had been prepared by Rebecca Aird with input from Susan Fisher (landscape architect) and community members. Several instances of preservation and management of invasives were identified as needed until the intended vegetation gets established, most of this continued by the community. The report also explored a range of potential futures for ownership and maintenance.

The planning committee discussed the following general directions and initiatives to be explored:

- While Regional continues to own the land, they should actively be encouraged to maintain it.
- New pressure should be placed on the City to take over the ownership of the land as a public resource that benefits many communities that abut the Rideau River. We will start with engaging our Councillor Shawn Menard as an ally for this.
- Options for continued maintenance could include input from Regional, the City, on-going community participation.
- We will reach out to Forêt Capitale Forest who have expertise in preservation of forested spaces in the City, for their guidance and possible interest in helping with this.
- As Greystone residents are amongst the main beneficiaries of the RRNT, we will continue to seek their engagement in on-going initiatives including maintenance of the landscape.

## 2. COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

An application for lot severance at 130 Glenora has been circulated. A recently constructed back-to-back duplex is now being severed into two lots. The committee concludes that this application has little practical impact for the neighbourhood and will not make a submission.

3. 67 SPRINGHURST DEMOLITION

Recent emails from community have been received that the existing house on half of the lot has been demolished. These are noted, although the committee is not aware of any new planning applications. It is presumed that a building permit application has been approved for new development.

4. 441 ECHO DRIVE

A recent email from a resident of the existing building has noticed surveying equipment for geotechnical drilling and a concern that the existing building may be slated for demolition and replacement. We will continue to monitor this.