



Meeting of the Old Ottawa East Community Association Board

Tuesday, February 11 at 7:15 p.m.

Old Town Hall, 61 Main Street

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Attendees

Board Members

John Dance, President
Jamie Girard, Vice President
Caroline Hyslop, Secretary
Jim Strang, FCA
Stephen Pope, Planning
Ian McRae, SLOE rep
Don Fugler, Treasurer
Ron Rose, Transportation
Phyllis Odenbach Sutton, Member at Large
Nick Masciantonio, Past President

Others present

Laura Mueller
Jason Sheedy
Joanna Linsangan
Vittorio Colaiacovo
Christian Pupp
Jan D'Arcy
Wendy McRae
Katrina Siks
Bonnie Weppler
Alex Allegrotto
Ryan McQuoid
Omar Othman
Julia Hayko
Roberto Colaiacovo
Rebecca Aird

Regrets

Jill Wherrett
Devin O'Grady
Suzanne Johnston
Christine Loth
Bill Baldwin
Catherine Pacella

1. Call to Order – John Dance at 7:15

Some students from Carleton University social work program were in attendance to observe the meeting.

2. Approval of Agenda
Moved: Don Fugler. 2nd: Ian McRae. Carried

3. Approval of January 14 Minutes
Moved: Jim Strang. 2nd: Don Fugler. Carried

4. Chair's Report – John Dance

A report was distributed by email in advance of the meeting.

- The Councillor's Cup outdoor hockey tournament was held, and officiated by councillor Chernushenko. The Glebe team won the championship game, unseating last year's champions, the Old Ottawa East Hosers.
- Brantwood Park has had a superb season for the rink.
- Sale of the Oblate lands – an offer is currently on the table but we do not have details regarding the status of the offer and potential sale.
- Cash in lieu of parkland: a number of items have been approved, including a dock at Springhurst Park, a concrete ping pong table at Brantwood.
- The City did respond to our Main Street renewal letter; take a look at what they said; this was distributed by email and we hope to put it up on the OECA website.

A question was raised as to what sort of testing would be done on houses that experience shaking along Main Street prior to the commencement of construction. Our understanding is that each house will be inspected by the City prior to construction.

The NCC has committed to a safe crossing at the intersections of Queen Elizabeth and Fifth and Colonel By and Clegg.

5. Treasurer's Report – Don Fugler

We currently have \$13,825 in the bank. Now that we are incorporating, directors' insurance is going to cost somewhere in the range of about \$1000 per year, plus we have committed to the delivery of the Mainstreeter in the amount of \$550 – we will therefore soon need to consider the sustainability of our finances.

6. Councillor's Report – David Chernushenko

There has been some discussion of cash-in-lieu of parkland fund possibilities for testing of the soil adjacent to Old Town Hall. We do not know if that funding is likely to be approved. If the City were to bid on that land, they would need to know whether the land is contaminated and to what degree and what remedy, if any, is necessary.

There is a fair bit of concern about potential contamination of lands in the neighbourhood, and this is something the councillor agrees to look into further and

report back on.

There is some consideration under way as to whether it would be feasible and desirable to put in a bike contraflow lane on the north side of Hawthorne.

The councillor's staff is considering what the costs would be for conduits that could be used for the burial of hydro wires along Main Street. There is no budget from the City to bury the wires, and there does not appear at the moment to be a developer willing and able to take on that cost. Thus, the question of how that could be done is an open question.

7. Committee Reports

7.1 Planning - Stephen Pope

A table was sent around via email prior to the meeting. It includes a summary of planning activities.

- Proposal for 99 Concord was approved at Committee of Adjustment.
- At 178 Main Street, a small property owner was looking into putting in a duplex but that is being reconsidered based on the fact that the Official Plan allows for more intensive development.
- We have not heard back from Uniform developer with respect to the Portuguese church site.
- At 141 Main Street (the Sisters' property), a proposal has come forward to move ahead with no visitors' parking and this is under consideration, but faces opposition. If the development moves ahead with limited parking, it will put pressure on Archville. Stephen seeks direction as to whether we continue to oppose on parking and other matters at this development. There is no doubt that parking in Archville is already saturated, and there is certainly concern about putting further pressure on street parking.

7.2 SLOE – Ian McRae and Rebecca Aird

A report was circulated by email prior to the meeting.

- The Main Farmers' Market had its AGM last night, and now has a seven person board. We are expecting that the market will have to be moved in 2015 because of Main Street reconstruction, and an alternative site will need to be selected.
- Deep Green Options: This is a project that we have been working on for some time with Carleton University, leading up to the planning of a forum, where people with expertise in sustainable development will participate in a panel. It is hoped that developers, city staff and community members will participate. It is not really a public open discussion forum but an invitation panel, and there is not capacity for large public attendance. The forum is scheduled to take place on March 22. Some support is coming from Carleton University and other sources. There will also be a community town hall type event for people to discuss what came out of the forum. This

is a request for the Ottawa East Community Association to support the forum in the form of a contribution of \$500.

Motion: that the Old Ottawa East Community Association approve a contribution of \$500 to Sustainable Living Ottawa East for the Forum on Sustainable Development to be held in Ottawa on March 22, 2014.

Moved: Don Fugler. 2nd: Caroline Hyslop

Discussion ensued thereon.

Motion carried.

7.3 Transportation - Ron Rose

The next working group meeting will take place on March 19.

An issue has arisen for pedestrians crossing the road beside Queen Elizabeth near the TD Bank. It was agreed that we support the Glebe residents who are concerned about a safe crossing at that intersection.

7.4 City Centre Coalition

Nothing to report

7.5 Federation of Citizens' Associations - Jim Strang

A report was distributed by email in advance of tonight's meeting.

- One change from the report as distributed: the FCA's position on campaign funding is that corporate and union campaign donations to municipal candidates ought to be prohibited.
- Site plan: it is important for the FCA to receive information from member associations and to get comments in by Feb. 14 (or shortly thereafter) on anything involving city planning.
- Student housing: conversions from single family dwelling to higher density student housing has been a concern in some neighbourhoods.

7.6 Communications - Nothing to report.

7.7 Community Safety - Jaime Girard

Nothing to report.

7.8 Membership

Nothing to report

8. Community Activities Group

March 5 is the beginning of registration, including the after school program at Brantwood, which is a popular program. The Winter Party was a great success and very well attended. Valentine's Skate will be this Friday night at Brantwood. There will be a Solstice paddle June 19.

9. Incorporation of Old Ottawa East Community Association – Jaime Girard

The Association is now incorporated under the *Ontario Business Corporations Act*. Jaime is investigating directors' insurance and will come back with further information.

10. Main Street Public Art – Nick Masciantonio

There was a public meeting on January 30 where artists were briefed on the program and the process. March 24 is the deadline for submissions by artists. It will then be reduced to a shortlist and we expect an open house in June.

11. NCC's Urban Lands Master Plan and Parkway Policy Review: Possible OECA submission – John Dance

Anyone with suggestions as to what changes should be made to the proposed submission that John has circulated is encouraged to submit them.

12. New Business

It is municipal election year and the question was raised: Are we planning to host an all-candidates meeting? John agreed that he will reach out to GC and OSCA to coordinate the organization of forums for municipal candidates.

It was suggested that it would be nice to have a map up that we can point to when we discuss planning and development. Ron will look into it.

13. Date of Next Meeting – March 11, 2014

Adjournment moved: Ron Rose. 2nd: Stephen Pope.
Carried.