



## Meeting of the Old Ottawa East Community Association Board

Tuesday, 8 December 2015

Old Town Hall, 61 Main Street

### MINUTES

#### Attendees

##### Board Members

Bill Baldwin  
John Dance  
Don Fugler  
Eddie Gillis  
Paul Goodkey  
Ed Janes  
Jocelyn Kearney  
Kate Martin  
Ian McRae  
Phyllis Odenbach Sutton  
Mark Seebaran  
Katherine Simonds

##### Others present

David Chernushenko  
Ian Grabina  
Wendy McRae  
Shawn Menard  
Ron Rose  
Jim Strang  
Bonnie Weppler  
Kevin Wherry

1. Call to Order – Phyllis Odenbach Sutton – 7:00pm
2. Approval of Agenda
  - Amended to correct date of next meeting to 12 January 2016.
  - Moved as amended: Don Fugler. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jim Strang. Carried.
3. Approval of October 2015 Minutes
  - Moved: Ron Rose. 2<sup>nd</sup>: John Dance. Carried.
4. Proposed Old Town Hall Work – Kevin Wherry, Manager, Recreation Planning and Facility Development, Parks and Recreation and Cultural Services, City of Ottawa
  - Old Town Hall's porch, an addition built in 1978, is contrary to the heritage character of the building.
  - Asset management is looking to remove the covered porch at the back and return it to original condition (i.e. restore heritage character). The existing porch and its roof are rotting and with the new accessibility improvements the lift that required the porch in the first place is now redundant.
  - Carpenter ants discovered in the porch also pose a danger to structural stability.

- Based on the work proposal to align the building according to heritage style, it will cost an estimated \$240,000 to replace windows, remove upstairs and downstairs porch, and add a fire escape.
- Photos were passed around to meeting attendants to display extent of the damage.
- Decision on renovations and work to be taken early in the New Year.
- A range of options were put forward about how to best renovate the building and spend the money.
- CAG uses both the bottom and top porches for programming and losing the porch may result in a loss of programming space. CAG has a service-level agreement with the City for this use, agreed to this past summer.
- Bonnie requested an estimate for removing the lower portion of the porch but keeping the upstairs portion.
- John Dance expressed concern with the lack of accessible space.
- Update on the accessibility ramp: initial delays in completion due to verification of contractor credentials as well as proximity to underground services. Expected completion date moved to December 11<sup>th</sup>.
- City Budget for 2016 will include general maintenance for Old Town Hall. Councillor confirmed no new money for building renovations in 2016. Some items for the building expected in 2017 budget.

#### 5. Chair's Report - Phyllis Odenbach Sutton

- Report distributed by email. See Appendix 1.
- Main Street reconstruction update sent out.
- Greystone Village representatives to attend Council meeting to be held on 9 December.
- Issue to be raised concerning aboveground parking.
- A discussion surrounding traffic and potentially opening up routes through Immaculata High School to improve flow took place.
- A discussion on opening up Echo Drive in front of Church of the Ascension to two-way traffic took place. However, the consensus was that the current restrictions should remain but with better police enforcement.

#### 6. Councillor's Report - David Chernushenko

- Strong need for new community spaces within Greystone Village.
- Timing of heritage repairs and replacements to Old Town Hall as a community centre will be examined if this does not happen.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue-Clegg Footbridge: \$2.7 million initially designated for a Prince of Wales rail bridge initiative that did not happen has been put into the Old Ottawa East account and re-designated towards the 5<sup>th</sup> Ave-Clegg crossing.
- This amount is not enough to start building, but it can be used to demonstrate to federal and provincial partners that there is "money in the bank".
- Designs are still being discussed and the initiative is moving forward.
- Following the completion of the design plan, the hope is that funding is identified for earlier than 2020, though concrete dates have not been set.
- Changes to bus route taking place as a result of the transit way and Lees Station closing.

- Main St. Reconstruction: necessary rehabilitation to the McIlraith Bridge is temporarily preventing pedestrians from being able to walk underneath the bridge – will remain an issue for pedestrians until March 2016.
- Issues raised concerning pedestrian and cycling safety due to high speeds and unclear signage close to the bridge.
- Options to help reduce speeds on Main St. close to the bridge are currently being considered.
- Traffic management will be assessing the area to “declutter” signage. Estimated date of completion for McIlraith Bridge is end of next construction season.

## 7. Treasurer’s Report

- As of meeting date, at least \$20,000 was in the account.
- Between \$2200-\$2400 in membership sales for 2015.

## 8. Committee Reports

### 8.1 Planning – Stephen Pope

- A summary of planning events was circulated by email. See Appendix 2.

### 8.2 SLOE – Ian McRae

- No report.
- Visioning session to be held early in the New Year.

### 8.3 Transportation

- Report submitted by email. See Appendix 3.

### 8.4 Federation of Citizens' Associations – Eddie Gillis

- No report.
- Meeting focusing on planning issues to be held the following week.

### 8.5 City Centre Coalition – Kate Martin

- No report.
- Next meeting to take place in first quarter of 2016.

### 8.6 Communications – no report

### 8.7 Community Safety – Mark Seebaran

- Further safety issues about McIlraith Bridge raised, including the difficulty for pedestrians to cross the street without jay walking.

### 8.8 Membership – Suzanne Johnstone

- Report distributed by email. See Appendix 4.
- Update provided by Wendy McRae: 2015 membership drive attracted 672 members. New canvassers have been identified so potentially more members to come.

## 9. Community Activities Group

- CAG is currently planning for upcoming events such as the winter party, Valentine’s skate, and the Main Event (to be held in Brantwood Park again in 2016).

#### 10. City of Ottawa Decision to Reduce Development Charge Increases – Mark Seebaran

- Based on information retrieved from public sources, the City of Ottawa appears to have scaled back planned development charge increases with minimal, if any, consultation.
- Development charges are typically imposed on new developers and calculated based on anticipated cost of services required to facilitate growth (such as sewers, water, etc.), following the principle that “growth should pay for growth.”
- Development Charges Act, 1997 governs development charges.
- A study was completed in 2014, and a bylaw was adopted by the City of Ottawa in 2014, which increased rates for charges.
- A developer’s association appealed the bylaw decision.
- Without consultation, the planning department recommended a settlement of this appeal scaling back the anticipated cost of infrastructure by about 25% inside the Greenbelt, saying that it was for the “purposes of settling this appeal, that some contingencies will be waived...”
- This recommendation was adopted and a new bylaw is to be passed incorporating the reduction of infrastructure costs.
- City has agreed to forego incorporating new projects into the next study for infrastructure funded by development charges until January 2019, apart from transit, unless the developers agree to pay the infrastructure costs.
- “No consultation required” apart from discussion with appellants (those making the appeal, in this case, the developers association).
- Mark has drafted a letter to Mayor Watson currently being circulated for comments.
- Jim suggested that the OECA send a letter to the City seeking clarification on the issue.
- Phyllis agreed to take another look at the matter.

#### 11. Cash-in-lieu funds for OOE – John Dance

- Summary of proposals completed by Ian Grabina. See Appendix 5.
- Cash-in-lieu (CIL) funds – standard program whereby the City collects money from developers who cannot provide parkland, and the City then uses this money to enhance existing parks or to build new parks.
- 40% of the money goes towards City-wide district parks; 60% to Wards where the funds are generated. Distributed based on population.
- 4 potential projects the community could ask the Councillor to seek funding for include: 1) kids basketball hoop at Springhurst park (estimated cost \$2300); 2) resurfacing of Springhurst Court (estimated cost \$12,000); 3) providing planning money for Community Centre effort (estimated cost about \$50,000); 4) Full soccer pitch between 160 Lees and apartment buildings (estimated cost by City \$275,000). A proposal for two fields at a cost of \$200,000 was also discussed.
- Concerns raised about CIL funds being used for initiatives that may not be readily available for community members to use.
- Suggests that OECA work with CAG to determine how best to spend the funds.

- Councillor's office confirmed that money has been designated by the City for a splash pad to be put into Springhurst Park for 2018.
- CAG potentially supports basketball court maintenance, fence demarking oblates land, and garbage cans around the existing parkland.
- CAG's main priority is a community centre for recreational programming space.
- If 160 Lees green space is turned into a full soccer field, it will be closed for 2 years for remediation (seeding and levelling). Another consideration is the role this land will play in blocking the Alta Vista Corridor (aka highway through that area).

#### 12. Proposed Change to School Board Boundaries for OOE Families – Shawn Menard

- Elgin St. Public School, who is over capacity, submitted a [Proposal](#) that may affect a number of Old Ottawa East students who attend ESPS, Hopewell and Viscount Alexander.
- Currently, early French immersion boundaries put students at ESPS or Hopewell; English students at V.A. or Hopewell.
- Proposal suggests removing the option of location, so that all students south of Clegg and west of Main St. are put into Hopewell, and all students north of Clegg put into V.A.
- Parents who want to keep kids in French immersion prefer to keep sending them to ESPS.
- Siblings to be grandfathered in.
- However, V.A. is also already at capacity, and Hopewell is at 98% capacity.
- Shawn spoke of the potential of Lady Evelyn School serving as a community school.
- Debate set to happen in January and February on this issue.

#### 13. Election of new OECA Board Member

- Motion proposed by Phyllis: "That Jocelyn Kearney be nominated for the current vacant position for Member at Large pursuant to Constitution Clause 7.5A".
- Moved: John Dance. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Eddie Gillis. Carried.

#### 14. Date of Next Meeting - 12 January 2016.

Adjournment moved: Bill Baldwin. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Paul Goodkey. Carried.

## APPENDIX 1: CHAIR'S REPORT

### Chair's Report – December 2015

*(\* Indicates agenda item at OOECA Board meeting of 8 December 2015)*

#### \*Main Street Construction

The latest City construction newsletter (#15) was released on December 4. Bi-weekly updates will stop over the winter months. The December newsletter outlines the planned traffic restrictions on Main over the winter, including the planned reinstatement of northbound traffic between Hawthorne Avenue and Echo Drive. This change, combined with the reopening of the left turn lane from Lees on to Main will significantly improve access out of the Archville neighbourhood. The newsletter also indicated that parking is now allowed on the east side of Main Street in the parking bays.

There continue to be issues with cut-through traffic on the streets south of Clegg, in particular on McNaughton, where an action hour was planned and then cancelled after the police alerted our Councillor of possible safety issues. The illegal cut-through traffic on Echo Drive north of Immaculata continues to be an issue as well.

#### \*Greystone Village Update

The City's Planning Committee approved the zoning application of Regional on November 24. Note that the process followed by the City in terms of posting up to date information and broadly communicating the details of the proposal were not good; there was, however, a last minute meeting with the CA planning committee which resulted in a motion at Planning Committee that addressed some of our concerns. There has been some additional discussion with Regional on our remaining concerns over the last several days, and there may be a resolution soon. (Stephen will address this more in his planning report.) The zoning proposal is scheduled to be presented to full City Council on December 9.

#### Greystone Village - New Park

Eddie Gillis continues to be the primary contact of the CA for this project. The City has recently changed their park planner; Diane Emerson has now been assigned to the file. Hopefully the community will soon be able to see the latest plans.

#### Sisters of the Sacred Heart's Park (on Springhurst Ave)

We received the following information from David Renfroe of Domicile earlier this week:

"I wanted to reach out to you and let you know that we will be moving the Blessed Virgin Mary statue next week. We will be moving the statue to the new park location on the Sisters of the Sacred Heart's property. 12 trees were transplanted last summer and we are currently preparing the concrete walkway and statue

foundation this week. All of the landscaping works will be completed next summer. We are currently scheduling a Monday (Dec 7) movement of the statue, weather permitting."

The rationale for the move of the Statue is that it was not in a good handicapped accessible location for the Sisters and its current location was very close to the property line.

## Rideau River Nature Trail / Western Pathway

John Dance recently wrote to the Councillor's office on behalf of the CA and requested information on the proposed work on the RRWP/NT. The City's site says that "detail design will commence in 2015 with construction likely to begin in early 2016."

In particular, he queried whether there was anything available from the Councillor's office or the city that would provide more detail and information on how the community will be informed?

## \*Cash-in-Lieu (CiL) funds

John has been continuing his efforts to clarify OOE's current level of CiL funding (our estimate of our share is \$314.6k), as well as to seek city-wide CiL funds for creating a real playing field at 160 Lees. (This latter proposal has been rejected in part because the lands are not considered to be a "district park".)

There are also a number of other outstanding CiL questions:

1. Proposed kids' basketball hoop at side of Springhurst court (\$2,260)
2. Proper surfacing of Springhurst court (the city / councillor's office has not responded with costing for this)
3. Money for planning community centre
4. Other projects? (OOECA and/or the city said "no" to the proposed ping pong table, a notice board on Lees by bus shelter and a second dock for Springhurst)

## \*AGM (November 10, 2015) / Annual Membership Drive

The Church of the Ascension again opened their doors to our CA for our annual meeting and allowed us to use their downstairs hall for the reception afterwards. We had a good turnout of community members, and once again received excellent presentations by John Dance on behalf of the OOECA, Ian McRae on behalf of Sustainable Living Ottawa East (SLOE) and Melanie Gilbert on behalf of the Community Activities Group (CAG). Chris Osler (from Sandy Hill Community Health Centre) was our time keeper again as well as moderator for our Q&A session. Thanks to everyone who participated in the meeting as well as helped in the set-up and clean-up.

A new slate of directors was approved, with 6 Board members retiring. A big thank you goes out to Caroline Hyslop (our outgoing secretary), Ron Rose (who lead on transportation issues), Jim Strang (who represented us at the Federation of Citizen's Associations), Jill Wherrett (who took on the Community Safety file during the term), Nick Masciantonio (Past President) and Syed Zaffar. And although John Dance retired as President, we are

so very happy to welcome him as Past President on the new Board. Other new members include Katherine Simonds (Secretary), Ed Janes (Vice-president), Eddie Gillis (FCA rep + parks at Greystone), Kate Martin (City Centre Coalition), Glen Linder (transportation), Mark Seebaran (Community Safety), and Paul Goodkey (member-at-large). Since the meeting another member of our Community has expressed an interest in joining our Board as a member-at-large, Jocelyn Kearney. We will be making a nomination motion at the December meeting for Jocelyn to join the Board.

We also had a robust membership campaign this year. We have sold 661 memberships to date, with some additional canvassing planned for missed streets. Although there were not a lot of comments recorded from residents on the records, one of the issues that was raised a number of times was a concern re some of the infill projects that have been or are planned for our neighbourhood.

### Breakfast with the Mayor and Capital Ward Community Leaders

On November 5 I had the opportunity to meet with the Mayor and our Councillor along with representatives of the Glebe, Old Ottawa South, Heron Park, Glebe Annex and Dow's Lake. Melanie also attended on behalf of the OOE Community Activities Group. Key issues raised around the table were: concerns with some of the planned developments and the number of variances sought by developers, the need for additional community space and parks in some neighbourhoods, and Bank Street retail (Glebe, Old Ottawa South and Lansdowne).

### St Paul University (SPU) Excess Space

On November 21 a meeting was organized by our Councillor to discuss options with respect to the use of excess space at SPU, particularly their residence building. There were representatives from OOE CAG, Sandy Hill Community Health Centre, Ottawa Community Housing and Centretown Citizens Ottawa Corporation.

The residence building is currently only about half full, although the university intends to move its counseling centre from its current location near the cafeteria in the Main building to one floor of the residence. The former counseling centre space will then be converted to other uses (such as a student hub / gym).

There was a wide ranging discussion of possible uses of the residence (and the new Main building area post construction), both from a short term perspective as well as in the longer term. We also received a tour of the residence to get a better sense of the current facilities

## APPENDIX 2: PLANNING REPORT

### **Planning Committee Report – 8 December 2015 meeting of the OECA prepared by Stephen Pope**

#### **43 Chestnut OMB Appeal**

Good work by Benoit deChamplain and a small team of volunteers was not enough to win. On the positive side, the appeal was not dismissed as being frivolous, nor were costs charged against the appellants. On the negative side, while case law uses words like "analysis" the hearing seemed to depend on the opinions of "qualified persons" only. The written decision is disappointing. Arguments about intensity of land use were not even recognized.

#### **Infill 2 OMB Appeal: File No PL150797; Case Name: Hargadon v. Ottawa (City)**

OOECA has joined the other 4 appellants in requesting mediation. It is suspected that this strategy has been chosen by the experienced appellants to move more quickly into a closed door negotiation. The OMB representative must consider the request and decide on the advantages before accepting the process.

A **pre-hearing conference** will be held 10 AM 5 January 2016, in the Keefer Room at City Hall. At that time interested parties may present themselves and request to be participants in the discussions.

At the pre-hearing conference OOECA representatives will be able to request participation in the appeal by the Greater Ottawa Home Builders Association.

The OMB hearings are open to the public, although one must be registered to participate.

#### **Greystone Village Re-zoning at Planning Committee**

OOECA Planning had to scramble to meet prior to the City's PC meeting to discuss the re-zoning of the former Oblates lands. The zoning to be replaced was based on the demonstration plan in the OOE Secondary Plan. The proposed zoning is based on the master plan recently approved for Plan of Subdivision. A number of issues arose from OOECA Planning review and an emergency meeting was held the day before the City PC meeting. The City file manager developed a technical amendment for the proposed zoning to address the most problematic issues, but not all issues were captured. Regional has offered to request a further amendment at the Council meeting that will give final approval. Notwithstanding OOE's close engagement with this project, there are many concerns with how the rezoning was managed. The typical timelines for development approvals are not being followed for this development possibly due to a desire to speed up the process, taking advantage of the material developed for the Plan of Subdivision. Incomplete and incorrect information was on the DevAps web site making review more difficult than necessary. OOE was not apprised of the details of the application until the letter announcing the discussion at Planning Committee was posted. Regional's Josh Kardish and Erin O'Connell at Ottawa PGM did provide extra assistance in sorting out details, but greater clarity around process is still required, especially because of the understanding that the details for the blocks following Phase 1 will be worked out through a Site Plan Approval process, which is lower in the planning hierarchy than zoning. OOECA Planning will be making a formal request for clarification of the approvals process this week.

#### **113-115 Echo Drive: Zoning Bylaw Amendment**

OOECA Planning has submitted comments and received responses from the File Lead. The responses are felt in some cases to be condescending and undermining of the trust that is necessary to CA relations with the City. This has reinforced the belief that PGM is beyond the reach of Council. Discussions are ongoing. The issues are: lack of adherence to the TM7 form (no step back at 4th floor, raised terrace and planter in 2 m setback from property line); lack of commercial facilities at grade; failure by the City to protect a 23 m right of way north of Harvey Street.

OOECA Planning has had some correspondence from a group interested in preserving the Church of the Holy Trinity. An article describing the history of the building was published in the recent Mainstreeter. This is not a subject of discussion with the city. OOECA Planning is in agreement with the decision made by the City's heritage planner.

#### **"Transparency Pilot"**

On behalf of OOECA I am participating in a pilot program to have community participation in "pre-consultations" between developers and the city. These meetings are all "behind closed doors" until a formal application is made to a city process like Site Plan Approval, Rezoning, or Committee of Adjustment.

Three different projects have been reviewed, one of them being at Greystone Village. No files are currently active.

#### **Potential Committee of Adjustment Applications**

A number of files are currently active. From most recent to oldest:

**655 Echo Drive:** 1 1/2 storey addition on the ground floor of the existing bungalow - aiming at submission to CofA for the mid January 2016 meeting. Status: in discussion at OOECA Planning.

**169 Greenfield:** Proposed triplex - a pre-submission meetings was held with the proponents who were advised that the project was not acceptable to the community. Status: further discussions are ongoing in OOECA Planning to develop strategies for addressing abuse of the triplex form.

**Completed Committee of Adjustment Applications**

**123 Main Street:** OOECA position: support - Decision: Application granted as proposed

**10 Simcoe:** OOECA position: do not object - Decision: Application granted as proposed

-end of report-

## APPENDIX 3: TRANSPORTATION REPORT

### 1. Lansdowne

Ron and I attended the November Lansdowne Transportation Committee meeting. Since most of the chief issues have been dealt with, it is expected that the Committee will scale back from meetings once every two months to meetings only quarterly or biannually. Key issues continue to be traffic impacts on Holmwood Ave and parking/traffic flows around the times of sports events. I think it is fair to say that Ottawa Sports and Entertainment Group, the City, and the two most impacted community associations (Glebe and Old Ottawa South) are working well together to identify mitigation measures and solutions. One further item to note is that the Glebe Community Association presented the results of a community-wide survey it had undertaken on attitudes and utilization of Lansdowne. While the results show that a significant majority of Glebe residents now view Lansdowne favourably, the bigger takeaway for me was the use of a community-wide survey to gauge views on key issues. It seems to be that if ever there was an issue on which we wanted to survey the residents of OOE, our colleagues at the GCA might be able to provide us some best practice. I don't recall the exact participation rate, but it was impressively high.

### 2. Clegg-Fifth bridge

Metro newspaper reported that the recently-released city budget had set aside \$4.8M for the pedestrian bridge (see <http://www.metronews.ca/news/ottawa/2015/11/12/ottawa-city-council-tables-2016-draft-budget.html>). I am not sure what this means exactly in terms of timing and would be curious to know if anyone on the cc line has any information. Is this simply setting aside funds annually so that there is a fund to allow for construction in 2020-25? In any event, I am keen to move forward with some increased lobbying to move up the date of the bridge. In particular, I would like to set up a meeting with our new MP (who made the bridge a key element of her campaign in our neighbourhood) and apparently discussed the matter with Mayor Watson during their meeting after she was elected. I would also like to set up a meeting with the Lansdowne folks since they would seem to be natural allies in pushing for an earlier construction date. Grateful for thoughts on this, and I will be happy to attempt to set up meetings.

## APPENDIX 4: MEMBERSHIP REPORT

December 7, 2015

Old Ottawa East Community Association

Membership Report

The membership drive for 2016 is now finished, although a few memberships are still trickling in.

I would like to thank Wendy McRae for organizing all the kits and lists – amazing job as always. I would also like to thank two of the Zone Captains, Jan D'Arcy and Vicki Davis for ensuring your Zone's are well covered and delivering and picking up the kits. I would also like to thank the many canvassers, who without their work the membership drive could not happen. Once again, a special shout out to Heather Jarrett, who has kept the North End active and continues to recruit canvassers, despite not being a Zone Captain! Thank you everyone for your dedication.

We had great weather and some new canvassers join the team this year and as we still have memberships coming in we will report final numbers by the end of the year. Despite the nice weather this fall, this canvass was a challenge as some of our canvassers were involved in the election campaign and could not commit to both door to door endeavors.

As always, we are looking for new canvassers and thank you to those who have stepped up for next year. If you or anyone you know would like to get involved, please contact myself, Suzanne Johnston

Although canvassing in Condo or apartment buildings continues to be a challenge, we have had some luck in a few of the buildings this year thanks to dedicated residents. We look forward to addressing these challenges as OOE continues to grow and the number of Condos and multi-unit buildings continue to grow. We are working with Regional and Domicile to ensure that the new residents in both development projects are aware of the OOECA and that they can become members. We invite residents of the OOE who live in apartments or Condos to get involved and help us spread the word within your apartment building or Condo. If you have new neighbors and would like to obtain a copy or copies of the new OOECA, which illustrates the benefits and many amenities of OOE has to offer, please contact myself and I will be pleased to facilitate delivery.

Once again, we are looking for several canvassers in the North End, the South West and the Central part of OOE. The time commitment is quite minimal, usually 1-2 hours and involves the following:

- Picking up canvassing kit from your Zone captain over the next few weeks
- Go door to door on a sunny day on your appointed street to hand out notices for the Annual General Meeting and either renewing or signing up new households for \$3,00.
- Handing back our canvassing kit with information to your Zone Captain around the end of October
- Attending a get together for all the Canvassers and Captains held by the membership chair the first week of November – Best part!!
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Specifically we are looking for the following streets: (Some canvassers have more than one street in these areas and would like to lessen the load)

**North:**

-Echo

-Main

**Southwest:**

-Echo

- Main

**Central:**

- Clegg

-Drummond

-McGillivray

-Herridge

The past three years have seen the membership of the OOECA continue to grow. With the continued intensification in OOE, we would like to see these numbers to grow in tandem with this intensification and are currently putting together a plan to ensure this happens. We are fortunate to have an engaged community and look forward to reaching out to new residents and current residents to be part of the growth in the neighborhood.

**Cash-in-Lieu of Parkland: Issues for OOE**

(OOECA Board Meeting of December 8, 2015)

***Background:***

- Funding from the city's cash-in-lieu of parkland program is generated when developers do not provide a specified amount of parkland with a new development but, instead, provide the city with funding to compensate for the non-provision of actual parkland.
- The city uses these funds to increase parkland or make enhancements to existing parkland and now, because of a recently approved but OOE-opposed provision, may spend the funding for maintenance of parks.
- 40 percent of the CiL goes to a city-wide pot for "district parks" benefitting the city as a whole
- The rest goes to the wards where the funding was generated.
- For each ward the Councillor then decides where / how the funding will be used.
- Councillor Chernushenko's allocation process has involved extensive consultation with the ward's various communities (OOE, OOS, Glebe, Glebe Annex, Dow's Lake, Heron Park) but ultimately the decisions are his to make.
- The funds for the various communities have been apportioned on a multi-year basis according to the communities' shares of the total ward population and not on the basis of where the development took place. Currently, according to my calculations, OOE's share is about \$300,000 although the Councillor's Office has suggested that it's more like \$200K.
- Over the years OOE (CAG and OOECA) have protested about the very high costs associated with approved projects but the city has been adamant that the costs are warranted.

***Previously Proposed Projects:***

- Over the years CiL funds have gone to Springhurst and Brantwood park improvements including such things as the Brantwood dock.
- Two years ago OOE (CAG, OOECA, SLOE and SHCHC) sought CiL funds for a dock at Springhurst, a ping pong table for Springhurst or Brantwood, and a new community notice board that would serve the Lees towers. However, the city refused the second dock saying that we already had enough with the Brantwood dock (they dislike the maintenance costs associated with docks), and the estimates for the other projects were, in the view of OOECA, CAG and the Councillor too high to justify proceeding.

***Potential New Projects:***

- Over the last six months four specific new CiL possibilities have been raised and these need further consideration:
  - o ***Planning of Community Centre:*** The CAG-led project to create a multi-purpose, fully accessible community centre needs funding to professionally make the case and set out the justifiable requirements. No specific estimate has been established but there has been some talk of \$50K

- ***Kids' Basketball Hoop on Side of Springhurst Court:*** In order to make the much-used court even more useful it's been suggested that a lower hoop be installed on one of the sides of the court. The city estimates that this would cost about \$2,700.
- ***New Painted+ Surface for Springhurst Court:*** As per Rick Burrowes' pitch at the Board meeting of October 2015, a smoothing-out and special painting of the surface of Springhurst would contribute to the "playability" and desirability of this much-used facility (originally built because of Wendy McRae's efforts many years ago).

This expenditure is seen by some as a "maintenance" measure more than an enhancement and for that reason has been opposed by some. The problem is that actual maintenance - from non-CiL funds - is not likely to occur for a number of years. We're still waiting for an estimated cost of doing this work (an estimate I received from a private contractor was about \$12K).

- ***Playing Field on 160 Lees*** (the AVTC lands to east of Springhurst): For many years the community and Ottawans beyond OOE have used the AVTC lands for sports and for many years we've opposed the construction of the planned four-lane Alta Vista Transportation Corridor through 160 Lees.

We've asked that the lands be turned into green space / recreational lands and this year city staff came up with the idea of spending \$275K of CiL funding to create a "real" soccer pitch on the lands with the understanding that after 20 years or so the AVTC could be constructed and the playing field would be at the end of its "life-cycle."

The OOE CiL working group (CAG, OOECA, SHCHC, SLOE) liked the idea of finally having a playing field on the so-called AVTC lands but objected to the price-tag and to the proposition that "OOE" CiL funds - rather than city-wide CiL funds - had to be used for what would essentially be a much-in-demand city-wide facility and for which OOE would not get priority - let alone free - use. In pursuing this possibility the Councillor's office has been adamant that city-wide CiL funds cannot be used (160 Lees isn't even designated as a park).

Thanks to the pursuit by Ian Grabina in the Councillor's office and the work of Burl Walker of the Parks Department there is a new proposal that is less expensive and would provide two rather than one playing field. Ian reports: "Burl is great and has been able to come up with a number of plans which involve various combinations of a full-sized ultimate or rugby field (north-south alignment) with a junior or full size soccer field running perpendicularly to it (east-west alignment).

"These fields, based on current estimates allowing for regrading, allowances, goal posts and 10% for CiLP project management would run just under \$200K. " (full email attached).

***Recommendation to Board:***

My personal recommendation is that the Board should request funding for all four projects (community centre initiation, kids' basketball hoop, resurfacing of Springhurst Park basketball court, and building of the two fields on 160 Lees).

The total of the four projects would still be less than what I understand to be OOE's share of Capital Ward CiL funds. About half of the OOE's CiL funds are generated by the Lees apartment tower population: residents there should benefit from related expenditures.

Also, this strikes me as a wonderful opportunity to strengthen residents' claim to the use of the 160 Lees greenspace and to work against the very dated concept of a new four-lane roadway dumping traffic into the centre of the city.

CAG will be discussing the CiL possibilities at its upcoming Board meeting and proposes to consult with residents on these important matters.

***Proposed Motion:***

OOECA pursue with CAG the proposition that four projects (planning of community centre; kids' basketball hoop at Springhurst Park; resurfaced+ basketball court at Springhurst Park; and two new playing fields at 160 Lees) be funded from OOE's share of Capital Ward CiL funds.