Chair's report February 14, 2017

Main Street

- while my own experience with Main St has generally been quite positive in terms of traffic flow, some traffic issues have been identified

- I continue to hear of concerns by residents, particular from the Archville neighbourhood, about problems with the current temporary narrowing island for southbound Main St traffic near Springhurst

I have also seen some large sidewalk brick cracks on our new sidewalks (the largest being on the east side of Main near the Calvary Baptist Church); not sure if anyone else has been seeing such cracks as well or not?
we now also have three traffic cameras located on Main St:

http://traffic.ottawa.ca/map/cameraWindow?id=319

http://traffic.ottawa.ca/map/cameraWindow?id=261

http://traffic.ottawa.ca/map/cameraWindow?id=292

- and something to look forward to next spring or summer is a reopening celebration!

Greenfield

- I was copied on a query to our councillors's office re some new poles on Greenfield & tree cutting near King's Landing

- Ian G did his usual thorough analysis & we now know that the Greenfield renewal team had cameras set up along Greenfield to capture traffic data

- in terms of the tree cutting, lan received the following information from the NCC:

"The NCC has had ongoing discussions with the King's Landing Residents Association regarding its parcel of land adjacent to this community.

In the summer 2016, the NCC met with members of the Residents Association regarding the cleanup and pruning of the small wood lot north of King's Landing.

Last week, the NCC initiated this much needed clean-up project and ensured oversight of the work.

The work performed was as follows:

- 1- Removed invasive species such as Buckthorn, and some Manitoba maples, etc.;
- 2- Removed dead trees and branches;
- 3- Removed leaning trees and branches (over King's Landing parking and property;)
- 4- Removed EAB trees."

Regional's Greystone Village

- 2 zoning amendment applications are currently with the City

1. Regional's North Village (Block 49) Zoning Amendment

- the biggest outstanding issue is the location of the 2 most northerly units on the eastern edge of the development which are partially within the 10m block that was "to accommodate a MUP" (Secondary Plan language)

- revised plans from Regional show the 2 singles moved back somewhat from their original proposed placement

- concerns with the Regional plan will be a discussion item at the February 14 Board meeting - other key dates :

Feb 16 - final chance for community comments to go to City & be included in their report

Feb 17 - City report becomes public

Feb 28 - report goes to City Planning Committee for discussion

2. Regional's Block 48 Zoning Amendment

- Regional has submitted an application for a minor zoning amendment for the area within Block 48, the block that surrounds the Deschâtelets building. This zoning application is to consider the Block as one lot for by-law purposes and amend some of the performance standards associated with it.

- key dates:

Feb 15 - comments due April 11 - City Planning Committee discussion

Planning Committee update re North of Queensway developments

- 41 Concord N - new info posted on DevApps site on Dec 29, 2016

- 47 Havelock (low rise 23 unit apartment building) - application re-activated on Nov 16, 2016

- 99 Greenfield (former Legion) - site has been sold to new owner - confidential pre-consult has taken place

Planning Committee's way forward

- we have decided to use a rotating chair format for upcoming meetings

- we have also identified leads for specific files:

lan - 99 Greenfield & 41 Concord N

Chris - 47 Havelock

Paul - Infill 1&2 monitoring

- please note that we are still looking for a lead for the R4 zoning review

- the committee will be reviewing its term of reference over the next month & then intends to have the revised document posted on our OOECA web-site

- we are still looking for some new members to ensure that all our neighbourhoods are represented; please contact me if you are interested

Sesquicentennial project - PM book club

- as a result of John's wonderful networking, w have several confirmed speakers + a number of good possibilities

- we will not be able to host a session in February but hopefully will be able to get going in March

- these events will be a topic for discussion at our Feb 14 meeting

Mainstreeter

- please note that the Mainstreeter has launched its call for candidates for the Editor position. (Steven Begg, the Mainstreeter's Chair of the Board of Directors, indicated at our AGM that the current editor, Joe Paraskevas, will be stepping down in June.)

- The poster for the position is attached, and is also available

online: http://www.mainstreeter.ca/index.php/2017/02/07/the-mainstreeter-is-looking-for-a-new-editor/

- Also, the Mainstreeter has a few board positions that are opening up this month. Steven has indicated that it's not likely to be a huge time commitment but that they would welcome representatives to provide community input.

- Note that their AGM is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21 at 7:45pm at the Old Town Hall; all are welcome.

10th Capital Ward Councillor's Cup

- the OOE Hosers recaptured the spot on the top of the podium on January 28; congratulations to all who played for the OOE team as well as on the teams of the other participating CAs, the ice makers and organizers of this event as well as the spectators and to Councillor Chernushenko for continuing the tradition and officiating the contests