



**Board Committee Meeting
Réunion du Conseil**

Monday, February 24, 2014 Lundi le 24 février 2014
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM 19h00 à 21h00
Sandy Hill Community Centre Centre communautaire Côte-de-Sable

Minutes / Procès verbal

Present/Présents:

Eric Audet, Sophie Beecher, Robert Forbes, Yves LeBouthillier, Chad Rollins, Sally Southey, John Verbaas

Regrets/Absents:

Sam Almsaddi, Christopher Collmorgen, Jane Gurr, Christopher Hynes, Elaine Koren, Alice Kwong, Suneeta Millington, Kyle Simunovic

#	Item / Sujet	Action
01	Welcome/Bienvenue At 7:05 pm the meeting was called to order. Bob welcomed Board Members and the residents in attendance. Board Members and residents introduced themselves in a tour de table.	
02	Review and Approval of Agenda/Lecture et adoption de l'ordre du jour The agenda was approved with two amendments, moved by Sally and seconded by Yves (carried).	Decision
03	Review and Approval of Minutes (November) Lecture et adoption du compte-rendu de la réunion (novembre) 3a-Eric moved and Sally seconded that the minutes of the January meeting be approved (carried). 3b- Chad moved and Yves seconded that the minutes of the minutes for the Special February 10 Meeting be approved (carried).	Decision

Light Rail Sinkhole: in addition to what the media has been reporting, Councillor Fleury provided an update on the latest news. The sinkhole is approximately 20 meters from the bedrock. This raises some concerns for the Laurier / Waller intersection. Tests on soil and vibrations are being conducted by engineers. Once the tunnel construction will reach the bedrock it will be safe but until then it remains a big concern and the sinkhole needs to be fixed.

Accident mortel Waller et Rideau: Mathieu Fleury est revenu sur l'incident dans lequel une piétonne a perdu la vie. Il a demandé de contacter les policiers si quelqu'un a été témoin de l'accident. L'enquête est en cours, il s'agit de délit de fuite. Il a signalé son intention de travailler pour favoriser un environnement agréable et sécuritaire tout en notant que les camions 18 roues créent des défis. Cet accident a fait monter la pression et la Ville va devoir étudier la place des camions de transport au centre-ville.

The St-Clement Church Proposal on Mann: Mathieu Fleury met with the group behind the proposal. Mathieu continues to have a number of concerns with this proposal, among them: only six parking spaces; and the demolition of the corner building to be replaced by a bigger building that will hide the church. The developers would like to meet with ASH.

ASH Position: ASH would like to see the proposed changes on paper before meeting with them. If ASH is of the opinion that the changes are not significant, ASH will not meet them.

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Purple Bicycles: The City is offering its support to a new program, refurbished bicycles painted purple for the use of the community. Mathieu Fleury indicated that the University of Ottawa and ASH will be consulted as to where the purple bicycle stands should be located. The City has selected a non-for-profit company. The company has over grown its capacity and by expanding into this program it will make their business more sustainable.

John Verbaas to be the contact person for ASH

On-street-recycling: the city did a garbage and recycling bin pilot on Elgin Street and it will expand the program on Laurier East. However, organic waste is not part of this program. The City welcomes suggestions on the future location of these receptacles.

Opening of Chapel street at the corner of Beausoleil and Rideau: The Councillor indicated that a compromise has been reached. It will not be opened to cars but instead it will become a bicycle intersection. It will be done but the workers responsible for creating this new intersection are also responsible for patching holes in the streets and this winter/ spring is particularly bad.

Update on the Conversation with Melanie Knight on Rideau plan: Mathieu Fleury indicated that an open meeting will be set up in March for the Community Design Plan (CDP) review. The objective is to make sure that all planning documents are aligned, and that we give clear directions on the outcome that we want.

Viner Development at Laurier/Friel: Mathieu thanked ASH and members of the community for their feedback on this proposal. He indicated that the final decision will be taken by the City the day following the meeting by the Committee.

05 Questions from the Floor/questions du public

Information

Q: On the Beausoleil / Rideau intersection, what is the timeline for completing the work?

A: This spring. The service request for the signs has been made.

Q: For the design, when the spring comes, can we provide feedback, have a meeting with you?

A: Let's sit down and have this conversation but nothing is funded at the moment so there are restrictions but we can implement the basics.

Q: Is there still a legal issue about this implementation?

A: We have to follow the Highway Traffic Act but there is no reason not to assign this section as a cyclist intersection. We can narrow the lane so that cars will not fit. It will be the first intersection of this kind in Ottawa.

Q: Who is the driving force behind the CDP/Secondary Plan review?

A: The current Secondary Plan is not a bad document but we have lost twice and we risk losing again, so we need to review it and make it more robust. The Planning department is driving this. There is a need for more certainty that all our documents align.

Q: Do you think that the consultation will influence the future of the heights for the Official Plan?

A: The Official Plan has gone tighter for heights with a maximum of 6 storeys.

Q: À propos de la demande de développement coin Laurier Friel, est-ce qu'on peut demander de remettre la décision à plus tard?

A: Yes, we can make the request, we need to write to the Committee.

Q: On the substance, are you opposing it?

A: Oui, il y a un gros enjeu au niveau du Plan secondaire, il faut une vision claire au niveau des rues principales, il faut une zone de transition au niveau des hauteurs. Il y a des inquiétudes autres que la hauteur et il faut se souvenir que le plan secondaire a été mis en place contre les édifices de 10 étages.

Q: What is the City planning to do for St. Patrick's Day?

A: Yes, we have a Town & Gown meeting on Monday where this issue will be discussed. We need the police and bylaw to be out and working

together. It's more efficient when they work together, contacting each other on each call. They will begin on Thursday evening.

Q: Can you share information or statistics on noise complaints that the City is receiving?

A: There are privacy rules to respect but we can give you numbers, what the issue was, and what was done for the response (warning or fine...). I will share that with ASH.

**Action Sally
to follow-up
with Mathieu
Fleury**

Q: Can you set up a meeting to discuss high level issues related to 311, complaints.

A: Yes, let's sit down and have a meeting.

Q: Regarding the CDP, when do you see it being completed?

A: There are numerous issues. Melanie Knight will review the relevant planning documents for Sandy Hill, with the focus on finding policies that are not aligned, and she will consult with the community. Maximum time I would say a year. We want to be present at the meeting early to let her know what our concerns are. In my mind, the core issues are zoning and heights. She has a good reputation with the work she did for Montreal Road.

Q: Can we see what she did on Montreal Road?

A: There was no CDP for Montreal Road. It was a different approach with a review but that document is public and I can send it.

Q: It is frustrating that for Rideau Street we have a planning document which is not even 10 years old and for Sandy Hill we have a 50 year old Secondary Plan that has not been reviewed yet.

Q: At what point does a plan become obsolete?

A: It depends, if we lose at OMB it means that something is not working. It makes us vulnerable.

Q: Do you have any comments about the article in the Ottawa Citizen regarding a project in Westboro, where the OMB ruled against the City planners and was critical for not consulting the community?

A: We read the same articles. The OMB mechanism is for the community to appeal. We still live the amalgamation. The Department feels pressure for better designs and clear expectations on heights. A review of CDPs is what is required. We agree that engagement and consultation needs to evolve in the planning department.

**Action Chad
to follow
with Mathieu
Fleury**

Q: Regarding the call to freeze new off-campus student residences, what is your position?

A: We have been clear as a community, diversity is important, we have been clear that the University needs to fulfil its mandate. The University is not meeting the demand for all its first year students who want to live on campus. The overall intent is to pressure the University, it's not against students. We embrace students but we also want to keep families. How can we survive as a mature and diverse neighbourhood, the pressure should be on the University to build on campus. The development has to be made appropriately.

Q: Potholes - the City patches them, we drive and the next day they are back. Can we do something else? Use a different kind of asphalt?

A: We have had extreme weather and lots of winter storms. We used to put cold asphalt but now we put warm asphalt however the compression is a problem. Queens University has developed a new way of doing asphalt and we are looking at this measure.

06 Treasurer's Report (Kyle)

Information

Kyle is absent but Eric provided the latest numbers.

-Accounts Update

ASH accounts as of 30 January 2014:

-chequing: \$11,010.80

-savings: \$6,818.90

-Signing Authorities

All the administration has been completed regarding the signing authorities. There are two options for the new fundraising account: to open another savings account or another chequing account. If we take the chequing account option, it has to be completely new with new signing authorities, all has to be redone. If we go with a new savings account, it is simply added on to the current ASH portfolio. There would be a charge of 85 cents per transaction to transfer money. For writing cheques we have sufficient no service fee cheques in the other account. The first option is long and costly.

Decision is to go with another savings account, Bob will go on Friday and start the procedures.

Action Bob

07 Special Events/Évènements spéciaux

Information

-AGM Sub-Committee (Eric)

The first meeting of the organizing committee will be held on Wednesday night at my house. More to come after this first meeting.

-Follow-up on ASH Insurance (Eric)

You will remember that for the Winter Carnival, ASH had to obtain a permit from the City for the use of the park behind the Community Centre. It is highly recommended that when you rent the park, you also have insurance. Chad checked the insurance that the Board holds and it does not cover us for liability during special events like the Winter Carnival. However, we found out that Action Sandy Hill Community Association is insured under the City of Ottawa Community Association General Liability insurance program. Christopher Collmorgen completed an application in April 2013 which Debbie Hamilton (City of Ottawa) provided to the Insurer. We have a copy of the renewal certificate. It is important to advise Debbie if the association plans to have any new

events or activities so that she can ensure it is covered under the policy. The Community Association is responsible for the \$500.00 deductible should an incident occur at one of their activities which could result in a claim including investigation and legal expenses. There is no need to get any extra insurance.

08 Committee Reports / Rapports des comités

Information

08.a Communications, Membership and Outreach (Sub-committee: Fundraising)/Communication, membres et engagement de la communauté (Sous-comité : Levée de fonds)

The dance fundraiser, the Splash Pad Revitalization and the Update on the Human Scale Projection have been postponed until the next meeting.

-Block Reps Update (Bob)

Bob: next meeting on Thursday at Bob's house. There is no specific update.

08.b Planning, Development and Transportation/Urbanisme et transport (Sous-comités : Zonage et aménagements intercalaires résidentiels; Revue des demandes d'aménagements; Patrimoine)

Information

-Planning Committee Update (Chad)

- Planning Committee Overall:
 - Our last planning committee meeting was held jointly with the Special Housing Committee and was a very productive opportunity to speak with our Planner, Dennis Jacobs, and get his advice on how to proceed at the City's Planning Committee hearing for 275 Laurier
- Planning and Development (DARC)
 - 275 Laurier – City Planner has recommended approval, will be heard by the City's Planning Committee tomorrow, then by Council the following day – Our Councillor has committed to speaking against the proposal tomorrow and voting against it on Wednesday
 - 541-5 Rideau St – ASH sent letters supporting LCA position
 - 7 Clarence – LCA has asked for our support on this one, I move that we submit a letter supporting their position

- Infill/Zoning/Conversions (Planning studies):
- Diane Whalen and Chad Rollins attended a design charette on Infill 1 & 2 which has brought about some recommended changes from the City
- The City has organized a special presentation on Infill Phase 1 & 2 for ASH, members of the Infill and Zoning sub-Committee will be attending later this week

Motion

Chad made the motion and Sally seconded that the Board be given until Wednesday March 26 to provide comments or approve the ASH letter on Infill 1 and Conversions. Chad will circulate.

- Transportation :
 - Beausoleil/Chapel intersection – public meeting was held Wednesday, Feb 12
 - Joint letter of support from ASH, the LCA and the King Edward Ave Task Force for the Truck Tunnel Study has been sent in.
- The Henderson University Residence meeting was attended by Chad. The five storey, 165 rooms building is very long. It makes for a nice institutional building but it doesn't fit on a residential street. They will have to go to site plan application, 14.5 meters is quite high and because it's an institutional structure it's like a wall. This is a student residence, then it is a rooming house in a residential zone. Would the University not need to be licensed to build a rooming house.

Decision

-Special Housing Committee (SHC) Report (Bob)

1. RFI

Wrote back to Allan Rock:

- Agreeing "Sandy Hill should forever remain an attractive, balanced and healthy residential community".
- More than 1,100 Sandy Hill residents, including University of Ottawa students, have petitioned the university to build more on-campus residences and to ask you to refrain from expanding into the community when better options exist.
- Neither your letter nor the RFI itself offered any assurances that residences will not be built on Laurier or Mann Avenue,

in fact quite the contrary. Yet, neither of these are “mainstreets” in any City of Ottawa definition and in practice they are both to a great extent varied residential streets of the kind that we all want to protect. Laurier Avenue was the home to three prime ministers and their homes still stand.

- It is surrounded by Heritage Conservation Districts which contain some of the finest heritage homes in Canada and have had many other famous residents.
- I am asking you to involve ASH early in your decision-making and not just ‘to be informed’ after potentially critical decisions have been made. A high level of collaboration will be in the mutual long-term interests of all parties and we sincerely hope, and will do our part to ensure, that the actions that the University of Ottawa takes will be a positive force for the preservation and promotion of Sandy Hill.

Next Steps

- Letter back to UofO reminding them of their commitment to consult with ASH on specifics of RFI
 - Reminder of petition signatures and that the neighbourhood is a strong asset
 - Community Association are collectively calling for a Student Housing Strategy
 - Both Laurier-Friel and RFI plans are independent of any plans
 - SHC has a variety of other ideas and activities
2. Met with George Dark of Urban Strategies (Christopher, Chad, Suneeta, Bob, François Bregha)
- Good listening
 - Not sure how much they are telling us what we want to hear
 - Will feed back a few home truths to Allan Rock
 - Meeting with a variety of groups, Centretown, students
 - Don’t want University to build on Main Campus

Housing Strategy Letter

- 10 groups including ASH have signed this
- From suburban communities to the oldest neighbourhoods in this city, the residential, cultural and heritage integrity of Ottawa has been negatively impacted by the accommodations decisions made by post-secondary institutions.
- Universities and colleges in Ottawa have largely abdicated their responsibility to provide on-campus housing facilities commensurate with their enrolment, which continues to grow year over year. Students now account for more than 10% of the population of Ottawa. Of the nearly 100,000 full-time post-secondary students in Ottawa, only 8% can be accommodated

on-campus.

08.c By-laws and Environment/Arrêtés municipaux et environnement **Information**

Sally: we do need a meeting because 311 does not work well. Sally and Nathaniel will be meeting soon.

08.d Governance/Gouvernance (Yves) **Information**
-Conflict of Interest Policy

-we were tasked with AGM to come up with new guidelines and we hope to have that ready but we are running short with time. It has been debated a few times by the Board. Today there is a small number of us. I want to distribute the documents and explain the changes.
-some of the changes do not completely reflect what we asked at the last 3 hour meeting.
-we may need a new discussion in camera.
-Let's set the process.
-We can have a special meeting and make the changes on the spot.
-We need to have it in the next couple of weeks.
-We put one hour for the March 31 meeting, starting at 6:00pm in camera, so that by April we can vote on it.

08.e Town & Gown/Ville et Toge
-Update from the last meeting (Bob)

Bob attended the uOttawa Board of Governors meeting last week. No mention of the RFI that he was aware of. Presentation by Allan Rock: everything is going great, strong momentum, want to stick with the plan and do nothing to interfere with it.

- Universities will be asked to focus on their strengths.
- State what these are, province will make strategic choices.
- Paul Genest, works with Madeleine Meilleur, reinforced austerity message and will need metrics and also satellite campuses.
- Costs up, revenues down including grants per student
- Moderate growth and focus quality of each student's experience. But these mean revenues are not growing. Ratio of students/profs improving.
- Increase number of international students

09 Community Relations/Rapports avec la collectivité

No update.

10 Future Meetings / Prochaines réunions

Information

The next Board Meeting will be held March 31, 2014 and will begin with an *in camera* session at 6:00pm to discuss the Conflict of Interest policy.

11 Adjournment / Fin de la session

Yves brought a motion to adjourn the meeting at 21:14, seconded by Chad.
