



**Board Committee Meeting
Réunion du Conseil**

Monday, June 23, 2014 Lundi le 23 juin 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:

Camille Ainslie, Pat Archer, Eric Audet, Robert Forbes, Denis Forget, Yves LeBouthillier, Brian Murphy, Chad Rollins, Jeremy Silbert, Sally Southey, John Verbaas

Regrets/Absents:

Suneeta Millington, Marc Tremblay

Item / Sujet

01 Welcome/Bienvenue

At 7:09 pm the meeting was called to order. Chad welcomed Board Members and the residents in attendance. Board Members and residents introduced themselves in a tour de table.

Conflict of Interest Policy / Self-Assessment Questionnaire (Brian)
All Board members have complied with the conflict of interest policy except for Brian Murphy. Brian will send his form to the Secretary before the next meeting.

**Action
Brian**

02 Review and Approval of Agenda/Lecture et adoption de l'ordre du jour

The proposition was moved by Camille and seconded by Yves to approve the agenda with one amendment, that Bob who has to leave early, provides his update on Town and Gown after the Councillor's update (carried).

Decision

**03 Review and Approval of Minutes (May) /
Lecture et adoption du compte-rendu de la réunion (mai)**

Sally moved and Camille seconded that the minutes of the April meeting be approved (carried).

Decision

04 -Proposed treatment at Cobourg and Besserer by Delcan (David Graham)

David circulated handouts with two pictures to give a visual interpretation of the proposed treatment of the Cobourg dead-end. The difference between the two pictures is that on the second picture the trees have aged and they have grown. David indicated that three trees will remain in place but five trees will need to be cut to allow for the construction. On the East side, the trees are damaging the water line and on the West side, some trees are in bad shape.

Rapidly, Board members and residents questioned some of the assumptions presented by David: These trees look healthy, how do you know that they are not healthy? Why are you cutting trees if new ones are to be replanted in the same spots? If the trees are too tall why not simply prune them? Can you not stop the construction and keep the trees as they are? The SH community has lost many trees, is it not possible to re-examine the project having in mind to keep as many trees as possible; Instead of two bike lanes could you not build only one lane and keep the trees as they are? Are there other alternatives for replacing the pipes/mains? Does the landscaping absolutely require pavers or could you install soft-scaping? Will the construction improve/include measures for the safety of pedestrians and bikers at the intersection of Cobourg and Besserer?

David indicated that the project came as a result of a landscaping request and is the product of extensive consultations and public meetings in 2010 and 2011. The assessment is that: the roots of the trees are causing damage to the water system and the mains need to be replaced; the root system is emerging at the surface; the bike lanes design is in line with the city-wide new standards, one lane may not be sufficient to accommodate the number of cyclists and the segregation of pedestrians and cyclists is needed for safety; if we leave the existing trees in place, because of the underground damage to the water line, the work will have to be redone in two or three years.

David indicated that the construction phase has already started but he will inquire as to 1- how many trees can be saved with an alternate surface treatment and 2- if the area was keep as is could a sitting wall be built, 3- any other reasons as to why the mature trees cannot be saved.

Mathieu Genest (from the Councillor's Office) was asked for an assurance that no trees will be cut until ASH gets more information to the above questions. Mathieu indicated that he will email the information to ASH before the next ASH Board Meeting.

**Action
Councillor's
Office**

05 Councillor's Report/Rapport du conseiller (Mathieu Fleury)

Information

Mathieu Genest from the Councillor's Office presented for Mathieu Fleury.

Mat indicated that the temporary closure of the 417 the past weekend went well and asked for feedback.

A Board Member indicated that she met a woman in a wheelchair who had difficulty getting over the transit station on the other side of the Queensway. She can only cross the Transitway down past the lights at the off ramp and Robinson where there is no crossing and the buses go very quickly. A temporary flashing light should be installed for seniors and people with disabilities instead of the sign "look both ways".

Mat noted and indicated that he would follow-up.

**Action
Councillor's
Office**

Mat reiterated that the City hired students for proactive By-law enforcement for July and August from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. The two summer students will cover two wards and report back any infraction to Officers who will respond.

A resident asked whether the two students will also monitor the back of the houses or only the front?

Mat indicated that for the back residents have to report infractions, City Officers generally don't have access to the back of residences.

ASH suggested that the two students meet with the Block Reps to get a sense of the current issues?

**Action
Councillor's
Office
and
Camille**

Mat agreed to organize such meeting in coordination with the Block Reps.

Mat was asked to provide an update from the last ASH Board Meeting on the "Tree replacement Policy". He didn't have the policy with him and indicated that he would send it to ASH once found.

**Action
Councillor's
Office**

A Board Member indicated that the Block Reps were canvassed on trees that need replacement and a report will be passed to the Councillor's Office.

**Action
Camille**

Regarding the follow-up on "Noise from Heavy Machinery before 7:00 a.m.", Mat indicated that the construction company asked for an exemption to be on the site at 6:00 and get organized but no construction should start before 7:00 a.m. The noise exemption at night was until midnight and only to complete one aspect of the construction, it should be finished by now. Mat indicated to report any infraction to this agreement.

Regarding the follow-up on the “Three unit building on Stewart behind Francojeunesse”, Mat indicated that Nathaniel is following this file. They are aware of this issue, they are confident that the new Site Plan will address the loophole that allows developers to build 3 units, and then apply to allow for a 4th unit. For now, he indicated that there is little the City can do on this particular development. Moving forward the Councillor’s Office and ASH will have to establish a system to inform the community about problematic development applications.

A resident raised the application for 660 and 662 Chapel street. The owner of the semi-detached is adding two units at the back for 12 bedrooms in total.

Mat indicated that with the new Site Plan there will be an opportunity to revise such a plan.

Chad mentioned that at the present there is little that can be done. Infill two is increasing the rear setback and it should limit the scale of development projects in the future. ASH already wrote to the Councillor’s office about this application.

It was suggested that ASH sends another letter to the Councillor’s Office to raise our concerns. It was also suggested that letters be sent by the City to landlords who repeatedly break garbage bylaws in an effort to increase compliance.

Mat indicated that the City is piloting this approach and discussions are ongoing with City lawyers but there is much to be ironed out on privacy issues before the letters can be sent.

A Board Member asked Mat to provide ASH with the City’s statistics on property owners who have been fined for garbage/noise related infractions. Not the individual owners but the general statistics.

Mat will inform Nathaniel who has the lead on this file and he will get back to ASH (Sally).

**Action
Councillor’s
Office**

336 and 338 Chapel update (these two residences paved their front yard with no authorisation). The city ordered them to put soft-scaping, the owners did not comply, the City took them to court and won, the owners were given a deadline to comply and they did not, the ball is with the Courts to enforce compliance.

A resident raised the example in Image of the development of 139 Henderson by Black Iris. People in the room were outraged by the “before” and “after” picture, the after being an example of very bad conversion/development. The question to the Councillor’s Office was “how do we handle this”?

Mat indicated that inspectors inspect through different phases of the construction. However, a lot of issues from this example will be dealt with in the new Site Plan process. The City will hold money that will not be returned unless the developer complies.

06 Questions from the Floor/Questions du public Information

Covered above.

07 Town & Gown/Ville et Toge (Bob)

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday July 5, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at the SHCC. The Councillor's Office is working on an upcoming landlord education session. ASH is looking for Board Members and residents to join the Town and Gown Committee, some meetings are held earlier at 5:00 p.m. which is too early for Bob to attend. Marc and Sally have indicated an interest.

08 Treasurer's Report Information

-Savings account: \$26,375.36
-Regular chequing account: \$10,035.29

As for "Save SH" two new donations were given in the last month. The fundraising activities are on hold for the summer.

09 Community Relations/Rapports avec la collectivité Information

-A) Block Representative (BR) Update (Camille)
Camille would like to be the Chair of a new committee, the Block Rep Committee. Currently there are approximately 38 Block Reps. The latest recruits came from the Bettye Hyde Fair. There is a Block Rep page on the ASH website and the objective is to put the minutes of the BR meetings on that page. The next meeting is scheduled for September (Chad would like to attend)

Camille was asked to present TofR to the Board at the next Board Meeting

Issues raised at the last BR meeting:

-Trees: a detailed report is being prepared and will be presented to the Councillor's office

-ID: can BR obtain official id from ASH or a business card. They do not want their name to be public on the website. There may be liability issues, BRs are not covered by the ASH insurance. In any event, they probably should probably not collect money for ASH.

Action Eric agenda retreat

-Noise/garbage issues: Camille has asked BRs to contact her after they have contacted 311 to collect stats.

-Patios: Cali Restaurant is still a problem, they put a big TV on their outside wall for the soccer games, is this allowed? La Maison is also

creating problems to the surrounding neighbours.

Mat: the patio for La Maison is grandfathered.

Chad: the patio permit can be re-assessed before is to be re-issued, this is where ASH could intervene with residents.

-SH Yard Sale: Alice is leading the organization of this event to be held September 20 from 9 am to 1 pm. The rain date is Sunday, September 21st. Alice is looking for volunteers, an email will be sent to members and BRs.

**Alice and
Camille to
meet**

-B) Debriefing on the June 8, 1-3 pm • Ottawa 2017 Ideas Forum (Yves)

Yves did not attend this event.

-C) Debriefing on the Sandy Hill Spring Fair (Bob, Camille)

Due to time, this subject was not covered.

-D) Candidates as Jury for public art component of the new pedestrian bridge (Bob)

Mat: generally we ask for one person from the public. The structural design is a *fait accompli* but the finishing is still open for public art.

**Eiko to
contact
Chad with
names of
candidates**

10 *Committee reports / rapports des comités*

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

Information

Nothing that was not already covered.

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

-Special Housing Committee Report (Bob)

Nothing special except to say that the Henderson University residence is going forward, thanks to Chad for preparing and sending the ASH position letter.

-Planning Committee Update (Chad)

Applications that needed an update have already been discussed early in the meeting, except for 85 Range Road. For the upcoming construction at 85 Range Road, ASH will obtain money from cash-in-lieu and we need to develop options on how to spend the money. To have their permit issued, the developers have to pay ASH \$10,000 to be used as we see fit for a green project in the community. In agreement with the Councillor's Office, ASH will also receive \$327,000 from cash-in-lieu for Ward 12. (Chad can you elaborate?)

Stéphane (from the Councillor's Office): In such instances, we consult the community and as an example we redid the Jules Morin park near the Patro, the final cost was approximately \$2 million. We have all summer to come up with suggestions and formalize a proposal for the fall, the work could be done next summer.

It was agreed that Suneeta will be the Lead in collecting the suggestions from the community, she already has a number of ideas from her project 'Vision Sandy Hill'.

**Action
Suneeta**

Regarding the temporary construction space for the footbridge in Strathcona, our ASH concerns were submitted, a new proposal is being prepared and we will assess it when it comes.

-Developer Outreach Strategy (Jeremy)

Through emails and discussion the idea of a better relationship between ASH and developers was mentioned, particularly with the developers who are part of the neighbourhood. Local developers care more about the neighbourhood than outside developers who may live as far as Toronto.

A number of Board Members indicated that the residence of the developer is not a guarantee that the interests of the community and those of the developer will coincide. The issue of ASH's relationship with developers will be put at the agenda for the retreat. There are success stories like Old Ottawa East and the Oblates land. The future of All Saints Church at the corner of Chapel and Laurier is an opportunity where ASH could be pro-active and work with developers. Chad to follow-up with the diocese.

**Action
Eric agenda
retreat**

**Chad to
contact
Diane
Whelan or
Leanne
Moussa**

OMB update: the Committee headed by François Bregha will meet again in July. Francois will meet this week with City lawyers to discuss strategy. Francois will also attend an OMB hearing in July to familiarise himself with the process.

- 10.c** By-laws and Environment/Arrêtés municipaux et environnement (Sally) **Information**
- Only one message, please call 311 when there are noise and garbage issues.
- 10.d** Governance/Gouvernance (Yves)
- General Update: the new COI policy is on track, Brian is the only member who has not complied yet. It would be good to bring new blood to the Governance Committee, maybe a topic for the retreat.
- Names of the new Board Members to our insurance company (Chad) **Action**
Chad will send the names ASAP. **Chad**
- 10.e** Town & Gown/Ville et Toge (Bob)
- Moved to item #7
- 11** Special Events/Évènements spéciaux (Eric) **Information**
- AGM Debriefing (Eric)
Postponed to the next meeting.
- Annual ASH Board Retreat (Chad)
- Chad indicated that there was no consensus on when the retreat would be held. Of all the options there is never more than seven Board Members available, at least 10 is needed out of 13 Board Members to have a worthwhile retreat. Chad will organize a new Doodle poll. **Action**
Chad
- 11** **Future Meetings / Prochaines réunions** **Information**
- Next Board Meeting August 25th
- 12** **Adjournment / Fin de la session**
- The meeting ended at around 9:30 p.m.
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