



**Board Committee Meeting
Réunion du Conseil**

Monday, March 30, 2015 Lundi le 30 mars 2015
6:30 PM to 9:00 PM 18h30 à 21h00
Sandy Hill Community Centre Centre communautaire Côte-de-Sable

Minutes / Procès verbal

Present/Présents:

Pat Archer, Éric Audet, Robert Forbes, Denis Forget, Yves LeBouthillier, Suneeta Millington, Brian Murphy, Chad Rollins, Jeremy Silbert, Sally Southey, Marc Tremblay, John Verbaas

Regrets/Absents:

#	Item / Sujet	
A	In-Camera Session was held from 6:30 to 7:00	
01	Welcome/Bienvenue At 7:05 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.	Information
02	Review and Approval of Agenda/Lecture et adoption de l'ordre du jour The following amendments were suggested: -Lesley Collins from the City of Ottawa was invited to talk about the Sandy Hill Heritage Study after the review and approval of the Minutes, at item 4. The proposition was moved by Bob and seconded by Denis to approve the agenda with the suggested above amendment (carried).	Decision
03	Review and Approval of Minutes (February) / Lecture et adoption du compte-rendu de la réunion (février) Yves moved and Suneeta seconded that the minutes of the February meeting, be approved (carried).	Decision

04 Lesley Collins from the Heritage Department, City of Ottawa

Lesley provided an overview of the main findings and recommendations of the Sandy Hill Heritage Study. As a next step, the study will be presented to the Built Heritage Sub-Committee on May 14, 2015. **Information**

For more information on the Sandy Hill Heritage Study please go to:
<http://ottawa.ca/en/city-hall/public-consultations/sandy-hill-heritage-study>

05 Councillor's Report and Questions from the Floor / Rapport du conseiller et questions du public (Mathieu Fleury)

Information

Councillor Fleury mentioned the following:

1- At the last Town and Gown meeting, discussions were held to prepare St. Patrick's day. The proactive approach and the cooperation between bylaw officers and the police produced good results. A few complaints were reported but nothing of major concern.

The student 'move-out strategy' was also on the agenda at the Town and Gown meeting. The City was to ensure that students and landlords are informed of the collection day for solid waste. The City has the authority to charge tenants and the landlords if they don't comply. At the moment landlords are not always aware when tenants do not comply, the City is building a system to correct this shortfall through a website. There are some privacy issues related to posting complaints on a website but the City is confident that it will find a solution.

2-The Downtown library consultation is being held tomorrow night. There is a consultation regarding the downtown branch renewal project where members of the community can submit suggestions. ASH is more than welcome to participate with suggestions on a new location and what this service means to the community.

3-Truck Route: The feasibility study for the tunnel is expected to be released this year. The study will provide high level costings and locations.

Mathieu noted concerns raised by members of the Board regarding interim measures to protect the student population moving in to the Quality Inn, as the corner of King Edward and Rideau is of special concern. Also, pedestrians have priority to cross the street and very few cars have time to turn onto King Edward. The potential for accidents is present.

4-On April 15 begins the Spring Cleaning the Capital Campaign. We have had very good participation from the community in the past, we look forward to seeing you in Strathcona Park for this annual clean up activity.

5-The construction of the pedestrian bridge is going according to schedule. The metal portion is in place, they will start pouring the concrete for the deck soon, and the rest of the work will follow, depending on the weather. It may be finalized for the fall and used in the winter. The public art will be two polished silver round balls extending out from the bridge over the water.

6-The R4 zoning by-law amendments are going ahead, Tim Moerman is assigned to it. The Sandy Hill Secondary Plan Review will start as soon as the Uptown Rideau Community Design Plan is completed.

A Board Member asked the Councillor for an update on Bylaw complaints? Councillor Fleury agreed to provide statistics on a quarterly basis.

A Board Member noted an increase in graffiti, and asked if there is any mechanism to deal with this vandalism. Councillor Fleury indicated that cleaning up / painting is normally done when the weather warms up, exemptions are provided until then.

A Board member asked the Councillor whether he would be supportive for a proposal to make Somerset a more attractive street, with bike lanes and other improvements. The Councillor indicated that he would be but that the City has priorities that we need to keep in mind. When underground pipes need to be renewed, this triggers surface work.

A Board Member informed the Counsellor that the pub la Maison is not respecting some of its conditions to operate such as: no doorman, illegal parking, and patio closing hours. The Counsellor asked to receive a list of previous complaints to investigate what the City has done. The follow-up has to be ongoing throughout the year to build a case.

An update on the rental house registry initiative by Councillor Chiarelli was requested. The Councillor indicated that he will follow up to see what happened with this study.

**06 Community Relations/Rapports avec la collectivité
(Item 8 was moved to item 6 to accommodate Geri Blinick)**

-Block Representatives General Update (Camille)

Camille was not available for the meeting tonight. The concern she had sent in to be discussed was La Maison, treated above.

-Sandy Hill Playground Development Account (Geri Blinick)

Several years ago the Sandy Hill Community Health Centre collaborated (SHCHC) with ASH on renewing the playground in Sandy Hill Community Centre Park. Some funds remain, the account has a balance of \$6,805. The SHCHC would like ASH to

**Action
Suneeta to
work with
Geri and**

make a plan in cooperation with the Councillor and the City on how to spend these funds. The guideline is that the money must be spent on playground enhancement in the Sandy Hill Park. People in the community who helped raised the money should also be consulted.

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a proposal**

07 Treasurer's Report / Rapport de la trésorière

-Financial / Bank Update (Pat)

Figures were circulated ahead of the meeting. The money in our accounts is as follows:

Cheque and savings account: \$23,872.66

Save Sandy Hill account: \$9,831.34

The TD Bank still needs some information from Marc, Sally, Denis and Eric for setting the new account.

**Action
Marc, Sally
Denis, Eric**

08 Committee Reports / Rapports des comités

08.a Communications, Membership and Fundraising/ Communication, membres et levée de fonds (Denis)

Information

We have 370 members in our membership, including 120 members membership expired in December 2014 and 13 not renewed from December 2013. Therefore, the total number of current members is closer to 250. All those members who expired in 2014 and 2013, will be contacted by email in the near future for membership renewal before the AGM of May 14.

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)

- 222 Stewart is scheduled to go to the OMB in July, Larry will represent the community. ASH is working with Larry to prepare arguments.
- 202 Henderson; the hearing in Provincial Court is scheduled for April 16th. No new information.
- Infill 2 is delayed again. Some of the recent proposed changes are going against what ASH has been trying to achieve, principally with respect to rear yard set backs.
- Local Shops Study: all members of the community are encouraged to read the document and to provide their

- comments. The proposed commercial designations on Somerset represent significant increase to what is currently in place. ASH has already sent in comments, principally saying that we would prefer to treat this question in the context of our Secondary Plan review.
- The small heritage house at 59 Russell: the house is being saved but concerns exist with the design. ASH sent a letter expressing these concerns.
- Uptown Rideau CDP: this Wednesday meeting is rescheduled to mid-April. There will be a Planning Primer session on April 30th.
- Trinity: nothing new, the file is on hold.

08.c By-laws and Environment/Arrêtés municipaux et environnement (Sally)

-General Update (Sally)

- Mathieu Fleury already made mention of the last Town & Gown meeting and Sally's notes from the meeting were distributed to the Board.
- Sally has volunteered to attend the provincial meeting of all Town & Gown-like bodies in Mississauga on May 11-12.
- There will be a Canada-wide 'cigarette pick-up blitz' on May 2. The butts will be recycled. It was suggested to use the posters designed by Claire MacDonald and include them in the package distributed to students in September.
- Nathaniel and Sally will discuss the situation around the distribution of recycling bins in the neighborhood.
- The question was raised as to whether dogs on leash should be allowed in Strathcona Park from the new bridge southwards, especially as the bridge will join Strathcona to the dog-friendly other side. Is this a means to discourage the Canada geese as well?
- The Committee is hoping to have a strategy meeting to discuss garbage solutions, the garbage situation in the neighborhood has deteriorated.

**Action
Sally**

-Town & Gown Debrief / Letter to the UofO by David Collister

- ASH has not received the letter yet.

08.d Governance Working Group (Yves)

-General Update

At the last Board Meeting, we agreed in principle that the Board of Directors should be able to take decision by electronic means. We adopted the following motion: 'for Yves to come to the next board meeting with a proposed bylaw wording change to enable to board to make motions, discuss, and vote by electronic means.'

The wording is as follows: 'Decisions of the Board can be taken by electronic means, including by e-mail.'

The proposition was moved by Yves and seconded by Marc, all were in favour (carried).

Decision

As mentioned last month, should the ASH Executive have the discretion to spend up to a certain amount maybe \$500?

Motion

Yves proposed and Bob seconded that the ASH Bylaw be changed so that the ASH Executive can approve up to \$500 expenses per request when time constraints mean that a request cannot be brought to the Board meeting.

One voted against, all others were in favour.

Decision

08.e Engagement with UofO (Bob)

-Town &Gown

- Thanks to members who attended the last meeting. We are still struggling with bad landlords in Sandy Hill. It is a challenge to engage them, there are no improvements yet.
- Nathaniel indicated that Mathieu's office has had successful one-on-one meetings with landlords and these meetings have generated some improvements.

UofO Master Plan

- A very good presentation was given by George Dark with lots of positive elements. Much of the growth is to occur along the transit way. However, there is no acknowledgement from the University to partner with Sandy Hill. Our biggest concern is about the demolishing of old buildings with heritage value on King Edward south of Laurier.
- ASH will draft a letter with emphasis on the following:
 - More beds on campus
 - King Edward should not be widened
 - Some of the buildings should be protected in some way
 - Henderson is at risk

**Action
Bob**

Susan Young reported on the Community Association Forum for Environmental Sustainability (CAFES) meeting she attended on behalf of ASH. The meeting focused on trees and climate change; three levels of government were present, and about 15 community associations. One outcome is that CAFES is asking community associations to endorse two letters to be send to Council with respect to targeting Term of Council funding to: complete the Urban Forest Management Plan, and undertake the commitments in the City's Climate Change and Air Quality Plan.

Through Tree Ottawa, the ASH Tree Group was invited (along with other community groups) to take away trees and plants from the demonstration garden at the Home & Garden Show. The Group got five trees and a number of bushes and plants, which it will be planting in public/community spaces over the course of 2015.

10 Future Meetings / Prochaines réunions

-The next Board Meeting will be held on April 27, 2015.

11 Adjournment / Fin de la session

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.
