



**Board Committee Meeting
Réunion du Conseil**

Monday, May 26, 2014 Lundi le 26 mai 2014
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM 18h00 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, Suneeta Millington, Chad Rollins, Sally Southey, Marc Tremblay, John Verbaas

Regrets/Absents:

Brian Murphy, Jeremy Silburt

#	Item / Sujet	
In Camera/ Huis clos	<p>The first hour of the meeting was held in camera. The Board discussed ASH priorities for 2014-2015; the appointment of a new treasurer; and the application of the new conflict of interest (COI) policy.</p> <p>Brian and Jeremy have yet to submit their COI form.</p> <p>Chad will summarize the discussion on priorities for circulation to the Board in preparation for the ASH retreat.</p>	<p>Action Brian, Jeremy</p> <p>Action Chad</p>
01	<p>Welcome/Bienvenue</p> <p>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.</p>	
02	<p>Review and Approval of Agenda/Lecture et adoption de l'ordre du jour</p> <p>Christopher Collmorgen proposed to add 'Board Transition' to be discussed under Committee Reports. The proposition was moved by</p>	<p>Decision</p>

Bob and seconded by Camille to approve the agenda with the one amendment proposed by Christopher (carried).

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

Christopher moved and Denis seconded that the minutes of the April meeting be approved (carried). **Decision**

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

First, Mathieu Fleury provided an update on construction and a bus stop around Rideau and Nicholas having an impact on the accessibility to the market. The City is in discussion with OC Transpo to ease the situation.

Second, as requested during the ASH AGM, Mathieu provided an update on trees. According to the City's records (Forestry Services), over all in the general Sandy Hill area the City has removed 130 trees, including Ash, in more natural areas and planted 157 since 2012.

Q: Is there a list of where trees have been planted and if so can it be provided? **2 action items for Mathieu**

Q: What is the City's official policy on replacing trees that have been cut? Is it one for one? Or a maximum of one new tree per property?

Third, Mathieu indicated that in the first quarter of this year (Jan. to Mar.) there was a 30% reduction in noise complaints for SH compared to last year. SH is a zero tolerance zone. For every 311 call about noise, a service request is generated and an officer sent to the location of the noise. Approximately 25% of the service requests for noise result in an infraction ticket. Quite often, the officers get to the property and there is no noise.

Last, Mathieu explained that the sidewalk/street construction on Laurier in front of Tabaret Hall is for a new system that will help grow grass on the surface and collect water underneath.

05 Questions from the Floor/Questions du public Information

Q : One resident complained about the noise from the Cali taco bar on Somerset. The noise is particularly bad at late night when customers go out to smoke and get into loud conversations.

A : We can enforce that doors and windows remain closed. In general the City struggles with noise at the time of bar closing. You have to catch the people walking out and making noise.

Q : A resident mentioned sidewalk construction at the corner of Cobourg / Besserer with trees have a X on them.
A : Mathieu indicated that a review is ongoing to examine if all these trees have to be cut or whether some can be saved.

**Action
Mathieu**

Mathieu gave a guarantee that no tree be cut until ASH is given the opportunity to see the study and its recommendations.

Action Mat

Q : A resident indicated that machinery for the construction on Rideau often starts moving around 6:15, and asked what time is construction officially supposed to begin in the morning?
A : 7:00 AM, Mathieu took note.

**Action
Mathieu**

Q : A resident raised some concerns regarding a three unit turning into a four storey building on Stewart behind Francojeunesse, and asked Mathieu what the consequences are for developers when they don't respect their initial plan. This example generated more comments about due process and the perception that City officials assist developers in circumventing the system.
A : Mathieu suggested organizing a meeting with key City planning members for ASH to bring examples to the table and raise their concerns.

**Action
Mathieu**

Q : An update on 560 Rideau was requested.
A : No news, Mathieu will follow up.

Q : An update on 400 Stewart was requested.
A : There is no application, it has not been re-submitted. There is no next step at this point.

Q : A resident requested an updated on the maintenance of the splash pad park.
A : The clean up of all the parks was done in late April. Any capital items like fences or garbage cans will follow shortly.

06

Treasurer's Report

Information

-Nomination of a new Treasurer
Chad indicated that during the in-camera meeting the Board had dealt with the election of our executive and Pat Archer was nominated as the new Treasurer.

Decision

Bob will continue as VP and Eric will continue as Secretary. Suneeta is considering taking the second VP position.

Regarding the Save Sandy Hill Fund, 73 people have donated for a total of \$22,483.80. There are unpaid expenses such as the food provided by Hill Top for the square dance. Once this amount is paid,

we should have \$23,712.08

François Bregha will lead the OMB Hearing Preparatory Committee. Our active fundraising activities are on hold for now, this committee will work on developing a strategy. Once we have a better idea as to how much money we need and for exactly what purpose we will re-assess our need for fundraising.

07

Community Relations/Rapports avec la collectivité

Information

-A) Uptown Rideau Community Design Plan (Melanie Knight)

Melanie Knight, Planner Community Planning and Urban Design, with the City of Ottawa provided a twenty minutes presentation on the Uptown Rideau Community Design Plan review. Her group's expertise is based on 31 CDPs completed since 2003. Melanie explained the differences between Secondary Planning and a Community Design Plan (CDP). The Secondary Plan being the overall master plan while the CDP is a tool to implement the policies from the Secondary Plan at the neighbourhood level. Melanie highlighted the main findings of the Uptown Rideau CDP that was completed in 2005 and the highlights of the current CDP review. A paper copy of the full presentation is available. Her presentation was followed by a short Q&A session:

Q: Are you planning a new Secondary Plan just for this Rideau?

A: Yes there will probably be a new Uptown Secondary Plan. As a result, there is one small geographic area of the SH Secondary Plan that will be taken out to be included in the Rideau Secondary Plan.

Q: How will the boundaries be decided?

A: The boundary will need to be discussed, it is too early to say exactly where the line will be.

Q: How will you balance the different needs/requests between the developers and the community?

A: At the end of the day, it will probably an in-between solution, not everybody will be happy. We have to be guided by the Official Plan. The order is to complete the CDP first and then we will work on the Secondary Plan, always in line with the Official Plan. The discussions are not going to be all about heights.

-B) Block Representative Update (Cathy Major)

Cathy indicated that 32 people are currently signed-up as Block Reps. The advertisement in Image appears to have convinced a few more people to sign-up. There is a page on the ASH website dedicated to the Block Reps where more information can be found.

The next meeting is scheduled in June, the exact date is to be confirmed shortly.

The Bloc Reps raised the following at their last meeting: clarity on the City's policy regarding the replacement of trees; noise at the corner of Chapel and Templeton; the development at 672 Chapel; the September SH Yard Sale, Block Reps will be happy to assist the organizers.

-C) Closure of Lees Avenue (Evelyn Danilko, Light Rail Office, City of Ottawa)

Evelyn Danilko provided an overview of the 417 Highway expansion and how the construction is affecting noise and traffic in the neighbourhood. The noise wall between Hurdman Road and the 417 will be removed in the coming days and replaced in the Fall 2014. The Lees Avenue underpass will be removed over the weekend of June 21 and a new structure will be installed approximately 12 weeks later. Lees Avenue, between Chapel Crescent and the 417 will be closed to all traffic starting June 14th for 13 weeks. The 417 will be closed for 17 hours starting June 21, at 6:00 p.m. until June 22 11:00 a.m. Then it will reopen with a single lane in both directions for approximately 24 hours. All details are available on the City's website (Ottawa Nav).

-D) June 8, 1-3 pm • Ottawa 2017 Ideas Forum (Chad)

This event will bring together leaders from Ottawa's arts and culture and business communities to discuss how each organization can contribute toward the offerings in 2017 (Canada's 150th anniversary) or attract conventions and events to Ottawa. Residents are welcome to attend from 1-3 p.m. at Council Chambers, City Hall, 110 Laurier Avenue West. Suneeta and Yves have agreed to attend this event. Some Block reps may also attend.

**Action
Yves &
Suneeta**

- E) Invitation for ASH to participate in the Sandy Hill Spring Fair

Date: Saturday June 7th, 2014

Time: 10 am - 3pm (set up 8.00am, take-down till 4.00pm)

Location: Bettye Hyde Cooperative Nursery School, 43 Blackburn Ave. Tables will be set up outside, rain or shine (this year you will have to provide your own tables, chairs, shelters).

Bob, Eric and Camille have volunteered to attend on behalf of ASH.

**Action
Bob,
Camille &
Eric**

-F) ASH's Participation at the All Candidates' Debate – Provincial Elections, organized by the SH Community Health Centre on June 4th.

No Board Member is available to attend, ASH will do a call to its Block Reps.

Action Bob

-G) Public art component of the new pedestrian bridge (Eiko Emori) Eiko indicated that the jury will be made up of 5 jurors and one of them is to come from Sandy Hill. We have until Aug 9th for submitting candidates for the position of juror. ASH will seek candidates via its website.

Action Bob

08 ***Committee reports / rapports des comités***

08.a Board Transition (Christopher Collmorgen)

Information

Christopher suggested that all Board Members from the previous Board provide a list of the main files they worked on as a reference tool to ease the transition for the new Board Members.

**Action all
previous
Board
members**

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

-Membership update (Eric)
Including the AGM and the month prior to the AGM, we have received approximately 60 new memberships. We now have 357 members in total.

08.c 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)

No update as we have had no recent meeting. By now you have heard the announcement about the new student resident on Rideau street. ASH is not opposed to the new student residence but we are concerned about having lost a second senior's home in SH.

-Planning Committee Update (Chad)

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Mat Genest and Chad met to discuss the demolition of the Dworking house on Rideau. The demolition of commercial buildings does not require notification to the public contrary to residential demolition. However, due process and transparency issue remains.

Chad noted that Councillor Chiarelli is trying to do something about student housing, he appears to favour the Oshawa approach to the problem and does not appear to be interested in city-wide effort that would include Sandy Hill. This is a topic for further discussion at the ASH retreat.

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

Information

-Two students to be hired by the City this summer to patrol SH and Centretown. They will be looking for garbage, noise and other by-law infractions. This is a positive step.

-Diane Beckett and Suneeta have been getting advice from Ecology Ottawa regarding a grant application for the Canon Take Root Program funding which can provide up to \$5,000 for community tree-planting events.

-Suneeta provided an update on the Paint the Street project, which is organized in cooperation with the Lowertown Community Association and headed by a teacher at De La Salle.

- 10 Future Meetings / Prochaines réunions**
-Next Board Meeting would normally be June 30, 2014. However, this is a Monday and the Tuesday is the July 1st Canada Day holiday. Therefore, the Board decided to move the next Board Meeting to June 23rd, 2014. **Decision**
- No date is set for the Annual ASH Board Retreat in July? This will be discussed by email. **Action Chad**
- 11 Adjournment / Fin de la session**
Bob brought a motion to adjourn the meeting at 09:32, seconded by Pat. **Decision**
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