



Meeting of the Board of Directors

Monday, October 26, 2015 Lundi le 26 octobre 2015

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM 19h00 à 21h00

Sandy Hill Community Centre Centre communautaire Côte-de-Sable

Réunion du Conseil

Minutes / Procès verbal

DRAFT AGENDA

1. Welcome & Introductions 19h00

Chad welcomed participants to the meeting. Participants introduced themselves.

Present: Chad Rollins; Judith Rinfret; Jeremy Silburt; Sally Southey; Ian Anderson; Pat Archer; Denis Forget; Willow Scobie; Benoit Belisle; Susan Young; John Verbaas.

Non-board members: Julia Riddle (block rep); Mr. Rock from Blackburn Ave.; Councillor Mathieu Fleury; Mat Genest (Councillor Fleury's office); Thomas Ducellier; Marilyn Whitaker.

Regrets: Bob Forbes; Marc Tremblay.

Decision

2. Review & Approval of Agenda 19h05

Chad added to agenda the following items: One and Only Craft Fair; Winter Carnival; Ward council meeting; Mayor's community leaders' breakfast; ASH Holiday Party; CAFES letter.

Ben moved, Pat seconddd amended agenda. Passed unanimously.



Decision

3. Review & Approval of Minutes of previous meeting 19h08

Susan moves to adopt minutes of September 28, 2015 meeting, Denis seconds. Passed unanimously.

Decision

Motion from Sally: instead of approving minutes of the special Board meeting of September 16, 2015, instead only note decisions taken. Jeremy asked about the purpose of the motion. Sally explained it would take too long to work through changes to capture subtleties.

Judy moved, Sally seconded. Passed.

Decision

4. Councillor's Report and Questions from the floor – Mathieu Fleury 19h10

Trees at the Sandringham development: Up to 20 trees affected. Not all to be cut. All trees cut will result in 2 trees being replaced. Chad asked about types of trees that could be brought in. Mathieu didn't know.

Susan asked about whether grey water would enter river. Mathieu clarified that only storm water would go into river. Mathieu said that proper permits for removing trees would be obtained. Susan is working on getting compensation trees earlier in the process. Mathieu noted the need for the city to be more transparent about how the city deals with trees, and the timing and manner of the city's communication.

Budget Speak session: in partnership with Rideau-Rockcliff ward. Moderated by Citizen's Academy. Mathieu will share the report once it's ready. Mathieu noted potential 1 and 2.7% tax increases depending on future levels of service (2.7% would maintain the current level of service). Mathieu said the city is looking for ways to optimize expenditures, and break down decisions to make them more transparent.



John asked about whether the city could demonstrate tax revenue by Ward. A conversation ensued over taxes, services, and burden-sharing.

Mathieu congratulated 373 Laurier residents, including Leanne Moussa, on the mural related to Prime Ministers' Row.

100 Goulburn: Officially it's an apartment, but there are concerns over whether it's a rooming house. An investigation has started, including with By-Law.

Pedestrian Bridge: It will open Spring 2016. The railing needs to be finalized, as they're not permanent. Light fixtures and deck work required, in addition to public art.

Fitness equipment consultation: Generally positive views shared about outdoor fitness gym, similar to Mooney's bay and Stanley Park. Submissions will be revised and Mathieu will get back to ASH. The cost is about \$50k, which are funds designated "cash in lieu of park land" from various pots of money. Asked by Susan about how this idea came to be (and why a visioning exercise hadn't been done before), Mathieu explained that a visioning process can cost up to \$1 million and that there was widespread support for the outdoor exercise equipment. Mathieu is working on finding funds for the visioning. He has been approached by PM Row on creating a vision for Strathcona Park as well.

Metro site plan: Through the site plan, there are issues with the east side of the property. Mathieu flagged that as a big issue, along with the façade on George street. Chad noted problems with the process: developers didn't ask for comments thoroughly.

Mathieu briefed ASH on transit routes and detours. The entire bridge needs to be replaced over the coming summer months. Strathcona Heights residents along Lees will no longer have a station at Leeds. A support route (85) will be brought in to bring residents from campus station towards Lees avenue. There will be no stations at Lees due to Hurdman bridge rehabilitation. There will be no platform at Lees starting in April. 85 will be the fix. Major changes are coming to the transitway.

Sally on noise bylaws and police: "Are policy following zero tolerance?" Mathieu says Police doesn't report to him and that they're hard to reach. Mathieu has written a letter to the police chief and local inspector. He will write to them again. Sally noted that fines should be proportionate and that both bylaw and police should hand out fines. Mathieu explained that usually the City's Bylaw Services handles calls – only



gap is when bylaw can't handle some calls and police don't show up. Sally asked for a follow up next month. Mathieu will write a formal letter and will share the response. Mathieu explained the fining process.

Susan asked about whether Mathew Genest has the agenda for the Town and Gown meeting. He does. She also asked about other infrastructure related to biking.

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5. Special Items 19h30

a. Halloween Haunted House

Chad: in the past we've donated \$100, and have increased it to \$150 in recent.

Pat moves, Jeremy seconds that we donate \$150 again. Passed unanimously.

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b. One and Only Craft Fair:

A discussion of past budgets took place.

c. Winter Carnival:

Proposal received by Board for \$1,500, which is \$300 more than last year.

Chad discussed the positive aspects of supporting this type of community activity. Denis moved to support the budget as proposed. Ben seconded, all approved.

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6. Block Representatives Report – Susan Young 19h45

Susan had circulated the report earlier. Susan suggested inviting the Block Reps to the ASH Christmas party and to support this through extra funds from the budget.

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7. Executive Committee Report (if applicable) – Chad Rollins 19h55

a. Ward council meeting



Chad met with the other community association (CA) presidents and Mathieu in October. All three communities would like to see bike lanes along Somerset to connect the pedestrian bridges. Rideau-Montreal Road corridor development and links with other plans. Chad will circulate minutes.

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b. Mayor's community leaders' breakfast

Chad: the mayor had asked councillors to convene community leaders. Concerns shared over planning, bylaw, and other common issues. The mayor said our Ward has received a lot of attention with focus on the Rideau Centre, Arts Court, Byward Market. Chad argued those pieces aren't connected. Chad pushed the Rideau-Waller truck issue, and said there had been enough studies. Mayor agreed on the need for action. Chad also raised the disparate pieces of the housing issue (affordability, student housing, etc.). Chad will circulate notes later. Chad will also follow up on his letter (about bylaw enforcement and David Collister's issues) to the mayor from two months ago

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c. ASH Holiday party

Chad: Susan's suggestion to add Block Reps is a good one. Chad will send out a Doodle to pick a date. In the past, invitations went to the Board, local representatives, and volunteers.

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d. CAFES letter

Chad: letter was circulated regarding Community Association Forum. ASH will send a letter in support of the Complete Streets initiative.

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8. Treasurer's Report – Pat Archer

20h00



Pat provided this report following the meeting, as her turn was missed during the meeting:

Chequing acct	14,870.85
SSH acct	9,832.58
Homestead	10,000.00

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9. Committee Reports

20h05

a. By-law Enforcement – Sally Southey

Sally: getting some response from bylaw officers, specially the solid waste people. Claire took the lead in sending a list of addresses of non-compliant addresses. Sally will send a more detailed letter regarding a total of 80 addresses. City planners need to account for garbage concerns. Sally's impression is that bylaw officers have been responsive. She asked Matt Genest for statistics on recent blitzes. Pat asked about how to get cars out of blocked laneways. Matt Genest recommended 311.

Rooming house issue – Susan: Susan circulated a report earlier. 533 Chapel has been inspected and 9 issues were found. Chad mentioned that registered rooming houses result in more tax income for the city.

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b. Communications & Membership – Jeremy Silburt & Denis Forget

Sally noted that she was approached by someone (while canvassing for signatures) who donated \$100 to ASH.

Denis: 4 new members. Plus a new member willing to organize events.

Francine told Denis she would like to work on bylaw issues. Denis shared her contact info with Sally.

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c. Engagement with the University of Ottawa – Bob Forbes

Bob had sent his regrets, so no report was given.



d. Governance – Marc Tremblay

Marc had sent his regrets, so no report was given.

e. Heritage – Benoit Belisle & Brian Murphy

Ben: met with Judy on 62 Sweetland. Nothing of concern there. 190 Laurier and properties on King Edward. Looked over comments and suggestions from city and agreed with all of them. Ben asked for suggestions about anything that we notice (permits going up on heritage properties, for example). Chad noted email from Liz Mackenzie from Lowertown Community Association. She's been doing research on heritage properties on Rideau related to the Community Development Plan. Chad will connect her with Benoit.

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f. Planning & Transportation – Judith Rinfret & John Verbaas

Judy has circulated the planning report for October and this is attached. 66 Stewart: city distributed an affidavit claiming “non-conforming right” to a parking lot.. There is debate over whether this is the case but unlikely that anyone will offer a counter affidavit as the owner may instead develop his rear yard as two apartment blocks. ASH has been given an extended deadline for this file.

Judy suggested asking for a planning ambassador (as is the case for developers) during the meeting with the mayor.

Judy has circulated to her committee the “coach house” proposal and noted concerns about privacy and light issues that could arise.

John: province has changed highway traffic act. You can now put pedestrian crossings more easily, and there are 3-4 types. Ottawa is committing to install light type (without much infrastructure). The process for determining how they'll be distributed in the city is unclear. John has spoken with Mathieu's office to suggest locations. The mayor has committed to putting money in the budget each year for traffic calming measures. John is seeking direction on how we suggest locations, so ASH can ask Mathieu to push for those



locations. John also mentioned that Mathieu use his two digital signs that display speed. John will coordinate with Mathieu's office. Prices for seasonal on-street parking passes are going up. John also asked about how many of these passes are bought each year. In the busiest of 4 zones, 50% of passes are bought each year. City is doing a study on zoning bylaw to reduce requirements on businesses about how much parking they must provide. Initial proposal is to not change the status quo significantly. Buildings above 4 stories won't see rule changes. This might lead to more low-rise apartment buildings being built. John discussed other potential changes. Judith believes the city should provide maximum parking limits, as the status quo assists larger shopping malls. Matt Genest discussed upcoming changes to corner at Rideau and Waller that will prevent large trucks from mounting the curb will turning.

Thomas Dusellier asked about a mid-block crossing from Laurier to Strathcona Park.

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10. Next Meeting	20h59
a. Monday November 30, 2015	
Meeting Adjourned	21h00

ASH Planning Committee Report October 2015

URCDP - meeting was held on September 22 at DeLaSalle School, an unfortunate location (school bells and announcements every 10 minutes). Good turnout with fairly concerned and vocal residents and large presence from city staff.

Petition and comments were available and Sally has since continued to acquire signatures. With the help of Jan Finlay there will soon be a good record of those who sign.



Chad submitted a letter from ASH (circulated earlier) and several of us made comments aside from that.

66 Stewart - city circulated notice of request to establish non conforming rights as owner is using yard as a commercial parking lot. The owner has submitted an affidavit to establish on going rights (since at least 1965 - before the Comprehensive Zoning by law for Ottawa) to non accessory parking on the property. Residents may offer counter evidence but It appears that is unlikely. The planner, Mitchell LeSage, explains that even if the use were not ongoing, the intent could have been and, as long as the area was not used otherwise in the last 50 years, the owner may rent parking spaces on this property. LeSage has looked at aerial photos and a heritage study which all show gravel or pavement in the rear yard.

Planning committee mandate - sent separately

238 Besserer - corner King Edward - sign by law variance application to allow internally illuminated signs at both corners. ASH letter has been submitted opposing. Planning committee was consulted and, with one exception, agreed to opposition as expressed in the letter.

Parking Minima Study - John will report

245 Rideau - followed up after John reported having seen a revised site plan on the city's website during the summer, though there is no development application now for that site (Metro near corner of King Edward on the north side). Both Lowertown and ASH had written letters outlining objections to the original site plan in 2013.

Contacted planner on file who said the revised (2015) site plan submitted by Fotenn had been approved and includes three towers - a hotel, a student residence and another tower, all on a two storey podium. Chad, on behalf of ASH, has written a letter expressing concern and frustration that there was no notice whatever to community associations or presumably to anyone who had raised issues with the original proposal. Neither Lowertown nor ASH were given any opportunity to view or respond to the revision, nor does it appear the original concerns were considered.

Planning ambassador - we (all community organizations) need a planning ambassador just like the developers enjoy. This issue should be raised during budget discussions at city hall.



Coach houses - sent link to planning committee members for their own views and submitted mine stating basically that such might be appropriate depending on the light and privacy of immediate neighbours and provided they could never be severed from the original property.

Instant patios - seem to have merited little discussion but concern is that they not ever interfere with bike lanes or sidewalks.

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