



## Minutes of the ASH Board of Directors

June 26, 2017

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Present from the Board: Chad Rollins, Bob Forbes, Ralph Blaine, Pat Archer, Larry Newman, Susan Young, Guillaume Vincent. John Verbaas sent regrets. Constable Sebastian Lemay from the Ottawa Police and Emeline from Councilor Fleury's office were also present. Councilor Fleury joined the meeting later.

### **1 Introductions were made**

### **2 Review and Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was accepted as amended on a motion from Bob/Guillaume

### **3 Approval of The minutes of**

The minutes of May 29, 2017 were approved as circulated on a motion from Larry/Pat

### **4. Councilor's Report**

Constable LeMay gave a report on some crime statistics comparing May 2016 to May 2017. He noted that there was a decrease in the number of break and enter crimes comparing these two months and that traffic complaints were down by 50%. Susan asked about getting statistics over 5 and 10 year periods and Constable LeMay noted that these statistics were available on line from the ONF survey. There was some discussion concerning the arson attacks in Vanier. Trina reported a fire that had been set recently near Dutchy's Hole. Constable LeMay also noted that police have a suspect in several break and enters in the area who seems to target addresses with unlocked doors. He suggested ASH alert the community to this risk.

Constable Le May also reported that the police had confiscated a knife from a man who had been seen cutting trees in Strathcona Park. In the May to June time period there was shooting on Chapel Crescent, a stabbing near 500 King Edward and a mischief charge near the school on Mann Ave.

(The rest of the Councilors report was postponed until the arrival of the Councilor.

### **5. Reports and Updates**

#### **a Block Representatives Report (Jan)**

Jan was not present. Susan reported that we need someone to hand out the new calling cards to the Block Reps. She noted that she was not able to get a list of the current Block Reps. Susan had circulated a draft letter to be sent out to Block Reps and it was agreed that Bob would send out this letter.



Pat said she needed help with the July 1<sup>st</sup> picnic and Ralph suggested that the new membership volunteer list be used to contact people who might lend a hand.

#### **b Executive Report**

The Executive Committee had not met since the May Board meeting.

#### **c Treasurer's Report**

Pat reported the following:	Checking Account	\$14,860
	Save Sandy Hill	\$ 3,972
	Homestead	\$26,473
	Total	\$45,306

#### **d Committee Reports**

##### **i By Law enforcement**

Larry reported that there has not been much progress in this area, although he did hand out ASH Bylaw Warning notices to about a dozen addresses and seven out of 10 are now compliant. Emeline agreed to have this notification text translated into French. Larry reported on the meeting of June 13<sup>th</sup> where members of ASH and city staff made a tour of some of the problem areas in the neighbourhood. He was certain that as a result of the tour all parties were clearly aware of the problems and the need to take action to solve them. He noted that the summer student taken on by by-law will be working on problems of graffiti and long grass. Everyone felt there were more important areas to have this person working on.

Larry also underlined the fact that the by-law officer assigned to Sandy Hill full time can only devote about 5% of his time to solid waste and related issues due to other priorities that he must attend to. There is going to be a review of bylaw services conducted by a private company and this review will involve public consultation. Trina asked if we could ask about resetting the existing priorities within the bylaw mandate. Emeline reported that there is an internal set of priorities and she agreed to report back and inform us as to what these internal priorities are.

##### **ii. Communications and Membership**

Ralph noted that he had recently prepared a list of all ASH members who had indicated a desire to participate in ASH activities when they joined ASH. Previously this information was not available to individual Board members. This list has been circulated to all Board members and Ralph hoped that the chairs of all committees and the organizers of our regular activities could contact these people for help. Bob agreed to devise a system for keeping track of those on this list who have been contacted.



Ralph also agreed to call the next meeting of the membership committee to deal with issues raised at the Retreat and the idea of mounting a Canada 150 publicity campaign.

Pat gave the following report concerning the amount of income ASH received from membership dues alone:

2014	\$1260
2015	\$ 857
2016	\$1047
2017	\$1518

It was agreed that these figures could be analyzed more closely at the Membership Committee.

[At this point Councilor Fleury joined the meeting and we reverted to Councilor's report - #4)

#### **4. Councilor's Report**

Mathieu welcomed the new Board members and noted that there is a need to meet over the summer to prepare for the R4 review. He said he would get back to us on the meeting between senior city staff and ASH that ASH had proposed. It was made clear that ASH wants to be involved in the on-going discussions concerning the R4 review and not just brought in at the end to add our comments. Mathieu reported that staff has been asked to review best practices in force in other university communities in Ontario. He also said that a consultant has been hired to work with staff and the communities in the R4 review process.

On another front, Mathieu reported that the Rooming House review is also in progress.

Mathieu reported that he has meet with a few residents on Range Road concerning the re-design of the street in conjunction with the coming work that will be done on this street. He now plans to have a follow up meeting with a larger number of the residents. Work is scheduled to start in 2019.

On the Town and Gown front Mathieu reported that in July they intend to deal with the problem of poor landlords. They are also planning their annual walkabout which will include about 200 student residence properties. The walkabout is scheduled for Sept 12<sup>th</sup> and Mathieu asked that ASH make suggestions about what should be included in the notice that is distributed on this day.

Mathieu also reported that the City is opening up the waste by-law provisions for all areas of the city to make suggestions. There will be a meeting on July 10 for this purpose.

Mathieu brought up the violence that occurred the previous night on Rideau St. and said no details were yet known of this incident. The Post Incident Protocol will be put into motion and Mathieu emphasized the importance of an ASH representative on this committee. There was some discussion about who this representative might be and a great deal of discussion about



ways in which the violence on Rideau street could be addressed. Constable LeMay said there was an on going investigation into this incident but the police did not feel there was any threat to the community.

[Trina left at this point]

Mathieu confirmed that there would be a full city team out patrolling on July 1. He also pointed out that Sandy Hill is the first community to get specific by-law provisions tailored to its situation. These provisions should be passed by Council by July 12 and be effective by August 25, 2017.

Mathieu said that he is looking into ways to pursue a heritage designation for the property at 70 Russell and said he felt the best way to fight developments like those proposed for this address, for the time being, was to fight for every possible delay.

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### iii. **Engagment with University of Ottawa.**

Bob has contacted the new VP of Student Affairs and will meet with him soon. Bob will also draft a letter to the President concerning our request for a meeting.

### iv. **Heritage/Planning**

Guillaume reported that the proposal to demolish the property owned by the Ugandan Embassy at 231 Coburg was now open for comments from the public. ASH is still pursuing a Heritage appeal on this case.

v. **Transportation** – there was nothing new to report.

## 6. **Old Business**

a. **Canada 150 Events** – the picnic had already been discussed.

### b. **Montfort fundraising**

Chad reported that no volunteers had come forward to join this effort and asked that an appeal for volunteers be put into the next bulletin to members.

c. **R4 Reivew** – This topic had been dealt with in previous items of the Agenda.

### d. **594/560 Rideau – ASH role in negotiations**

Chad reported that negotiations between ASH and the neighbours of these developments to decide the terms of the ASH role in eventual negotiations with the developer had broken down



because 2 of the neighbours adjacent to the 594 Rideau development decided not to join with the other 8 in the proposed negotiations with the developer.

#### **e. Conflict of Interest**

Ralph presented the motion below as a notice of motion to be voted upon at a future meeting:

**Resolution;** That at the first meeting of the ASH Board immediately following the AGM an *in camera* session be held at the start of the meeting during which the outgoing Secretary, or in his/her absence the President, will read all previous decisions of the Board concerning conflict of interest deliberations arising out of Part I or Part III of the Action Sandy Hill Conflict of Interest Policy which pertain to current members of the Board.

He also sent out a note explaining the rationale for this motion.

### **7. New Business**

#### **a. Resignation from the Board/ Call for Nominations**

**Motion 7.1 (06/17)** It was moved by Ralph and seconded by Pat :

That in order to fill the current vacancy on the ASH Board the following measures will be taken:

1. An email notice will be sent out on or before June 28, 2017 by the secretary to all members in good standing calling for nominations to fill the vacant director position. This notice will also be posted on the ASH website.
2. The deadline for receipt of nominations shall be August 16, 2017.
3. Nominations shall be sent to ASH at 250 Somerset East.
4. It shall be made clear that all members in good standing can nominate themselves for this position and that their nomination must include their name, address and telephone number and clearly state the office for which they are being nominated.
5. Members of the Board will be informed by the secretary no later than August 21, 2017 of all the nominations received.
6. The appointment to fill this vacancy will be made at the meeting of the Board to be held on August 28, 2017.

**Amendment to the motion** moved by Chad and seconded by Susan - that in #3 above the possibility of sending a nomination by email be added and that in #4 the words "the office for which they are being nominated" be changed to "They are being nominated for Director at Large".



The amendment was carried

The motion as amended was carried.

**b. Garage Sale**

Pat asked if the Board wanted to go ahead with this event this year. Chad suggested that it be held on the same day as the BBQ and get the University community involved in both activities. The next bulletin will contain an item on this event.

**c. Administrator Idea (see attached)**

Susan had previously circulated an idea for hiring an administrator for ASH to help out with the workload. It was suggested that this idea could be fleshed out at the next Executive meeting and then brought back to the Board.

**d. Canada 150 National Publicity (see attached proposal).**

It was agreed to address this proposal at the next Communications/Membership meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 PM