



Minutes of the ASH Board of Directors

May 29, 2017

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

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

The formal meeting of the Board was preceded by a 45 minute *in camera* session to familiarize new members with the by-laws etc, discuss committee membership and conflict of interest matters.

1a Introductions were made

1b. Election of Executive

Motion 1.1 (5/17): that for the year 2017-2018 two Vice Presidents be elected. (John/Larry) – Carried. (2 abstentions)

The following officers were elected by acclamation:

Vice Presidents :	Bob Forbes and Susan Young
Treasurer	Pat Archer
Secretary	Ralph Blaine

2 Review and Approval of Agenda

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

3 Approval of The minutes of

- March 27, 2017

These minutes were approved as amended on a motion from Jeremy/Pat

- April 22, 2017

These minutes were approved on a motion from Bob/Pat

4. Councilor's Report

Constable LeMay gave a report on some crime statistics comparing April 2016 to April 2017. Among other things he noted that there had been nearly twice as many traffic stops in



Sandy Hill this April compared to April 2016 (24). In April 2017 there were 427 calls to the police from Sandy Hill which led to 148 reports, 22 people were arrested and 16 charges were laid. He also noted that the number of Break and Enters had nearly doubled.

Emeline reported on the following items from the councilor's office:

a. R4 Review

She mentioned her preliminary comments on this issue and said she would be making a more detailed report soon. The R4 review team aim to go to council with their proposals by the end of the year and will have a clearer idea of their timeline by the end of the summer

b. Solid Waste by-law initiative

A meeting of the Community Protective Services Committee of the city will meet on June 15 in the Champlain Room of City Hall to consider Councilor Fleury's proposal for Sandy Hill specific by-laws for Solid Waste issues. Representatives of ASH are invited to attend this hearing. A report will be coming out one week prior to this hearing.

c. Inspiration Village (Canada 150) is now open in the Byward Market.

Comments:

Pat expressed concern that the signage concerning dogs in Strathcona Park was neither sufficient nor clear. Emeline said she would follow up on this.

Guillaume asked about the scope of R4 review and the extent of public consultation. Emeline said she would follow up with staff concerning opportunities for consultation and Chad said he has asked for clarification on the scope of this review.

Emeline also informed the Board about a recent Building Permit issued for 358 Somerset St.

(see attached for answers to Questions posed to the Councilor prior to the meeting)

5. Reports and Updates

a Block Representatives Report (Jan)

Jan was not present . Susan related a recent event in Strathcona Park where this network proved useful.

b Executive Report

These items will be covered under other points on the agenda



c Treasurer’s Report

Pat reported the following:	Checking Account	\$17,070
	Save Sandy Hill	\$ 3,972
	Homestead	\$26,473

d Committee Reports

i By Law enforcement

Larry went over some statistics (see attached) on bylaw enforcement. There has been no progress to date on cleaning up cases of illegal front yard parking and there are still 240 cases of unresolved garbage related complaints. There was some discussion about the reasons for the slow progress on these dossiers. Bob wondered if the by-law department is understaffed. Chad pointed out the need to have all by-law officers empowered to act on all by-law infractions – pointing out that a significant number of officers are limited to parking violations only. Emeline said she would get back to ASH on how this might be done.

Other members noted the importance of financial penalties in motivating stubborn offenders.

Larry noted that the ASH bylaw committee will be holding a meeting on these issues with City employees and our Councilor on June 13th at 4:30 PM at the Sandy Hill Community Centre. They will be focusing on the procedure for ticketing violators and how to move forward with the Priority List of Offenders ASH has identified. Bob suggested that we should adopt a written policy that cites exactly what ASH want to see in the City’s approach to solving these problems.

Larry circulated the final draft of the ASH notification of the ASH Bylaw warning letter. He noted that, to date, this notification has been delivered to twelve properties.

ii. Communications and Membership (see attached for supplementary report)

Bob reported on recent efforts since December 2016 to encourage residents whose memberships had expired to renew those memberships. He cited the importance of coming up with a strategy designed to increase our membership and encourage more renewals at the up-coming ASH Retreat. Chad mentioned several approaches to this issue that might be explored at the Retreat. Bob reported that the Special Membership Committee had not met since the last Board meeting but this committee plans to meet after the ASH Retreat.



iii. **Engagement with University of Ottawa**

Bob gave a report on the meeting of the Ontario Town and Gown meeting held in Ottawa at which he made a presentation which can be seen on the ASH website. The next meeting of the Ottawa Town and Gown will be held in mid-June. Pat has volunteered to join Bob as an ASH representative at this forum. Other Board members who might be interested would also be welcome.

Bob also mentioned that we would discuss at the Retreat the specific concerns and requests we would make to the President of the University in our meeting with him.

iv. **Heritage**

Chad reported that TC United has purchased the property at 70 Russell and intends to demolish the building and rebuild. ASH has determined that this building does not currently have a heritage designation. ASH has been invited to a meeting to discuss the plans for this property with the Councilor, developer, planner and heritage officials. Chad noted that ASH could ask for a heritage review of this property. Chad said he would contact neighbours and invite them to the above meeting. A call will also go out to Board members, etc. to attend the meeting.

v. **Transportation**

John reported that the closing of Cumberland street to car traffic between Wilbrod and Stewart for work on an access tunnel for the CSST (Combined Sewer and Storm Water Tunnel) has been confirmed. The street will be closed for one year. Provisions for bike and pedestrian will be made. There are plans for a public consultation on this project in the fall and the immediate neighbours will be informed by letter soon.

It was noted that the street closure could have been avoided if the University had allowed the access tunnel to be built on one of two proposed locations on their property but the University refused both requests.

vi. **Planning** (see written report attached)

Chad reported on three files

a. **560 Rideau**

The Board all received an email outlining this item. In short, the recent OMB hearing on this project left unclear who would have jurisdiction over the Site Plan proposals for this project. RichCraft has agreed to let the City have jurisdiction.

b. **OMB**



Chad noted that while the OMB is slated to be abolished it will still be in action until new legislation is passed. The provincial government intends to table the legislation on June 1st. Final passage of the bill could be as soon as the end of the year or as late as spring of 2018.

c. 594 Rideau

The history of this development project was reviewed as well as the current OMB appeal by the developer. The directors discussed the concerns of the nearby neighbours and how ASH might work with them to address their concerns.

d. 368 Chapel

The city has turned down a request for a minor variance to allow a 7 unit building on this property and the developer has appealed to the OMB. The hearing will be in October. The Board agreed to discuss possible strategies at the OMB appeal with the immediate neighbours.

6. Old Business

a. Canada 150

Chad reported that the original picnic proposal has fallen through but ASH is exploring some avenues for following through with this idea. Susan reported that the project to plant 150 trees is going well. Bob is working on getting some of Francois Brega's history projects onto the ASH website.

b. Follow-up to AGM Special Resolution

Motion 6.1 (5/17) That Chad's letter to Stephen Willis on this matter be approved and that it be circulated for final comments before being sent out. (Ralph/Larry) – Carried

c. Gazebo – This project will be revisited next spring.

7. New Business

a. ASH Retreat

It was agreed that this retreat would take place on June 19th between 6:00 PM and 9:00 PM at all Saints Church and that \$500 would be allocated for expenses. The suggested agenda will be circulated for comments.



b. Letter of Support for ACORN'S Landlord Licensing proposal

The Board agreed to send the letter drafted and circulated by Chad in support of this proposal.

c. Montfort Hospital Fundraising campaign

Chad reported that Montfort Hospital has asked ASH to participate in this effort and he appealed to the Board to let him know of anyone who might be interested in getting involved in this project.

d. Committee Chairs

The following Board members were confirmed as Committee Chairs at this time:

Trina and Guillaume as joint heads of a Planning/Heritage Committee

Larry as head of By-law Committee

John as head of Transportation Committee

Ralph as head of Communications and Membership

Susan noted that as the ASH liaison person for the Block Rep system it would be logical that she should sit on the Communications and Membership Committee and this met with general agreement.

Both Chad and Bob pointed out the need for more depth on our committees and encouraged the committees to seek participants among ASH members.

Since both Trina and Guillaume are new to the Board Bob asked what steps had been taken to ensure a measure of continuity on the Planning/Heritage Committee. Guillaume noted that they had met with Judy Rinfret to discuss current concerns and all the previous members except for Judy will continue to sit on this committee.

The next meeting of the Board will be on June 26, 2017

Meeting Adjourned at 9:04 PM



Question to Councilor – May 2017

Nos questions comme d'habitude. Merci de votre collaboration.

1. Sally Southey wrote a note to Mathieu exactly one month ago, asking for him to organize a meeting with Roger and his officers to deal with repeat offenders of Property Standards Bylaw 2013-0416. Could we arrange this meeting please.

We would be happy to coordinate a meeting with staff. We have proposed June 13th at 4:30, either as a walk about or at City Hall.

2. Consequences for Blackburn property from over-hardscaping at properties on Chapel St., ref message from Bryan Dewalt of May 4.

We have asked for staff to provide a response to Mr. Dewalt and CC ASH.

3. A large maple has been or will be cut down at 358 Somerset St., to allow for development. It was apparently greater than 50cm in diameter. Can you please confirm a permit was issued, and if any compensation has been asked for, in the form of additional trees being planted, etc.

Forestry Services is looking into the status of the permit and the tree at 358 Somerset.

4. What are the next steps for the R4 review?

Staff continue to work on the review and intend to bring it to Council by the end of the year.



Hi Susan,

Forestry Services have provided the following information regarding the tree at 358 Somerset.

We have received questions regarding this property but to date there have been no applications for removal of distinctive trees under the by-law. At this time Forestry staff does not have any information on any proposed development.

As discussed last night, Bob had also flagged this property, due to the work that was being done over the weekend. I have asked Building Code Services to look into the status of a permit. I will let you know when I hear anything.

Best Regards,

Emeline Sparks