



Minutes of the ASH Board of Directors

April 30, 2018

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Present from the Board: Chad Rollins, Ralph Blaine, Susan Young, Pat Archer, John Verbass, Larry Newman. Councilor Fleury, Mélanie from Councilor Fleury's office and Jeff Williams and Tyler Patterson from Bylaw services were also present. Scott Williams, Megan Reilkoff and Trina Cooper-Bolan and Bob Forbes sent regrets.

1. Introductions were made

2 Review and Approval of Agenda

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

3 Approval of The minutes

The minutes of March 26, 2018 were approved on a motion from Larry/John

4a. Combined Sewage/Storage Tunnel –

City representatives made a short report on this project and particularly on the preparations for the access hole that will be excavated near the corner of Cumberland and Wilbrod. This latter project will involve closing Cumberland Street to through automobile traffic for about one year but will remain open to pedestrian and bike traffic. A summary of the project can be found at:

www.ottawa.ca/csst et www.ottawa.ca/tseu

The city will host a public meeting to explain this project on May 24 at Taberet Hall.

4b. Report of By-law officers

Officers Williams and Patterson reported that 1 charge and 9 orders had been issued on garbage storage violations in the most recent inspections. In answer to a question Mr. Williams said that he did not have any comprehensive statistics on the outcome of any of the charges or orders that had been laid concerning the many properties cited by ASH and by 311 calls for garbage storage violations. Mr. Patterson reported that they did not have the time to prepare statistical data and noted that they are also held back due to new staff who have to be trained. Larry emphasized the importance of having these statistics – without them ASH has no way of judging what progress has been made in this file. Larry also expressed concern about the lack of progress that has been made in solving the problem of garbage storage in Sandy Hill.

In the discussion about lack of reporting, Mathieu Fleury opined that dealing with 300 outstanding cases was a diversion of effort. He called on the inspectors to work the 10 worst cases. Larry noted that of the three times that ASH provided 10 worst cases, only one of these efforts was successful. However, the Board generally agreed that this tactic would again be tried. Larry promised to provide the next 10 worst cases that evening. Mr. Williams once again agreed to this approach and promised to report back at the May meeting of the Board on the



progress made on the 10 cases submitted by ASH. Councilor Fleury emphasized his desire to see these problems resolved.

4c. Councilor's Report

1. 231 Cobourg

Mr. Fleury reported that, in spite of the recommendation of the Built Heritage Committee to not allow demolition of this building, the Planning Committee voted in favour of the demolition. Chad reported on plans to appeal this decision.

2. Egyptian Embassy

Mr. Fleury will arrange a public meeting to review the plans for the proposed redevelopment of this property.

3. Park Cleanup

Mr. Fleury noted the success of this ASH effort and vowed to follow up on some of the problems that were noted. He also reported that the fountain at the north end of the park was undergoing repairs.

4. May 12 Cleanup – some university students will be cleaning litter from Sandy Hill street on this date.

5. The City will undertake some improvements at the intersection of King Edward and Somerset to make it safer for pedestrians and cyclists.

There were questions from the audience on traffic modifications at King Edward and Laurier, the ramp to the Queen's Way after the LRT completion, painting of white lines on the streets (Mr. Fleury revealed that the city had bought an eco friendly paint that had, unfortunately, only a one year life, as opposed to a three year life for the paint previously used by the city) and a development application on Somerset which Mr. Fleury agreed to look into.

5. Reports and Updates

a. Executive Report

The Executive did not meet since the March Board meeting. Chad noted that \$100 had been approved to support a film screening at the Bytowne on the effects of climate change.

ASH will host an all candidates meeting at the Sandy Hill Community Centre on May 24 for the Provincial Election



Chad suggested that ASH consider, at the next ASH retreat, using Google Suite for some of our business.

b Treasurer's Report Pat reported the following balances:

Chequing Acct	\$15,055
Homestead	\$26,473
Save Sandy Hill	\$ 3,220

c Committee Reports

i By Law enforcement – see Larry's report attached

II. Communications and Membership (See Ralph's Report attached)

Ralph noted that of the last batch of “ex-members” (10) contacted individually by email, one rejoined and two reported they had moved.

- **Save Sandy Hill Committee (see Scott's report attached)**
- **Block Reps** – Jan gave an update concerning a garbage problem on Somerset near Nelson.

III. Engagement with the University

Susan reported that she and Bob had had a video conference with Town and Gown representatives in Ontario recently. Susan will convene a meeting to finalize the ASH letter to the University President and firm up the ASH strategy for a meeting with him. Mélanie from Councillor Fleury's office will be attending the annual Town and Gown Conference this year and undertook to circulate to the local Town and Gown group a summary of the proceedings and any materials that are circulated.

iv. Heritage/Planning

It was agreed to postpone discussion of the Heritage Inventory to a future meeting.

Chad reported that although ASH has asked for a copy of the planning report submitted to the City by Urban Strategies, we have not got a response from the City to our letter.

Chad report that the R4 submission from City Staff will go to committee in June. He said that ASH should concentrate on this issue after the AGM.

There was some discussion about a development proposal for 55 Sweetland.



ASH must decide how to react to the approval by the City of a proposed development at Templeton and Henderson.

Chad reported on the City's action regarding the boarded up house at 197 Wilbrod. He has not yet circulated correspondence from the City on this case.

v. Transportation –

John reported that a meeting with other communities had taken place to discuss how to move forward on the Truck Tunnel feasibility study dossier. They have agreed to ask for a meeting with the local MP to discuss the situation.

vi. Environment

Susan reported that she has had discussions with the developer Smart Living to plant trees on their properties.

6. Old Business

a. AGM

Chad will call a meeting to finalize details for the AGM.

b. Gazebo

Nothing new on this front.

c. One and Only

Susan reported that 14 craft people have signed up for tables for the 2018 Christmas event.

d. Sandy Hill Community Centre Park

Susan reported that she has received a list for possible improvements from the staff of SHCCP and she will ask them to set some priorities within this list.

7. New Business

a. Garage Sale

Cathy Major volunteered to co-ordinate this year's garage sale and suggested that it should be confined to those addresses south of Laurier. This will be discussed further by the new Board.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM



Next Meeting – May 28, 2018

REPORT OF THE ACTION SANDY HILL MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

April 26, 2018

On April 10, 2018 we sent out renewal reminders to the 18 members whose memberships will expire in May, 2018. As of this date one of the 18 has renewed – by cheque dropped off at the Community Centre. For the months of March and April we had a 100% renewal rate for the 6 memberships that expired.

We are continuing to send reminders to “ex-members” – those whose memberships expired many months ago. They were placed in the “ex” category after not responding to at least two reminders. The response to these reminders is poor.

The membership committee needs to make a policy recommendation to the Board about when to place a former member of ASH into the “ex-member” category – i.e. after how many reminders and after what lapse of time.

We also need to decide when to delete those in the “ex-member” category from our files completely.

Ralph Blaine



SAVE SANDY HILL REPORT APRIL 2018

I just want to give a quick update on the SSH committee.

The committee met on April 17th.

We are working on ideas and participants for the 1st three video posts.

We have also decided that the Social media campaign will be titled "I am Sandy Hill" and "La Côte-de-sable, c'est moi"

Stay tuned for future developments!

Scott Williams



BYLAW REPORT – APRIL 2018

I took a walk on Chapel and Russell yesterday to see what progress Jeff is making in dealing with garbage and recyclables storage. This was going to be the last month of the intensive work on this file.

Pretty disappointing. I logged 33 addresses, 19 of which were previously reported. One contributing factor is that this is moving-out time when bylaw infractions are expected to peak.

Last November, Mathieu asked me for a list of ten addresses that represent garbage storage problems in Sandy Hill. He was going to discuss them at a meeting that he had called with Bylaw Enforcement. I heard (second hand) that Bylaw responded that each could be made compliant using the new bylaw. Today, I visited these sites and discovered that eight out of ten look the same as when I reported them, one was compliant and I'm unsure what can be done about the graffitied and unenclosed bins at the strip mall on Mann.

In short, I'm not seeing the level of progress that I had hoped to see.

Larry

