

Action Sandy Hill
Annual General Meeting Assemblée générale annuelle 2018
May 16, 2018
6 - 9 p.m.
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le 16 mai 2018
18h00 à 21h00

1. Meeting Commences / Ouverture de la réunion - Called to Order at 7 :00 PM

2. Review of Agenda / Révision de l'Ordre du jour –

The Draft Agenda was approved unanimously

3. Review and approval of minutes from AGM 2016-17 –Approbation du compte rendu de l'Assemblée générale annuelle 2016-2017

The minutes of the 2017 AGM were approved unanimously on a motion by Ralph Blaine/Bob Forbes.

4 President's Report / Rapport du président – Chad Rollins

The president reported on the following items:

- A Tribute in memory of Veronica Vaillancourt who made many contribution to the life of the community.

- A summary of his term as President and reiterated the importance of ASH as a vehicle for letting the residents of Sandy Hill voice their concerns and make sure our political representatives are made aware of these concerns.

- A call for members to help increase the membership in ASH.

- ASH will be celebrating its 50 anniversary soon

At this point Suneeta Millington made a presentation of the progress of the Prime Ministers' Row working group. She pointed out that this group had just been granted charitable status.

5.– Introduction of Elections Officer - Introduction du directeur des élections

The meeting was turned over to the Election Officer Sabina Matthews.

Sabrina introduced Susan Young as one nominee for President of Action Sandy Hill and called for nominations from the floor for this position. As there were no other nominations **Sabrina declared Susan Young President Elect of Action Sandy Hill by acclamation.**

Sabrina introduced Christine Aubry, Larry Newman, Megan Reikoff, Chad Rollins and Scott Williams as nominees to fill the current vacancies on the Board of Director of Action Sandy Hill. Sabrina then asked for any further nominations from the floor for the open Board positions. Nominations were received from Anthony Friend and Claude Ainsely.

All of the nominees made a short speech to the AGM.

Sabrina declared all of these nominees elected by acclamation.

6. Speeches from our elected representatives / Discours de nos élus

a. Hon. Mona Fortier, MP

Mona Fortier was not able to attend..

b. Hon. Nathalie des Rosiers, MPP

Ms. des Rosiers was not able to speak to the assembly as an election campaign was in progress.

c. Mathieu Fleury, Councillor

M. Fleury :

- Reported on the current state of the LRT project and the extent of the delays in construction.
- Reported on the progress of the enforcement of the recent Sandy Hill specific by-law concerning garbage storage in the neighbourhood.
- 130 new properties have added to the heritage list in Sandy Hill.
- Reported on suggestions from City Staff to limit the volumes of new multi-unit dwellings in Sandy Hill. He noted that in his opinion these proposals still allowed too many bedrooms and expressed the hope that we might get a lower limit.
- reported on new site-plan review procedures allowing the community to have a say in proposed developments at a much earlier stage than previously possible.

7. Questions from the floor for elected representatives Questions de la salle pour nos élus.

- The first questioner wanted to know how the City could deal more effectively with abandoned buildings.

Mr. Fleury replied that there were by-laws that required certain conditions to be met with respect to abandoned buildings. He asked the questioner for details about the specific case in question.

- The second questioner wanted to know about a case on Wilbrod Street in which demolition was not authorized.

Mr. Fleury reviewed the history of this case and reported that the City has taken the owner to court.

- The Third questioner asked about the definition of a Rooming House.

Mr. Fleury reported that the City has recently consolidated its references on this point and has produced one single definition. He reviewed the conditions under which a property can now be considered a rooming house.

He also noted that a property on the corner of King Edward and Stewart is being prosecuted as an illegal rooming house. The City is also committed to pursuing other illegal rooming houses and legal rooming houses which are not operating according to regulations.

In answer to another question, Mr. Fleury agreed to look into the street sweeping schedules in Sandy Hill and see if this activity can be arranged at more useful times during the year.

Another questioner raised concern about the use of public spaces (parks and benches) for illicit activities. Mr. Fleury agreed to see what measures might be taken.

08. Special Resolution on Development Rules for Sandy Hill Résolution spéciale sur les règles de développement à la Côte-de-Sable

A special resolution on Development was passed at the 2017 AGM. The text of this resolution is quoted below to inform the follow-up discussion led by Chad Rollins

Preamble

Over the past seven years the City of Ottawa has undertaken several planning studies designed to address problems with infill development in Sandy Hill and other mature neighbourhoods. Action Sandy Hill has actively participated in each of these studies, despite concerns about their scope. The resulting bylaw changes have proven largely ineffective in improving the quality of residential development in Sandy Hill.

The City, recognizing that concerns persist and that undesirable outcomes continue, is now undertaking another planning study, this time focused on residential fourth density (R4) zoning throughout the City. As Action Sandy Hill intends to separately provide written comments on this R4 review, we convened a special meeting of members and residents on 27 April 2017 to review the proposed changes to the R4 zoning and to clearly identify the concerns of residents as it relates to development in Sandy Hill.

From that meeting and other feedback, it is clear that residents of Sandy Hill have strong reservations about the City's implementation of intensification policies and are frustrated at the outcomes in our neighbourhood. While we appreciate that intensification is essential and can be

beneficial, there are countless opportunities for intensification in Ottawa which do not necessitate the gutting of established, diverse, densely-populated neighbourhoods like Sandy Hill. In particular, we object to the fact that,

- The majority of new residential construction in Sandy Hill is out-of-scale and out of character with its surroundings, and negatively impacts the character of our heritage neighbourhood and the quality of life of residents;*
- These developments are almost exclusively operated as unlicensed rooming houses (i.e. rented by the room) which serve only one demographic, lack future versatility, and undermine the diversity of Sandy Hill; and,*
- These developments create numerous bylaw and property standards issues, exploit students and are potentially unsafe for occupants.*

Resolution

Therefore, be it resolved that the members of Action Sandy Hill are firm in our conviction that the City of Ottawa, in carrying-out the R4 review, must take a more holistic approach to this issue and develop a comprehensive solution that will reverse recent trends in Sandy Hill. (We note that similar problems have been successfully addressed by other municipalities in Ontario and that their efforts can and should be used as guidelines.) A holistic solution requires that the City of Ottawa,

- 1. Consider R4 down-zoning;*
- 2. Implement a Floor Space Index (FSI) for all residential zoning (similar to other Ontario municipalities) (e.g. www1.toronto.ca/city_of_toronto/city_planning/zoning__environment/files/pdf/guide_fsi.pdf);*
- 3. Create a rental property licensing system (similar to other Ontario municipalities); and,*
- 4. Maintain Site Plan Control for all development in Sandy Hill.*

*(Item #1 under **Resolution** “Consider R4 down-zoning” was added to the original text by an amendment moved by Diane Beckett and seconded by Guillaume Vincent. This amendment was carried unanimously)*

The motion as amended was approved unanimously.

Chad reviewed the nature of Phase One and Phase Two of the current R4 review being conducted by the City. He noted that ASH has serious concerns about some of the proposals from the City coming out of the R4 review so far. He noted that the current proposals from the City do not deal satisfactorily with the proposals from the ASH Special Resolution regarding Down-zoning, FSI (Floor Space Indexing), and site plan proposals. ASH is looking for openings in Phase Two for dealing with these matters.

In answer to a question Chad reviewed the various types of R4 zoning in Sandy Sandy.

Another member asked if the Phase One proposals lock in the 4 unit multi-unit building with 4 bedrooms per unit model. Chad answered that for the moment this was the case but ASH hopes to slim this down. Councilor Fleury called for Community support for this effort to modify the current Phase One proposals. He also reviewed some measures the City was taking to mitigate

problems of garbage storage and the difficulty of applying the normal rules to effectively deal with the garbage generated in large multi-unit buildings with 16 or more bedrooms.

09. Sandy Hill Heritage Website – Heritage au Site-Web de ACS

Chad led the assembly in congratulating Francois Bregha for the work he has done in putting together this package now available on the ASH website. Francois urged the audience to look at the historical records gathered on this site and welcomed feedback for future additions.

10. Report from Sandy Hill Community Health Centre Rapport du Centre de santé communautaire Côte-de-Sable – David Gibson

There were no representatives from the Community Health Centre at the meeting.

11 Treasurer’s Report / Rapport du trésorier – Pat Archer (see attached written report)

In the absence of the Treasure Chad reviewed the Treasurer’s report which was approved by a unanimous vote of the assembly.

12 Committee Reports / Rapport des comités

1. Block Representatives / Représentants du bloc – Jan Finlay

Jan gave a brief report on the current state of the Block Rep system and thanked the Board for the award she received last year as “Volunteer of the Year”.

2. By-law and Community Environment Committee / Comité des règlements et de l’environnement communautaire

a. By-law / Règlements – Larry Newan

Larry outlined some of the progress ASH has made on Garbage management and enforcement of related bylaws but said that there is still a lot of work to do in this area. He explained that the current special by-law requires that no garbage be visible from the street. He also thanked Claire MacDonald for her continuing work in ensuring that the City bylaws are respected in Sandy Hill.

b. Sandy Hill Tree Group / Action Arbres Côte de Sable – Susan Young

Susan reviewed the efforts made to maintain the new flower/shrub beds that were installed last year. She called for ideas for new projects along this line.

3. Communications, Membership & Outreach Committee / Comité des coms., de l’adhésion et des relations avec la communauté –

Scott Williams reported on the efforts of the “I am Sandy Hill” committee to mount a media campaign highlighting the positive aspects of living in Sandy Hill as well as outlining some of the development challenges faced by the neighbourhood. He called upon members of the community to submit any ideas for stories, pictures, ideas ASH might use in this campaign.

Ralph Blaine gave a brief summary of the report (see attached **Membership Committee Report**) that had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting.

5. Engagement with University of Ottawa / Dialogue avec l'Université d'Ottawa – Bob Forbes

- Bob Forbes reviewed efforts ASH has made via the Town and Gown Committee to establish procedures of dealing with the control of student activities that are organized off-campus but within Sandy Hill. He invited interested ASH members to get involved with the activities of the Town and Gown Committee.

6. Planning and Heritage / Patrimoine et Plannification Urbain–Trina Cooper-Bolam

Trina asked the members to contact her with individual cases of concern in the Heritage and Development fields.

Trina reviewed her vision of how Sandy Hill can shape what it wants in a future Sandy Hill and called for help from the community to prepare for a “sea change” in the current approach to Heritage preservation Planning/Development matters.

6. Transportation/Transport–John Verbaas

John reviewed some of the transportation issues dealt with this year touching on LRT issues, truck tunnel etc.

13 Question From the Floor

In answer to a question about reducing speed limits within Sandy Hill Councilor Fleury noted that the City cannot post lower speed limits until the Province publishes guidelines for implementation of the new regulations. Once these guidelines are published the City plans to implement the new 40 km/h speed limits.

In answer to another question about membership numbers, Ralph Blaine noted that while the written report he had previously submitted cited a total membership of 278, new members added since the report was issued has raised the total to 289.

In answer to another question Trina said that members who want to get involved in the planning process should contact her.

14. Other Business

1. Gazebo in Strathcona Park

Megan Reilkoff reported on the progress of this project. She noted that the ASH submission for additional funding for the construction of this gazebo has been formally given to the City and that we can expect a reply in the fall.

2. One and Only Craft Fair

Susan Young reported that planning for this Fair for the coming Christmas season is well underway and a significant number of vendors have already reserved their places.

14. Presentation of ASH Volunteer of the Year Award

Présentation du prix Bénévole de l'année de l'ACS – Chad Rollins

Chad presented this award to Cathy Major and noted her longtime contributions to many activities which have served to improve the quality of life in Sandy Hill.

15 Election results or Acclamation of Candidates

Sabrina once again noted that there had been no need for a vote as the positions of President and Directors had been filled by acclamation.

17 Adjournment / Ajournement

A motion to adjourn was approved unanimously at 9:15 AM.

[Minutes submitted by Ralph Blaine, Secretary of ASH from May 2016 to May 2018]

ACTION SANDY HILL/COTE-DE-SABLE EN ACTION

Report of the Treasurer from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017

Opening balance chequing account 15,190.07

Income

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| Memberships | 2,350.64 | |
| Ice Rink (net) | 911.67 | <i>(note 1)</i> |
| One & Only Craft Fair (net) | 1,609.31 | |
| Spring Fling (ASH share) | <u>701.02</u> | |
| | 5,572.64 | |

Expenses

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| Winter Carnival (net) | 1,044.26 | |
| Canada Day Picnic (net) | 401.89 | |
| Fall Garage Sale advertising | 141.53 | |
| ASH Retreat | 288.15 | |
| Town & Gown Symposium | 120.00 | <i>(note 2)</i> |
| Insurance | 397.44 | |

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| Memberships | 155.00 | |
| AGM | 670.81 | |
| Sandy Hill Halloween Party | 150.00 | |
| All Candidates Meeting | 50.00 | |
| FCA Sponsored Meeting | 418.10 | |
| Admin fees | 39.55 | |
| Supplies | <u>891.82</u> | <i>(note 3)</i> |
| | 4,768.55 | |

Closing balance 15,994.16 chequing + 26,473.55 Homestead = 42,467.71

Opening balance Save Sandy Hill account 3,972.28

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| Lawyers, R4 Review, Strategy Group expenses | 752.22 |
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Closing balance 3,220.06

Total chequing, Homestead, Save Sandy Hill accounts 45,687.77

note 1 ice rink income 3,877.00 minus 2,965.33

note 2 180.00 additional Symposium fees paid from Paypal account

note 3 includes 435.03 projector, 248.60 ASH banner, 102.55 ASH brochures

PAYPAL ACCOUNT RECONCILIATION DECEMBER 31, 2017

**January 1, 2017 Opening
Balance**

351.60

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| Membership pay- ments | 1,486.58 | 1,838.18 |
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Expenses

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| Town & Gown Symposium fees | 180.00 | |
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| Paypal fees | 68.05 | 248.05 |
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| Transfer funds to bank ac- count | | <u>1,369.14</u> |
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| Closing balance December 31, 2017 | | 220.99 |
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ASH AGM - MAY 2018

Report of Membership Committee

As of May 8, 2018 Action Sandy Hill had 278 names on its membership list. This number includes 21 people whose memberships expired in the last 12 months and did not respond to the monthly reminders sent out by ASH. Traditionally many of these people renew at the AGM. As has been previously reported, ASH members can now renew their memberships with a credit card at the ASH website. Since the implementation of this feature nearly 90% of our renewals come via this PayPal facility.

After the AGM of 2017 our electronic membership data base was streamlined by separating all those names whose memberships had expired prior to January 2017 into a separate category labelled "ex-members". We began with 140 people in this category. These people had all received two reminders via mass mailings directed at all expired memberships. Once this list was established we sent each of these "ex-members" an individually addressed email requesting that they renew their memberships. This process was completed in April of 2018 and resulted in 20 replies - 8 renewals and 12 notices that the ex-members had moved from Sandy Hill. The ex-member list now contains 120 names.

The membership committee has prepared lists from the Membership Database so that individual Board members now have access to membership data based on:

- Members' areas of interest and volunteer willingness
- Street by Street listing of members
- A clearer method of sorting by membership expiration date

On November 25, 2017 five members of the committee conducted a pilot project - going door to door on Russell Ave and Sweetland Avenue to solicit ASH memberships. In roughly two hours we sold 10 memberships and collected \$167. The 8 memberships sold on Russell resulted in a doubling of our membership on that street. In addition to the memberships sold this effort also proved to be an effective communication tool. The Membership Committee hopes to expand this initiative in the coming year.

Ralph Blaine
Membership Committee

RGA DE ACS - MAI 2018

Rapport Du Comité Des Adhésions

Il y a eu 278 noms sur la liste des membres de L'Action Côte de Sable au 8 mai 2018. Ce total comprend 21 personnes dont les adhésions se sont expirées lors des derniers 12 mois et qui n'ont pas répondu aux relances mensuels de ACS. On voit souvent que ces personnes renouvellent leurs adhésions à la Réunion Générale Annuelle (RGA). Comme s'est noté auparavant, les membres de ACS peuvent maintenant renouveler leurs adhésions au site web de ACS et dernièrement à peu près de 90% de nous membres en profitent.

Après La RGA de 2017 nous avons rationalisé notre base de données en mettant de côté tous les noms dont les adhésions se sont expirées avant janvier 2017 - ce groupe se trouvent maintenant dans la catégorie "ex-members" ou se trouvaient au début 140 personnes. Ces personnes avaient déjà reçues deux relances dans les courriels de masse. Ensuite nous avons envoyé une relance, à titre individuel, à toutes ces personnes. Nous avons complété ce travail en avril 2018 et nous avons reçu 20 réponses dont 8 renouvellements et 12 avis de déménagement. Cette liste comprend maintenant 120 noms.

Le comité a préparé quelques listes spécifiques à partir de notre base de données générale, donc les membres du Conseil peuvent maintenant consulter les listes qui se basent sur:

- les intérêts des membres
- Listes des membres par rue
- Un accès plus clair aux dates d'expiration des membres

Au 25 novembre 2017 cinq membres du comité a mené un projet pilote en porte à porte sur les rues Russell et Sweetland pour solliciter les adhésions. Au cours de presque deux heures nous avons vendu 10 adhésions (\$167). Les 8 adhésions sur Russell ont eu pour effet de doubler nos membres sur cette rue. En plus, cet exercice nous a donné une opportunité efficace de communication avec nos concitoyens. Le Comité espère que cette initiative continue l'an prochain.

Ralph Blaine
Comité des Adhésions