

General Meeting of 12 April 2016, Stittsville United Church

MINUTES

Participants:

Frank Akujobl (Hearts Desire/SellersnBuyers); Klaus Beltzner (Manotick VA); Lija Bickis (Queensway Terrace N CA); Guy Boone (Havenlea-Chapman Mills); Robert Brinker (Carlington CA); Bob Brocklebank (Glebe CA); Archie Campbell (Dalhouse CA); Caroline Crowe (Trend Arlington CA); Alex Cullen (Belltown Neighbourhood Association); Jennifer Desa (Stittsville VA); Janice Domaratzki (Manotick VA); Roland Dorsay (Champlain Park CA); Erwin Dreesen (Greenspace Alliance of Canada's Capital); Greg Elliott (Crestview-Meadowlands CA); Paul Forster (Island Park CA); Maureen Forsythe (AFO/COA); Jeff Gallant (Stittsville VA); Glen Gower (Stittsville VA); Tanya Hein (Stittsville VA); Marie Hughes (March Rural CA); Afshan Khan (tbc); Kul Kapoor (KHCA); Bruce Lindsay (Greenspace Alliance); Rod MacLean (Katimavik-Hazeldean CA); Maria Luisa Marti (CCCA and Friends of James & Bay); Paddy McCavour (Stittsville VA); Duff Mitchell (Island Park CA); Jonathan Morris (Brittannia VA); Sheila Perry (Overbrook CA); Andy Rapoch (Constance Bay & Buckham's); Mary Anne Robblee (Constance Bay CA & Kanata Seniors Council); Graeme Roderick (Tanglewood Hillsdale CA); Chad Rollins (Action Sandy Hill); Gary Sealey (Kanata-Beaverbrook CA); John Stevenson (Citizens for Safe Cycling); Don Stewart (Westboro Beach CA); Phil Sweetnam (Stittsville VA); Lesley Taylor (McKellar Park CA); Karen Wright (Civic Hospital Neighbourhood Association);

Guests: Dr. Louise Plouffe (The Council on Aging of Ottawa & Chair, Age-Friendly Ottawa Steering Committee); Nadine Jodoin (Staff Lead, Older Adult Plan, City of Ottawa); Clara Freire (Manager, Strategic Community Initiatives Branch, Community and Social Services, City of Ottawa); Councillor Shad Qadri (Councillor, Ward 6); Erin McClelland (City of Ottawa, Assistant to Councillor Shad Qadri)

1. Welcome

Gary Sealy welcomed all participants.

Glen Gower, on behalf of the Stittsville Village Association, also welcomed participants and briefly presented an overview of issues of interest, such as the Main Street Design Plan, heritage sites and the Carp Road landfill.

Councillor Shad Qadri spoke briefly about the uniqueness of each City ward and how Main Street contributed to the uniqueness of Stittsville.

2. Presentation on Age-Friendly Ottawa

Dr. Louise Plouffe presented “*Making Ottawa Communities Age Friendly Together*”, identifying areas of potential collaboration at the neighbourhood level and the explaining the basic process for working toward improving the age friendliness of small communities and neighbourhoods. Her presentation also highlighted the City of Ottawa’s Older Adult Plan and the existing Age-Friendly Community Action Plan, which was developed as part of the ongoing work of the Age-friendly Ottawa project hosted at The Council on Aging of Ottawa.

During the Q & A session that followed, there was some discussion of how to move forward with interested community associations to develop and advance the age-friendly agenda in individual neighbourhoods. Kul Kapoor highlighted one issue of particular concern to seniors and caregivers, namely, how to manage the transition from hospital to home when needs and availability of home supports are not clear. Sheila Perry noted with interest some of the neighbourhood approaches being adopted in NYC, specifically, the Bronx.

At the end of the discussion a number of representatives indicated potential interest to move forward with age-friendly work; these included representatives from Westboro Beach, Sandy Hill, Manotick Village, Tanglewood Hillside, Civic Hospital NA and Overbrook. Maureen Forsythe will be following up systematically (probably through a short survey) with these and other representatives of community associations about concrete ways to work together to address age-friendly priorities.

3. Business Meeting

The minutes of the previous general meeting held on 03 March 2016 were approved (moved by Klaus Beltzner and seconded by Phil Sweetnam).

The minutes of the previous Board meeting held on 09 March 2016 were received by the members.

There was no business arising.

Committee Reports

- On behalf of the Planning and Zoning Committee, Sheila Perry updated members on a number of issues. She was at a meeting earlier in the day at City Hall to discuss community growth management. She confirmed that the City Forum on Planning organized by the City’s Planning & Growth Management Department and featuring keynote speaker John Campbell would take place on 4th May from 7-9pm. Sheila also confirmed that FCA was organizing and hosting a planning workshop, focused on 4 different planning topics, called “Imagine Ottawa – building my city” on Saturday 23 April from 8.30am-12pm at Tom Brown Arena. Sheila also updated members on the status of the OMB appeal.

Sheila also introduced the following motion:

Whereas Caribou Urban Properties Inc (the Owner) has applied for a Major Zoning Amendment to permit the construction of a drive-through restaurant/coffee shop at 70 Richmond Road (at the intersection of Wellington Street, Island Park Drive and Richmond Road); and

Whereas the following Kitchissippi Ward Community Associations (Champlain Park, Civic Hospital, Hampton-Iona, Island Park, McKellar Park, Mechanicsville, Wellington Village, Westboro, Westboro Beach) welcome the proposed adaptive reuse of the 1934 heritage gas station building as a high-end coffee shop with an outdoor patio as well as a proposed building extension in a style respectful of the original gas station's architecture, while unanimously opposing the vehicular drive-through component of the proposed development; and

Whereas the City of Ottawa, as a matter of policy specified in the Official Plan, does not permit drive-through facilities on Traditional Main Streets (and therefore the owner's application should have been submitted as a request for an Official Plan Amendment); and

Whereas permitting a drive-through restaurant at 70 Richmond Road would set a negative precedent for elsewhere along the Wellington Street-Richmond Road corridor as well as for all Traditional Main Streets throughout the City; and

Whereas car entry onto the site from Richmond Road and exit from the site onto Island Park Drive would amplify traffic hazards for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers at an already hazardous intersection where there have been 14 reported accidents in the past 3 years; and

Whereas the design does not conform with both the City guidelines and the zoning bylaw regarding the location of drive-throughs; has fewer than the required number of queuing spaces for drive-through facilities and has much less than the required setback from the adjacent residence on Island Park Drive; and

Whereas the traffic on Island Park Drive already significantly exceeds the parkway's design capacity at peak periods; and

Whereas a drive-through would disrupt already difficult traffic flows on Island Park Drive which serves as a gateway to/from the Champlain Bridge; and

Whereas it has been a long-standing community objective to reduce and preferably eliminate that corner's automotive focus to make it more pedestrian and cyclist oriented, as reflected in the applicable Richmond Road-Wellington Community Design Plan.

Therefore be it resolved that the FCA recommend to the Planning and Development Committee of Council that it vote to reject the application to permit the construction of a drive-through facility at 70 Richmond Road.

The motion was CARRIED (moved by Roland Dorsay and seconded by Alex Cullen), with none opposed and no abstentions.

- Erwin Dreesen briefed members about the City's proposed new by-law to regulate site alteration.
- On behalf of the Communications Committee, Bob Brocklebank advised that the results of the latest FCA survey on member assessment of FCA achievements would be available before the AGM in June.
- On behalf of the Membership Campaign, Graeme Roderick confirmed he was still accepting payment of membership dues.
- Regarding transportation planning issues, Alex Cullen & Klaus Beltzner noted that the planned meeting between Klaus and Jan Harder had not yet taken place.
- Don Stewart updated members about a pilot project in Westboro Beach to establish permanent skiing trails.
- Chad Rollins reminded members about the upcoming event Streetfight, promoting safer, livable streets, on 27 April at the Aberdeen Pavillion at 7pm.
- Phil Sweetnam updated members on the guided tour of the Tomlinson Construction/Demolition site that took place on 12 April.
- Archie Campbell reminded members about the upcoming event organized by F.U.N. (Federation of Urban Neighbourhoods) on 7th May at Ottawa Public Library from 11am to 1pm.

4. New Business

The next meeting of the FCA will take place on 18 May 2016 at the Kanata Beaverbrook Community Centre.

The next meeting of the FCA board will take place on 20 April 2016 at the Tanglewood Community Centre.