

LOWERTOWN BASSEVILLE

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION ASSOCIATION COMMUNAUTAIRE

Lowertown Community Association L'Association communautaire de la Basse-Ville

MEETING NOTES / NOTES DE RÉUNION – 13 APRIL 2015 / 13 AVRIL 2015
ROUTHIER COMMUNITY CENTRE, 7-9 PM / CENTRE COMMUNAUTAIRE ROUTHIER, 19-21h

- **Board Members Present:** Liz Bernstein (President), Jan-François Grabowiecki (Vice President), Donna Kearns (Director, Business Outreach), Sylvie Grenier (Director, Planning), Liz MacKenzie (Director, Heritage), Sarah Bonesteel (Secretary)
- **Liaisons Present:** Sandra Pilote (Lowertown East Resident's Committee Liaison), Norman Moyer (Safety and Security Liaison), John Woodhouse (Walkability Liaison)
- **Community Members Present:** 22

1. Welcome and Introductions / Mots de bienvenue et introductions (Liz Bernstein)

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2. Approval of Agenda and notes from last meeting / Approbation de l'Ordre du jour et notes de la dernière réunion (Liz Bernstein)

- Meeting agenda approved. March meeting notes approved with change to "meeting notes" in title instead of "agenda".

3. Presentation of Donation to LCA Heritage Committee (Danielle Gagné, Grew Up in Lowertown)

- Danielle Gagné and Jean Ouellette created the facebook page "Grew Up in Lowertown" and hosted a reunion last summer. They also created a CD compilation of 350 photos. Danielle and Jean donated proceeds from the sale of the CDs (\$1,555) to the Lowertown Community Association Heritage Committee.

4. Councillor's Update / Mise à jour du conseiller

- **PPS Study:** Core team meeting this week. The project implementation is divided into several phases.
- **Ottawa River Action Plan:** Received federal funding for sewage overflow infrastructure. Agreements now in place between City and property owner for underground land rights. Completion planned for 2018. Staff presentation on details is forthcoming.
- **Cathcart Park:** Trees affected by Emerald Ash Borer cut down. If trees not replaced, will be planted this fall. Commitment by staff to do it this year. Have had requests from community to enclose dog area. Will host meetings in summer or fall. Funding is earmarked for fencing and landscaping.
- **Rideau Street:** Final layer of asphalt and landscaping to be completed this year. Portion from Dalhousie to Sussex to be completed by 2017 (sidewalks, lightpoles, bus shelters).
- **Sussex Construction:** Cycling lanes to be painted as soon as possible following street cleaning. Water main on Cathcart off Sussex to be replaced. Hosted information meeting but not well attended. Contact the Councillor's office if you have questions.
- **LCA Police Data Request:** Councillor's office looking into open data policy. Request submitted to police.
- **Homelessness:** report to Planning Committee tomorrow on housing and supports strategy. Means support is attached to housing unit (caseworker, etc). \$38M for supports and \$45M for housing capital. Will be plan review because of the new term of council. Construction will be done through RFP. Units will be spread throughout City depending on where organizations purchase land. Locations need to be in proximity to transportation, grocery stores, employment opportunities, etc.

Questions:

- Possible to plant trees on Rideau Street? Underground items, such as old rail lines, make tree planting a challenge. Some trees planted. Councillor not in favour of large planters (take up sidewalk space).

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- Underground parking on York Street? First phase is George Street around main market building. Will not see underground parking before 2017. It is a shovel ready project and could take advantage of federal funding if it becomes available. Looking for funding in 2016.
- Truck route study? Underway and expecting outcome of feasibility study by end of year with recommendation to council in early 2016.
- Is there someone that monitors bar/restaurant patio size and ensures they are within limits? Markets Management is responsible to ensure that patio sizes are within limits but there are challenges because some patio sizes are grandfathered and make sidewalks narrower than 2m. Inform the Councillor's office of any particular concerns.
- Do street sweepers actually vacuum dirt? Yes. Let Councillor's Office know about any particular concerns.
- Houses moved on Sussex and concern about foundation work that was left undone. Also concern about tree trunks cut and roots left exposed over winter. Councillor's office to follow up on issue.
- Residents have been severely, adversely impacted by Claridge condo project on Bruyere Street. Residents not being dealt with professionally by Claridge. What is City doing? City ensures that construction respects rules. Safety concerns are provincial. Damages are land-owner to land-owner. Contact the Councillor's office for assistance with Claridge.
- Concern that many associated with Claridge made contributions to the Mayor's election campaign and now residents are being negatively impacted by Claridge and are having challenges with recourse.
 - City is addressing issue with proposal to ban corporate donations but challenge as those associated with corporations can still donate as individuals so may be better to know who individuals represent. Need to stop double-dipping with people donating as individuals and through their corporations. Councillor Fleury did not accept donations from developers.
- Request for tax relief from City for those living around Claridge development. Request that Councillor look into options to mitigate impact on home owners. Bound by Municipal Act so not possible but options could be grant program or community improvement program. Would take years to put in place.

5. Lowertown Community Resource Centre Update / Mise à jour du Centre de ressources communautaires de la Basse-Ville (Katherine VanMeyl)

- **Lowertown Cafe:** third Saturday of each month from 2-4pm at Jules Morin Park field house. Katherine will attend with at least one of 14 community partners. Informal opportunity to meet and chat.
- **Movies in the Park:** wondering if LCA would like to partner on this again this summer. North Dalhousie business group possibly interested in partnering and will follow up with Katherine.

6. Areas of Interest – Updates / Sujets d'intérêts particuliers– Mises à jour:

• Planning Update / Mise à jour du Comité de planification (Sylvie Grenier)

- **Zoning application for Cumberland/York:** Request to build 9 storey building with commercial at grade and 8 storeys of residential. Asking for exemption to height and set-backs. Request does not fit within secondary plan and is not in character with adjacent buildings and heritage zone. Would favour building of 4-5 storeys.
- **St. Patrick/King Edward Avenue:** Presentation on planned construction at next LCA meeting.
- **Uptown Rideau Community Design Plan:** Will be presentation at LCA Planning Committee and at LCA meeting on 8 June. City will also host open house, likely at library on Rideau Street.
- **NCC Illumination Workshop:** Held at end of March and are hiring consultant to develop a plan. Want a pilot project for 2017. Workshop identified Byward Market as good area for illumination. Would give coherent plan for Market and enhance heritage character of buildings.
- **560 Rideau: (Bob Tritt):** Richcraft proposal submitted to City for 7 storey podium with 14 storey tower. Within Uptown Rideau CDP. Developer seems to have tried to respect new CDP with smaller building and lower height and trees. LCA is meeting with ASH, City and Richcraft about building design. LCA would like to see height of not more than 9 storeys.

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- **Environment Update / Mise à jour environnementale (Liz Bernstein)**
 - **CAFES meeting:** Focus on trees and urban forestry with presentation from Glebe Community Association on newly planted trees that are dying. Discussed how to work together to protect new trees to ensure they thrive. Would like to work with Councillor's Office on tree planting for Cathcart Park. David Chernushenko discussed City's environmental priorities, including trees and climate change. Two outcomes: send letters to Mayor Watson on urban forestry and request climate change funding.
 - **Climate Change Meeting:** Three levels of government attended.
 - **Walkability:** Will meet with Councillor Fleury this week to discuss priorities for walking and cycling. May 8 is Walking Day in Ottawa.
 - **Gardening:** Meeting about Lowertown West Community Garden is April 16, 6:30-8pm at Routhier Community Centre. If you are not available to attend the meeting but are interested in being part of this initiative, please let us know (info@lowertown-basseville.ca). Third annual Bingham Park Garden Clean Up and Perennial exchange is May 31 beginning at 9am.
- **Business Outreach Update / Mise à jour des Relations commerciales (Donna Kearns)**
 - Nil report from Donna as no meeting.
 - **Nathan from North Dal Business Group:** Goal is to work with Byward Market BIA but also to grow further, outreach to community, and create events. Much of their business is from residents.
- **Heritage Update / Mise à jour du patrimoine (Liz MacKenzie)**
 - Expecting to have two student employees again this summer. Focus of their work will be on architectural research of North Dalhousie. Will be working with Nathan and business group.
- **Safety and Security Update / Mise à jour de sûreté et de sécurité (Norman Moyer)**
 - Better data needed to understand if our community is getting safer: looking for ways to achieve this and working with Councillor Fleury who will follow up with police and staff.
 - Looking for data related to Lowertown for past 10 years. Looking for ways to obtain data. Approaching Byward Market BIA about funding part of access to information request (cost estimated to be \$2,400).
- 7. **Community Interest and Events / Intérêt communautaire et Événements:**
 - **Annual General Meeting / Assemblée générale annuelle:** May 25, 6:00-8 :30pm at Jules Morin Park field house.
 - **Garage Sale June 20 (rain date June 27) / vente de garage le 20 juin (en cas de pluie, le 27 juin) (Justin Dyet):** Having a yard sale and wants to organize and promote it as a neighbourhood sale. Suggestion to focus sale in a park to make it easier for people in condos and apartments to participate. Suggestion not to have a rain date and just go with one date.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm