

LOWERTOWN BASSEVILLE

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION ASSOCIATION COMMUNAUTAIRE

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

MEETING NOTES / NOTES DE RÉUNION – 14 DECEMBER 2015 / 14 DECEMBRE 2015
ROUTHIER COMMUNITY CENTRE, 7-9 PM / CENTRE COMMUNAUTAIRE ROUTHIER, 19-21h

- **Board members present:** John Chenier (Vice President), Nathalie Vallières (Vice President), Sarah Bonesteel (Secretary)
 - **Liaisons present:** Nancy Miller Chenier (Co-Chair, Heritage Committee), Sandra Pilote (Lowertown East Resident's Committee Liaison), Norman Moyer (Safety and Security Liaison), Sylvie Grenier (ByWard Market CORE Team Liaison)
 - **Community members present:** 21
- 1. Welcome and Introductions / Mots de bienvenue et introductions (John Chenier, Vice-President)**
 - Welcome and round table introductions.
 - 2. Approval of Agenda and notes from last meeting / Approbation de l'Ordre du jour et notes de la dernière réunion (John Chenier, Vice-President)**
 - November meeting notes and December meeting agenda approved. Moved by Felix and seconded by Nancy.
 - 3. Councillor's Update / Mise à jour du conseiller**

Present from the Councillor's Office: Councillor Mathieu Fleury

 - **ByLaw Services:** follow up with the Councillor's Office if having persistent bylaw issues.
 - **Budget:** ArtsCourt, funding for Rideau Precinct and pedestrian area at Nicholas, cycling links are all to go ahead.
 - **ByWard Market Revitalization:** will be construction in front of building in 2016 but trying to do all streetscaping around building. Public consultation for plan approval will be in March.
 - **Business update:** Light Rail Transit, ByWard Market renewal, Rideau Precinct. Well attended and well received.
 - **Uptown Rideau Community Design Plan:** approved by Council. Securing four to six storeys along most of corridor and eight heritage properties to be reviewed.
- Questions:**
- Trucks on Beausoleil: City engineers have proven that trucks can turn left from Rideau onto Chapel but can't do full turn on site to go back out onto Rideau. Working to have trucks make a right turn from Chapel onto Beausoleil and circle back to Rideau. No trucks would be allowed to exit site during school hours. Still in discussions and working out details.
 - Mackenzie will be resurfaced and have a bi-directional bicycle lane that connects to the canal.
 - Macdonald Cartier Bridge: has been increased to six lanes. Concern about potential to increase volume on King Edward Avenue. Federal public works project so City does not have information. Tunnel study is looking promising.
 - John asked that Mathieu pass on the LCA's thanks and best wishes to Nathaniel and Alanna who are moving on to new jobs.

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4. Capital Fundraising Project at the Lowertown Community Resource Centre / Levée de fonds au Centre de Ressources Communautaires de la Basse-Ville (Naini Cloutier, Lowertown Community Resource Centre)

- The Lowertown Community Resource Centre (LCRC) has been operating for 35 years and is located on the lower level of the Patro on Cobourg. It is one of 13 community resource centres in Ottawa. They are funded by the City of Ottawa and the United Way. The LCRC offers a variety of services to Lowertown residents, including programs for young children and parents, counselling, good food market, and free tax clinics. They are always looking for volunteers.
- The LCRC is seeking \$110,000 for capital upgrades. They have received \$60,000 from the City and are fundraising for the other \$60,000. They are seeking donations from the community and people to assist with their fundraising. The project will increase the accessibility of the facility, change the layout of the waiting room to increase client privacy, create a children's centre, and create a hub area with computers.
- For questions or to help with the fundraising, contact Naini Cloutier at ncloutier@crcbv.ca

5. Presentation: City of Ottawa By-law Services / Ville d'Ottawa Services des règlements municipaux (Jake Gravelle, Bylaw Officer)

- Provided presentation on ByLaw and Regulatory Services in City of Ottawa.
- ByLaw Services only deals with domestic animals. They do not deal with racoons or skunks unless they are in a residence. They don't deal with them if they are in a shed, under a porch, etc.
- Officers patrol proactively to deal with parking enforcement but would rely on complaints to deal with vehicles blocking laneways.
- Noise: react to complaints but may do proactive patrols at times.
- Property standards: rely on complaints and will issue notice to property owner with timeline for compliance (minimum of 21 days). If no compliance, can contract work and recover fees from property owner on their taxes.
- All complaints can be anonymous. ByLaw Officers will not reveal source of complaint.

Questions:

- Concern that people aren't aware of ByLaws so don't know when they should make complaints. Requested more proactive enforcement of noise and A-frame signs in ByWard Market. Response: ByLaw is about noise that disturbs so wait to enforce based on disturbance complaints. For A-frames, officers deal with issues as they notice obstructions but also good to make complaints.
- Two buildings with chronic noise concerns. Several neighbours regularly phone in complaints but feel nothing being done. Response: Officers may ask for e-mails if they don't arrive in time to hear noise and need a witness. Officer Gravelle indicated that he would follow up on this chronic issue.
- Concern about people leaving bars and screaming, lingering, urinating/defecating in ByWard Market courtyard. Response: ByLaw Services can address noise complaints on NCC property.
- Complaints process: call ByLaw Services and they will decide if it should be dealt with by OPS.
- Nuisance ByLaw: are trying to have one approved for City of Ottawa. ByLaws are enforced in parks and OC Transpo areas. Have asked that enforcement be extended to other areas of the City to assist ByLaw Officers with enforcement of issues.
- How are unofficial parking lots addressed? Response: By ByLaw Services through investigation.
- Neighbourhood Watch program in Ottawa? Yes, through OPS.
- Problem with skunks at Cathcart Square. Live in fenced area owned by Qatar Embassy. Response: City of Ottawa can address this through special protocols.
- Garbage bins and recycling boxes left in front of homes. Response: not permitted to store garbage in front of house but recycling can be left in front.

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- House that is boarded up and not maintained by owner. Response: house may be boarded up but exterior of property must be maintained (grass cut, etc).
- Question about whether Parking ByLaw Officers can deal with more than one issue, such as A-frames, building standards. Suggestion that officers focus on region instead of particular issue. Response: do not operate in that manner because of timing required to deal with parking.
- Follow up complaints? Response: Officers should provide follow up to complainants.
- Aggressive panhandling? Response: OPS issue.
- Made a noise complaint to ByLaw that was actioned by OPS. Should OPS have provided follow-up about what happened? Response: Question for OPS.
- Looking at any kind of technology that will allow complainants to interact with ByLaw Services, such as ability to receive videos? Response: are discussing options for changes to services to make use of new technology. Can receive photos.

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

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

- **Trinity Development:** LCA is in process of contesting the project at the OMB on five issues, including the traffic circulation pattern, height and shadows on school playground, and the storefront. Action Sandy Hill is also contesting issues.
- **Illumination plan for the Capital:** NCC has hired consultants to develop a plan to enhance the experience of the Capital at night. They are involving various stakeholders in the process including residents. NCC will organize night walks in early 2016.

Environment Update / Mise à jour environnementale (Felix Welfeld)

- **Climate Change March:** 25,000 people marched along Sussex.
- **Urban Forest Management Plan:** City announced a plan to develop the forest management plan over the next two years. More information: www.ottawa.ca/urbanforest
- **York Street Trees:** Cut down because of Emerald Ash Borer. Complete Streets process involves valuing trees as part of streetscape and incorporating them into the design from the beginning.

Heritage Update / Mise à jour du patrimoine (Nancy Miller Chenier)

- **171 Bruyere:** November 9, 2015 - Built Heritage Subcommittee (BHSC) deferred a decision on the demolition of 171 Bruyere to permit Ottawa Community Housing to look at viable options with Infrastructure Ontario. It requested that the issue be considered again in January by BHSC.
- **281-283 Cumberland:** December 10, 2015 - Built Heritage Subcommittee voted against the city staff's recommendation for demolition of the double at 281-283 Cumberland and recommended that Planning Committee do the same. It also refused the application for the construction of the low rise apartment building on the sites from Murray to St Patrick Street. This decision too is to be considered at January Planning
- Don Bowles, Committee member, spoke about plaquing Initiative for historic Lowertown buildings

7. Community Interest and Events / Intérêt communautaire et Événements:

- **Tin House Square (Norman Moyer):** National Capital Commission project for community-lead public art. The NCC will pay half and residents are submitting an application for a government grant to cover the remaining cost. The art would be ready for Ottawa 2017 celebrations.

Meeting adjourned 8:45pm