

Lowertown Community Association / L'association communautaire de la Basseville-Ville

Monday 16th October, 2017 / Mardi 16th Octobre, 2017

7-9 PM / 19h00 – 21h00

CENTRE COMMUNAUTAIRE ROUTHIER

Meeting Minutes / Procès-verbal de la réunion

Board members present: Liz Bernstein (President), Ted Lawrence (Treasurer), Thierry Harris (Communications), Liz Mackenzie (Director, Heritage), John Chenier (Director, Community Liaison), Peter (Director, Planning), Sandra Milton (Safety & Security), Catherine (Housing & Homelessness)

Members at Large: Nancy Miller-Chenier, John, Felix, ?

Guest / Invite: LCRC Good Food Initiative

Others / Autres: 28 other residents and guests were in attendance / 28 résidents et invités étaient Presents

1. Welcome Remarks / Mots de bienvenue (Liz Bernstein)

Welcome and round table introductions.

2. Agenda / l'ordre du jour:

16 October, 2017 Agenda approved / 16 octobre 2017 agenda approuvé (**Liz Bernstein**)

- Add area of interest to the agenda: OPO

Minutes / Procès-Verbal: Minutes from the LCA 16th September meeting sent out and available on Facebook.

3. Presentation / présentation: Lowertown Community Resource Centre presentation on Good Food initiatives in Lowertown/le centre de ressources communautaires de la Basse-Ville, presentation de Marché Mobile. Their mandate is affordable grocery (fruit and vegetables). They source with Loblaws at wholesale + 5%, the community hub, the byward market, and a local organic wholesale Good Food.

4. Update from the Ottawa Police Service / Mise à jour du Service de police d'Ottawa (Constable Sebastien Lemay)

- Crime statistics for Lowertown were provided for Q3 2016 and Q3 2017.
- The police rely on the community to call incidents in, if they do not call in it is not recorded in the same way. ***Please call in any suspicious incidents.***
- **Make the right call campaign:** Police call centre 613-236-1222, 911 crime in progress or life threatening. Ottawa.ca online reporting ask for personal information to collect proper data. Crime Stoppers 222-TIPS.

5. Councillor's Update / Mise à jour du conseiller /:

- LRT: The pilot for running of trains is on schedule and already started.

- Byward Market revitalization plan, governance and infrastructure:
- The Executive Director for the market once in place will want to know what the community are looking for, please have your say.
- Budget request:
 - Housing homelessness top priority. Completed 8 project of 300 clients in the shelter housed by various orgs the funding has stopped now. Housing and support to decentralize the support.
 - Truck tunnel: Environmental assessment – the province are awaiting federal partners to be put in place estimated at \$million to ensure the funding renewed for truck tunnel.
 - Lowertown east traffic study requests traffic to not cut through neighbourhood streets. No funding attached, secure those funds 2018.
 - Request for improvement to the Province and Federal \$10 million for improvements. Public review - once LRT opens the parking will be underground, it is a med -long term goal as a public realm \$14million. Phase I is \$10 million.
 - A new water main is mandated on Rideau due to Rideau transit and part of streetscaping, this will begin once LRT begins in 2018.

Questions to the Councillor:

- a) Homes on Clarence street was boarded and burnt down. Councillor response – to set up a meeting with Bylaw and Heritage.
- b) What is the plan for addressing the Shepherds of Good Hope Opiod site. Councillor response – When Shepherds opens there is still a need to action leaders at public health to identify other locations. Sandy Hill are training staff.
- c)

6. Areas of interest - updates / Sujets d'intérêts particuliers:

Planning: The Chateau Laurier proposal site plan is in discussion with Heritage. A fall tabling will occur. The LCA to provide input.

Environment: Renewable energy strategy joined 17 groups in April/May for a strategy to renew emissions across the city funding in this budget.

Mobility Download and print the Map for the snow-mo questionnaire regarding walking/wheelchair access in the winter

Communications: We have tried to answer all of your questions with regard to the LCA OPO survey and Q&A.

Heritage: McDonald Gardens this past summer worked on the designation and sponsors for the McDonald Gardens heritage.

Homelessness and Housing

Housing and Homeless / Itinérance (Thierry Harris): Housing First initiative. Doug Gibson and his team are looking to promote 'Housing First' instead of building more shelters.

Heritage (Liz McKenzie): Mcdonald Gardens park work completed. Worked on the McDonald Gardens designation and sponsored 2 students to work this summer (3 students 20 hours a week).

7. Community interest and Events / - Intérêt communautaire et Événements:

Volunteers Required:

- We are looking for volunteers for the Echo newspaper. Writers, editors, distributors, selling advertising etc.
- We are looking for Bingham park rink volunteers. Watering, shoveling etc.
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Meeting adjourned: 8:40pm

Next Meeting Monday 13th November

Appendix A

Police Report:

- Theft Q3 between July, Aug, Sept 2017: 215 person were charged in Lowertown, this is similar to Q3 2016.
- Gun, knife, shooting stabbing: Shooting on Murray Sept 11th no victims identified, investigation ongoing. No charges.
- Ultracation Sept 24th on Rideau St: Car and pedestrian who produced a knife. Assault charges laid.
- Shoplifting charges: Rideau St a person produced a knife, investigation led to no criminal charges laid due to personal mental health issue. Did receive warning.
- Criminal Offence Q3 for 2016 and 2017: Remains the same.
- Mischievous property: Graffiti up in 2017
- Specific Crime: Controlled drugs, possession and trafficking slight increase.
- Suspicious activities: Increase this year (break and enter or suspicious seen on property)
- Criminal Charges: Sexual assault case. Procedures for emotionally affected victims have access to the crisis unit and other resources available. LCA Safety and Security to send out notice alerting women to be aware and if they have an issue in the Byward market to call the police.
- Drug related offences: Slight increase.
- **Questions:**
 - Residents did not provide a positive feedback for the Ottawa Police call-in centre (central phone number). Noted by the Constable Lemay.
 - Traffic congestion on St Patrick West going to King Edward due to construction. Constable Lemay to follow-up on traffic issue and monitoring as cars are cutting through the residential streets.
 - For traffic congestion complaints go to Ottawa.ca online reporting for the traffic enforcement unit.
 - Pan handling call non emergency number. If pan handler passed out/lying on sidewalk call 311 and request an outreach van to be dispatched.
 - The Ottawa Police Bike's - patrol in 3's to ensure they have backup as required.