

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

MEETING NOTES / NOTES DE RÉUNION – 12 JANUARY 2015 / 12 JANVIER 2015  
ROUTHIER COMMUNITY CENTRE / CENTRE COMMUNAUTAIRE ROUTHIER

- **Board Members Present:** Liz Bernstein (President), Jan-François Grabowiecki (Vice-President), Sarah Bonesteel (Secretary), Donna Kearns (Director, Business Outreach), Nathalie Vallières (Director, Membership and Volunteers), Liz Mackenzie (Director, Heritage)
- **LCA Liaisons Present:** Nancy Miller Chenier (Co-Chair, Heritage Committee), Mario Gasperetti (Co-Chair, Planning Committee)
- **Community Members Present:** 13

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

- Roundtable Introductions

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

- Correction in December meeting notes: In Heritage Report, "Ottawa Housing Authority" should be "Ontario Heritage Act".
- December meeting notes and January meeting agenda approved.

**3. Councillor's Update / Mise à jour du conseiller**

- **Present from the Councillor's Office:** Nathaniel Mullin
- The LCA President asked that Nathaniel pass on the LCA's condolences to Mathieu Fleury on the death of his father.
- **City Budget:** Consultations will be held throughout the City. Central consultation is Feb 9 at City Hall, Councillors Fleury and Nussbaum will hold a joint consultation for their wards on Feb 11, 7:00pm, at the Complex St. Laurent on Côté Street.
  - LCA to send delegate to Feb 9 meeting but as it is the same evening as the LCA meeting, the LCA will have more input at the Feb 11 meeting.
- **Committee Assignments:** Councillor Fleury will sit on the following committees: Transportation, Board of Health, and Community and Protective Services. He will chair the Ottawa Community Housing Board.
- **Snow Clearing:** In previous years, the Councillor's Office has received many complaints about the lack of timely snow clearance on sidewalks north of St. Patrick Street. The Councillor has met with City staff and asked them to make this area more of a priority.
- **Trinity Development:** Mathieu had committed to organizing a community meeting in January. Matt Genest was to set a date with Trinity. Nathaniel will follow up with him and let us know the meeting date.
- **Lauzon Property on King Edward Avenue:** Nathaniel to follow up on plans for management and landscaping of the site. Suggestion made by resident to use space for a community garden.

**4. Areas of Interest – Updates / Sujets d'intérêts particuliers– Mises à jour :**  
**Planning Update / Mise à jour du Comité de planification (Mario Gasperetti)**

- **Upper Rideau Community Development Plan:** Next meeting is January 28.
- **Basilica Parking Lot:** Two members of LCA Planning Committee met with Archdiocese, who is planning to move forward with permanent lot. City planner to follow up with LCA once Archdiocese's position is final.
  - Councillor Fleury agrees that parking lot is not appropriate. City's Official Plan also does not align with parking lot plan. Suggestion that LCA publicize opposition to plan, beginning with next Echo.

- **Variance Request for Billboard in Cornerstone Parking Lot (100 Clarence):** LCA wrote a letter to oppose request for large billboard because it is in Heritage Conservation District.
- **City Infill Bylaw:** LCA has received information package. Comments needed by January 24. Following that, public can make comments until April.
- **Planning Primer:** Course on planning offered by the City, January 24 and 26 from 8:30-noon.
- **Cacao Liquor License Request:** 51-53 William Street (amalgamated two small storefronts). LCA Planning Committee met with restaurant owners before hearing. Have agreed to following: will not sell wine or draft beer on premises. Will only have small amounts of liquor to include in specialty beverages. Will serve liquor during limited hours. No live music, music outside, or outdoor licensed area. Mediation worked well.

#### **Environment Update / Mise à jour environnementale (Liz Bernstein)**

- **Tree Ottawa:** Following December presentation, LCA will now identify locations for fall planting.
- **Walkability Audit:** planning another winter audit with Councillor Fleury.
- **Environment Committee:** Councillor Fleury is no longer on the committee but LCA Environment Committee will continue to follow City Environment Committee agendas for alignment with LCA priorities.

#### **Safety and Security Update / Mise à jour de sûreté et de sécurité (Donna Kearns / Jan-François Grabowiecki)**

- **Jan-François:** Submitted a proposal to a University of Ottawa program that promotes volunteerism in the community. Proposal is for study on crime related to night life in the Byward Market. If student is assigned to project, LCA will try to connect them with other relevant stakeholders (BIA, Councillor's Office, etc).
- **Donna:** attended December Byward Market BIA Safety and Security Committee meeting. Representative from American Embassy was in attendance and keen to participate.

#### **Business Outreach Update / Mise à jour des Relations commerciales (Donna Kearns)**

- No report. Awaiting upcoming meeting.

#### **5. Community Interest and Events / Intérêt communautaire et Événements:**

- **Winterfest 2015 (Nancy Miller Chenier):** Family Day, Jules Morin Park, beginning at 1pm. Need volunteers. Mainly organized by Lowertown East Resident's Committee with funding and other assistance from the LCA. E-mail if you can help out at the event: [info@lowertown-basseville.ca](mailto:info@lowertown-basseville.ca) .
- **Bingham Park Rink:** Up and running! If you have time to help out, contact: [info@lowertown-basseville.ca](mailto:info@lowertown-basseville.ca) .
- **Ward Council (Liz Bernstein):** Lowertown, Vanier and Sandy Hill to meet quarterly and with Councillor's Office on common issues.
- **Updating the LCA Bylaws and Constitution (Sarah Bonesteel):** Looking to update our governance documents. Current Constitution was attached to January e-news. Please send any comments or suggestions. If you would like a copy of the Constitution, e-mail [info@lowertown-basseville.ca](mailto:info@lowertown-basseville.ca) .
- **Call for volunteers:** we are always looking for volunteers! E-mail [info@lowertown-basseville.ca](mailto:info@lowertown-basseville.ca) to sign up.
- **Upcoming Events:**
  - The Human Scale film at Bytowne Cinema, doors open at 6:00pm.
  - NCC meeting about 7 Clarence, January 14. NCC final design for their re-build on the site. Side Door restaurant, 7:30am. Liz Mackenzie will attend.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm