**Lowertown Community Association**

**Annual General Meeting Minutes**

**June 12, 2023, Routhier Community Centre**

Called to order: 7:09 pm

**President’s Message**: Sylvie Bigras

AGM Business: Archie Campbell, Chair

**Quorum**:

* Threshold met.

**President’s Report**: Sylvie Bigras

* LCA works to honour and protect Ottawa’s oldest and historic neighbourhoods and making community safe and wonderful
* Four priorities: animation and beautification; social services; truck traffic; heritage.
* LCA is a volunteer organization and looking for more volunteers to join its leadership team.

**Treasurer’s Report**: Lloyd Morrison

* Presented 2022 financial statements which were discussed and accepted.
* Despite a deficit of $1716, the LCA is overall in a good financial position to fund the Echo and other operations in 2023 but should explore fundraising initiatives.

**Board Elections** (all positions were acclaimed)

**Executive:**

President - Sylvie Bigras

Vice-Presidents - Sandra Milton, Warren Waters

Treasurer - Lloyd Morrison

Secretary – Nadia Stuewer

**Directors:**

Arts & Culture Committee Chair - Vacant

Communications Committee Chair - Vacant

Friends of Lowertown Parks Committee Chair - Sandra Milton

Heritage Committee Chairs - Kate Laing & Allen Brown

Housing and Homelessness Committee Chair - Bruce Kelly & Josh Van Noppen

Planning Committee Chair - Warren Waters

Safety and Security Committee Chairs - Julie Lanteigne & Sandra Milton

Transportation Committee Chair - Dominic Santos

**Other Business** – Chair: Sylvie Bigras

**Messages from Elected Representatives**

Lucille Collard, MPP

* Community associations do important work, should be part of the governance model of our province.
* Working proactively on Lowertown issues, collaboration at federal, provincial and municipal representative levels.

Stephanie Plante, Councillor

* Byward Market District Authority vote upcoming at Council.
* Seeing better collaboration among stakeholders.
* Sandy Hill Daycare is moving to the former John Howard Society building.

**Lowertown Community Resource Centre (LCRC) Update:** Matt Beutel

* Need for services and support among Lowertown families is high and growing; LCRC tries to address those needs.
* LCRC’s biggest challenge is inadequate space to run its programming and food bank; there is additional space in the community under City control.

**Committee Reports**

Transport: Priorities include King Edward Avenue, the truck route, Alexandra Bridge and traffic calming

Safety and Security: Advocacy, collaboration with partners; seeking area representatives to be “eyes and ears”

Parks: Priorities include MacDonald Gardens Heritage Plan and Bingham Park revitalization

Planning: Look where people are struggling in your community, ask yourself what one small thing can make it better, and do it

Housing: Looking at innovative solutions for housing and homelessness issues

Heritage: Continue to work on protecting our precious heritage, including the updating of the plans for the two Heritage Conservation Districts west of King Edward (Byward Market and Lowertown West) and a draft plan for the conservation of MacDonald Gardens park (heritage designated in 2017).

Thank you to our past Arts and Culture Chair, Kendra Hughes and our Heritage Co-Chairs, Nancy Miller Chenier and Andrew Waldron.

Meeting concluded at 8:50

**Next Meeting: September 11, 2023**