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Action Sandy Hill Community Association
Annual General Meeting
May 16, 2013

Welcoming Remarks by the Moderator (Juliet Knapton)

- The moderator called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m. with welcoming remarks. Juliet identified the general procedural rules that will be followed during the meeting. She added that Mauril Bélanger will arrive later in the evening and revised the agenda accordingly.
- A motion was moved by Alex and seconded by Douglas Ainslie to add two items to the agenda
 - Changes to the ASH by-law on residency requirements for a position of Director on the ASH Board
 - Changes to the conflict of interest ASH by-law
- The moderator agreed to hold questions from the floor and that the new motions to be presented and discussed after the Committee Updates. The AGM 2012 minutes were not approved right away as Camille Ainslie had not received the minutes, and was given a copy

Welcoming Remarks by Christopher Collmorgen, President of ASH

- Christopher Collmorgen addressed the AGM participants, thanking them for coming out in large numbers that could be the largest turnout for an ASH AGM to date. Christopher indicated that this was the first election in many years since there were more candidates than positions. He also thanked each Board Member, summarizing their involvement over the past year. Christopher outlined ASH achievements and small victories such as: the working relationship of the Town and Gown Committee (University of Ottawa/City of Ottawa & Sandy Hill community), and its two working groups; vandalism zoning change; developing a strong relationship with the City of Ottawa police; improved relations with developers that come to the Board to seek advice; and a moratorium on the conversion of single family residences three or more units.

Approval of the 2012 AGM Minutes

- Minutes were approved (motion by Benoit Delisle and seconded by Richard Mason)

Sandy Hill Volunteer of the Year Award (Claire MacDonald)

- Leanne Moussa was recognized as the ASH volunteer for the year (2012-2013) award for her work in the community as the driving force behind the Carriage House project.



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Highlights from the Councillor (Mathieu Fleury)

- Mathieu Fleury gave an overview of the files of interest to the community, in both official languages, he indicated:
 - LRT (light rail transit) construction is about to start construction in the next coming weeks lasting for four to five years. Any issues related to the LRT construction should be sent to Mr. Fleury's office.
 - The pedestrian bridge over the Rideau River is coming, Mr. Fleury is confident that funds will be secured.
 - Rideau Street renewal, delays are to be expected for the section reaching Cummings Bridge.
 - The community was invited to participate in the upcoming public consultations on the Arts Court expansion project.
 - Mr. Fleury identified the Rideau Centre expansion plan as a benefit to the community bringing energy and connectivity to the area.
 - City of Ottawa staff has been order to apply the by-laws more rigorously on abandoned properties, since vacant properties should not look vacant from the street.
 - Mr. Fleury noted the good relationship between ASH, the City of Ottawa and the community, and he gave as an example last year's infill guidelines amendment, - which compels anyone seeking to turn a single-unit dwelling into a multi-unit dwelling of three units or more to submit a site plan control application. During the by-law moratorium, the City will review R2, R3, and R4 zoning.

Highlights from our Member of Provincial Parliament (Madeleine Meilleur)

- Madame Meilleur congratulated the ASH Board for their hard work. She thanked all citizens who participated in the provincial budget exercise. She indicated that the new budget will have more money for job creation, resources for youth and seniors. She indicated that there was funding for a crime prevention strategy that will have a six month consultation process, a first for Ontario. Another example of a new provincial public safety measure is the obligation to install sprinklers in long-term chronic care homes. She identified public transportation as one of the new Premier's priorities, which led to the announcement widening the 417 Highway to accommodate the LRT. In conclusion, Madame Meilleur opposed the proposed Kettle Island Interprovincial Bridge, if it was to only carry 50% of the truck traffic.



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Questions from the floor

- Chad Rollins asked Councillor Mathieu Fleury for an update on the temporary park to be constructed by Richcraft at the corner of Rideau and Charlotte Streets. Mr. Fleury summarized the Richcraft proposal, then Chad moved a motion to have the park built as promised for three years (seconded by Benoit Delisle). A vote was taken with the majority voting in favour of the motion. Mr. Fleury stressed the importance for the community to attend an upcoming information session on the Richcraft Park since it was outspoken about the whole 560 Rideau project, Richcraft not respecting OMB density and height. Many present expressed the view that the ASH motion was loud and clear and additional consultation with Richcraft was unnecessary.
- A participant questioned Councillor Mathieu Fleury on the success of the two-week garbage collection practice. Mr. Fleury reminded the community to call 311 whenever there is a problem related to garbage, the costs for removal will be absorbed by the owner. He noted that there is no easy solution with garbage and no one wants a dump in their backyard. Studies indicate that on average 70% of regular garbage is recyclable or compostable.

Highlights from the Federal Member of Parliament (the Honourable Mauril Bélanger)

- Mr. Mauril Bélanger apologized for his late arrival and stated that he agreed with Madeleine Meilleur in opposing the Kettle Island option for the interprovincial bridge. He also noted that the Canada Lands Company is engaged with consulting communities regarding the former Rockcliffe Base in Manor Park, and invited people to attend their next public consultation in Hampton Inn, on May 25, 2013. Mr. Bélanger commented on the state of scientific research in Canada, mentioning the loss of census data as an example of creating holes in the government's capacity, which was agreed by those in attendance.

Questions from the floor

- Louise Shaughnessy asked Madame Meilleur about what can be done regarding student housing that has been putting pressure on Sandy Hill due to the lack of student residences at the University of Ottawa. Madeleine Meilleur commented on the increase of students and the



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ongoing construction of new faculty buildings while recognizing there weren't enough residences. She committed to have a discussion with the University of Ottawa President (Alan Rock) and bring this to his attention. A related comment indicated that University blames the provincial government for the lack of funds. Madeleine Meilleur agreed to discuss this with the University president.

Sandy Hill Community Health Centre (SHCHC) – David Gibson, Executive Director

- David Gibson described the origins of the SHCHC in the 1970s, the important implication of local residents in building this service to the community. Mr. Gibson also commented on the existence of disadvantaged people, low income families and poverty in Sandy Hill. He noted that many residents are faced with issues such as food insecurity, high rates of asthma among children, and high death rates among homeless people, where prescription overdoses are one of the main (avoidable) causes for death. Mr. Gibson warned against potential negative impacts a casino would have on the community, and asked for a quiet revolution to defeat this project.

LRT Implementation – Matt Eason, City of Ottawa

- The LRT community outreach team gave a very informative PowerPoint presentation. ASH committed to put the presentation on its website for reference.

ASH Committee Updates

Town and Gown Committee (Christopher Collmorgen)

- The Town and Gown Committee brings together people from the City of Ottawa (Ottawa Police/Bylaw & the Councillor's Office), the University of Ottawa (VP Resources, Student Federation, Graduate Students) and the community (ASH, landlords and residents). The Committee and its two sub-committees (housing and strategic initiatives) meet regularly to work towards common objectives. The next meeting on strategic initiatives will be held on June 27th.



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ASH Planning and Development Committee (Sophie Beecher)

- The Committee meets on a monthly basis. Participation from the community is appreciated since there are many projects on the go, with varying coverage. In this upcoming year, there will be: the creation of Infill Study Part 2 Subcommittee and the Development of Application Review Subcommittee. Input from the community on this study is crucial. The ASH Planning Committee will also press the City to adopt the recommendations of the Sandy Hill Heritage Study of 2010, and continue to monitor new developments. The Committee would like to develop a map of the neighborhood identifying zones at risk for close monitoring. Sophie thanked Jane Gurr for her fine work as co-chair of the committee.

Transportation Committee (John Verbaas)

- John indicated that the LRT project puts public transportation at the centre of the City of Ottawa. Sandy Hill residents will lose their access to the transit way at the Laurier Station due to LRT construction. The Kettle Island Interprovincial Bridge proposal remains a tough fight but the community can count on the support of Mauril Bélanger and Madeleine Meilleur. The east-west bikeway is moving forward and traffic-calming measures have been built on Mann Avenue.

By-laws and Environment Committee (Claire MacDonald)

- The fall community walk-about was a highlight this year with over 30 volunteer students who toured the neighbourhood providing information on by-laws, and issues such as noise and garbage. The University of Ottawa Off-Campus Services worked with ASH and the City of Ottawa in running this activity. The University of Ottawa website has relevant information for students living in Sandy Hill and the City of Ottawa.

ASH Website & Membership (Elaine Koren)

- Elaine thanked Alice for her hard work in improving the ASH website. It is now equipped with email responses providing membership information. ASH is working on allowing the membership form to be filled out online and membership fees to be paid electronically.



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Financial Statement (Jane Gurr)

- Since the Treasurer, Kyle Simunovic out of town, Jane Gurr gave a summary of accounts and a summary of major revenue items and expenses. The main sources of funds are the City of Ottawa for the outdoor ice rink, the ASH membership fees and the One and Only Craft Fair. Key expenses were for the outdoor ice rink, the fall community BBQ, and development of the website. A new Fundraising Committee is being set up, volunteers are welcome.

Questions and Motions from the Floor

- **First motion on Qualification of Directors moved by Albert Stolow seconded by Robert Forbes**

Qualification of Director

Be it resolved that Article 4.2 of Bylaw No. 1 of the ACTION SANDY HILL Community Association which currently reads:

- “4.2 Qualification – No person shall be qualified as a Director unless he:
- a. Is an individual of at least eighteen years of age;
 - b. is a resident of, or owns a business in Sandy Hill at the time of his election, or is the representative of the Student Federation of the University of Ottawa Executive;
 - c. is, at the time of his election and throughout his term of office, a member of the Association; and
 - d. has not been found incapable under Ontario law or by a court and does not hold the status of bankrupt.”

Be amended to delete “, or owns a business in” in subparagraph b), such that Article 4.2 will now read:

- “4.2 Qualification – No person shall be qualified as a Director unless he:
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- c. is, at the time of his election and throughout his term of office, a member of the Association; and
- d. has not been found incapable under Ontario law or by a court and does not hold the status of bankrupt.”

Be it resolved that Article 4.3 of Bylaw No. 1 of the ACTION SANDY HILL Community Association, which currently reads:

“4.3 Maximum number of business owners – No more than three directors shall be business owners in Sandy Hill without also being residents of Sandy Hill.”,

be repealed.

A vote was taken and the motion was carried with a large majority.

- **Second motion on Declaration of Interest moved by Eugene Derenyi seconded by Camille Ainslie**

B) Be it resolved that Article 4.19 of Bylaw No. 1 of the ACTION SANDY HILL Community Association, which currently reads:

“4.19 Declaration of Interest – It shall be the duty of every Director who, in any way, whether directly or indirectly, has a legal or monetary interest in a question before the Board to fully declare the extent of such interest. No Director may take part in the Board discussion, cast a vote, or attempt to influence such vote, on any question in which he has an interest. In such matters, Directors are permitted to make their case in the same fashion as any other petitioner before the Board. Any Director found to not have declared, or to have voted on, an issue in which he has a legal or monetary interest will be requested to resign by the Board.”

Be repealed and replaced with the following Article 4.19:

“4.19 Declaration of interest – It shall be the duty of every Director and every Member of a Committee, who, in any way, whether directly or indirectly, (a) has a legal or monetary interest in a question before the Board or a Committee; or (b)



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who could be perceived to have the opportunity to use the authority, knowledge, or influence derived from his position for his own benefit, or the benefit of a member of his or her immediate family; or (c) where the interest of a Director or member of Committee may be, or may be perceived as being, incompatible with the interests of the Association, to fully declare the extent of such interest to the Board and/or Committee at the first opportunity. All declarations of conflict of interest shall be recorded in writing by the Association. No Director or member of a Committee may take part in a Board discussion and/or Committee discussion, cast a vote, or attempt to influence such vote or discussion, on any question in which he has an interest. In such matters, Directors and members of Committees are permitted to make their cases in the same fashion as any other petitioner before the Board or a Committee. Any Director or member of a Committee in contravention of this Article 4.19 shall immediately resign from the Board and/or Committee.”

Vote was taken, in favour 31, opposed 47. The motion failed

- A motion was moved by Sally Southey and seconded by Benoit Delisle for the Board to review article 4.19 by September 2013.

A vote was taken and the motion was carried with a large majority.

- **Fourth motion on Proxy vote moved by Camille Ainslie and seconded by Vivienne Bartlett**

“In accordance with Article 7.3 of ASH Bylaw No. 1, any proxy given by a member in good standing of this community association to someone in the audience tonight be recognised and validated so that their lawful and democratic wishes can be implemented.

Vote taken, in favor 63, opposed 2. The motion was carried.



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Election of Board Members

- There were no new nominations from the floor
- The 14 candidates presented themselves and the voting by ballot took place as planned. At around 11:45 pm, the announcement of the elected Board Members was as follows:
 - Alice Kwong
 - Sally Southey
 - Chad Rollins
 - John Verbaas
 - Yves Le Bouthillier
 - Michael Marin
 - Suneeta Millington
 - Eric Audet
 - Robert Forbes

A tie between Sophie Beecher and Douglas Ainslie prompted a run-off election to be held for this last position on the Board.

The meeting finished at approximately midnight.