



## Meeting of the Board of Directors

Monday, May 31, 2021

7:30 pm – 8:38 pm via video conference

### MINUTES

Present Board Members: David Elden, Cathy Major, Megan Reilkoff, John Verbaas, Michael Barnes, Trina Cooper-Bolam, Hilary Duff, Susan Khazaeli, William Milner, Jan Finlay, Peggy DuCharme, Yipeng Ge.

Guests: Total number 13 including Stephanie Plante, Kathy Moyer, François Bregha, Ivan Ivanov and Louise Lapointe.

1. The agenda was approved with no changes.
2. Review and approval of the April 25, 2021 minutes with changes – Motion to approve moved by Peggy DuCharme, seconded by Michael Barnes, unanimously approved.
3. Treasurer's Report: Megan Reilkoff
  - The Treasurer's Report for April 2021 was circulated by email to the Board members, and is attached here.
    - **Action:** The Report will be approved at the next ASH Board meeting in June.
4. Councillor's Report:
  - New Community Liaison: The Councillor announced that Erin Wood was moving to a new portfolio in his office and Stephanie Plante was assuming the role of community liaison. She can be reached at [stephanie.plante@ottawa.ca](mailto:stephanie.plante@ottawa.ca).
  - 2 Robinson: There will be a walk-about at the site of the planned development at 2 Robinson Avenue. The City of Ottawa has received an Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment application to permit the development of 4 – 30 storey towers and 1 – 9 storey building. Three community groups have been established to look at transportation, affordable housing and community spaces ( parks and gyms) in relation to this development. ASH will be advised of the date of the walkabout.
  - 66 Stewart St: The Councillor will be meeting with staff later this week to discuss this application which is a development on a heritage property. Trina resent the Councillor a copy of the letter ASH submitted on the development at 65 Stewart.
  - Official Plan and Renters: Five urban councillors including our Councillor will host a session for renters in the City's core and the new Official Plan on Thursday, June 3.
  - Traffic Issues: The Councillor's motion to set the speed limit in Sandy Hill (south of Laurier) at 30 kph was approved. Signs will be changed accordingly. There is still work to be done to reduce the speed north of Laurier. The signs for a 4 way stop at Osgoode and Sweetland will be installed at the end of this month.

- Official Plan (OP): ASH assisted the Councillor in drafting motions around the issues that ASH had identified in the OP and the new Central and East Downtown Core Secondary Plan which includes Sandy Hill. He met with the OP Team about ASH's issues and his motions. He is waiting for the Team's response. If they agree, we will see the scheduling of a Community Design Plan for Sandy Hill. The Councillor did not put forward his motions.
- Infrastructure: The resurfacing of Mann Avenue and Range Road is almost complete. As part of the project, there should be an elevated intersection at Somerset Street E. and Range Road. However, there is not. This is a quality control issue which the contractor is required to remedy.
- Mann Ave. Landscaping Plan: The Councillor forwarded the new plans for planters in front of the strip mall on Mann Avenue to ASH for comment. He has requested these comments by Friday, June 4, 2021. The Councillor favoured the option of new planters in this location and finding new homes in Sandy Hill for the old planters.
- Laurier/Nicholas Project: Work on the roadway on Waller between Nicholas Street and Laurier Avenue is yet to be completed. Uottawa is interested in a pedestrian way (no transit) while the City is leaning towards this section of Nicholas remaining as a transit-way. If this section of roadway becomes a pedestrian area, then existing STO buses will have to be rerouted. John Verbaas pointed out that ASH has never been included in these discussions while Peggy DuCharme asked whether there would be a public consultation on this issue. The Councillor stated that until ongoing discussions between the City and the University have been finalized, ASH would not be included. The Councillor indicated that once a decision has been made, there will be public consultation.
  - **Action**: The Councillor will send the plans to John.
- New Tree Protection Bylaw: The new City Tree Protection Bylaw took effect in January 2021. The Bylaw outlines which trees can be removed and the process for when and how to obtain a permit for tree removal. The City's Forestry Department did approve the removal of all trees in Robinson Village.
- Parks and Recreation Master Plan: The City is seeking the public's comments on the draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The Councillor has provided his comments to the Master Plan Team including the fact that our community has grown significantly yet the Plan does not reflect that growth. The Councillor strongly recommended that Sandy Hillers:
  - participate in the virtual consultations which will be taking place in the next 2 weeks,
  - complete the online survey
  - send comments directly to his office
    - **Action**: Hilary will prepare some draft letters for use by the community to provide their comments on the plan. These will be promoted on ASH's social media.
- Questions/Comments for the Councillor:
  - John Verbaas asked whether the planned development at 65 Stewart Street would go before the Built Heritage sub-Committee. Trina Cooper-Bolam thought this would be the case since the property is in a Heritage Conservation District. Trina also voiced her concern that none of ASH's comments on the planned development at 66 Stewart Street were not considered by the City Planner. The Councillor did not provide any further comments on these issues.
  - Regarding 244 Fountain Place, Michael Barnes wondered why City planners did not consider that removing part of Besserer Park was a violation of the Uptown Rideau and Sandy Hill Secondary Plans. He commented that the City should be protecting parks not carving them up. Since the file on the development at 244 Fountain Place is still open, Michael added that he would like to see a conclusion to this issue; preferably that Besserer Park remain intact.

5. New Business:

- Trina Cooper-Bolam introduced a motion to add a new class of membership to ASH for Friends of Sandy Hill which would include volunteers, business people who don't live in the community but who have businesses here and other individuals who may not live in Sandy Hill but who have shown an interest in the community over the years. Trina explained that these individuals would be non-voting members and could not hold a position on the Board. The motion was deferred until the next Board Meeting.
  - **Action:** Dave Elden will schedule a meeting to discuss this motion before the June Board meeting.
- The Councillor was introduced to the new Board members: William Milner, Jan Finlay and Peggy DuCharme.

6. Next Meeting: June 28, 2021.

An in camera session was held prior to the regular ASH Board meeting to name Directors as chairs of the various ASH Committees and Executive positions.

To date: the new ASH Board is:

President – Susan Khazaeli  
 Vice – President – Trina Cooper-Bolam  
 Treasurer – Megan Reilkoff                      Secretary – Cathy Major

**ASH Committees**

Committee Name	Committee Chairperson(s)
Planning and Heritage	Trina Cooper-Bolam,
Communications	Dave Elden/Hilary Duff
Membership & Website	Dave Elden
Town & Gown	William Milner
Transportation	John Verbaas
Events	Hilary Duff
Clean and Safe	Peggy DuCharme

Yet to be determined:

- a further breakdown of the Planning and Heritage Committee and a co-Chair for the Committee.
- Environment