



## **Meeting of the Board of Directors**

Monday, June 28, 2021

7:00 pm – 9:20 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.

Regrets: Yipeng Ge, Peggy DuCharme.

Guests: Total number 13 including Erin Woods, Kathy Moyer, Bailee Johnson, Malika Séguin

1. The agenda which was sent prior to the meeting was not followed as the President had to relocate due to a house emergency. Therefore, a generic agenda was used.
2. Review and approval of the May 31, 2021 minutes – Motion to approve moved by Dave Elden, seconded by Michael Barnes, unanimously approved.
3. Treasurer's Report: Megan Reilkoff
  - The Treasurer's Report for May 2021 was circulated by email to the Board members, and is attached here. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Reports for April and May 2021 was moved by Cathy Major, seconded by Michael Barnes, unanimously approved.

#### President's Report:

- ASH sent a letter dated June 17, 2021 to the City regarding the displacement of Cornerstone Women from the uOttawa Residence on Friel (technically in Lowertown) expressing our hope that moving forward the community would be consulted on issues regarding housing and other social programs.
- ASH also sent a letter dated June 25, 2021 to allSaints supporting its application for funding the Next Way program. Both letters are on the ASH website.

#### 4. Councillor's Report:

- Official Plan (OP): The Councillor announced that the "Way We Heard It" Report regarding the draft OP had been released. ASH is concerned that many of its comments regarding the draft had not been heard. The Councillor will review the report and plans to meet with the OP Team this week to discuss.
- 2 Robinson: A walk-about of the site was held on June 14 and was attended by the Councillor, City staff, community members and the developer. The need for well-planned, high usage bike & pedestrian path to link OC Transpo bus / LRT stops with access to U of O etc. (ie. Linking with & going past 2 Robinson development) was highlighted.
- 25 Templeton: The University has submitted an application to the Committee of Adjustment requesting a variance to build an outdoor receptacle to house industrial sized waste bins. The ASH Planning and Heritage Committee is reviewing the application.
- Infrastructure: As part of the resurfacing of Mann Avenue and Range Road, there should be an elevated intersection at Somerset Street E. and Range Road. The contractor will be installing

the raised intersection at no cost to the City. There has been a slight delay in the planter project in front of the Mann Avenue strip mall.

- E scooters: More operators are providing more e scooters this summer. The Councillor is hearing about e scooters being driven on the sidewalks and being abandoned in inappropriate spots e.g. the middle of sidewalks. If residents have concerns, they should send them directly to the Councillor's office.
- Active Transportation Survey: The results of the survey can be found on the City's website.
- New Community Liaison: The Councillor introduced Bailee Johnson who is the new Community Liaison in his office. She can be reached at [bailee.johnson@ottawa.ca](mailto:bailee.johnson@ottawa.ca).
- New COVID Vaccine Clinics: There will be popup clinics at the Rideau Centre this week with no appointment necessary. However, these clinics are available only to those living in a priority neighbourhood of which Sandy Hill is one.
- Questions for the Councillor:
  - A question was raised about the Jail Hostel and St Paul's Respite Centres. Since the existing shelters do not offer the capacity for physical distancing, both the Jail Hostel and St Paul's Respite Centres will remain open until the end of COVID.
  - Trina Cooper-Bolam ask whether the Councillor had time to review the As We Heard It Report in relation to Sandy Hill. He indicated he had not but encouraged Trina to meet with Michel of his office to discuss.
  - The Councillor was asked for a definition of affordable housing. He answered that there were different definitions across the country but generally, the definition is housing that costs less than 30% of gross income.

#### 5. Ottawa Police Services (OPS) – Constable Sébastien Lemay

- Constable Lemay introduced himself to the new members of the Board. He mentioned that he had been involved in moving the Cornerstone clients to their new temporary shelter on Heron Road. There are some encampments in Strathcona Park. He coordinates with Outreach Services and if necessary may remove them. If encampments are found, they should be reported to the Constable at [lemays@ottawapolice.ca](mailto:lemays@ottawapolice.ca).
- Questions for the Constable:
  - Michael Barnes noticed what appeared to be a drug deal on Sunday night around 10pm between Charlotte and Wurtemberg. Michael also mentioned that there are an increasing number of vehicles that look like the licence plates have been completely polished off (Plates cannot be read). Constable Lemay encouraged Michael to send in an online complaint complete with time frame and vehicle description through the OPS website.
  - Maha Spek has noticed two encampments: one in Riverain Park close to the Beer Store and the other at Duchies Hole. The Constable noted the encampments. She also commented on the increase in panhandling along Rideau Street and the Market area. The Constable suggested that if she were uncomfortable with the panhandling that the Ottawa Police should be called. He also suggested that the City's Outreach Services should be invited to an ASH Board Meeting to discuss these issues. Susan Khazaeli agreed with this suggestion. Malika Séguin from the Sandy Hill Community Health Centre explained that the shelters are locked during the day and there are limited day programs for people in need. The Shepherds of Good Hope have opened up a drop-in centre on their property which is open from 7am to 11pm during the week. Outreach Services in association with Centre 454 have foot patrols who hand out water and other necessities. Constable Lemay has asked the foot patrols to gently nudge people on private property to move on.

#### 6. Committee Reports:

- Planning and Heritage: Trina commented that there were no planning applications of heritage permits to report on . She is still investigating the feasibility of developing architectural elevations being made available for future development in Sandy Hill. Michael Barnes reported on 244 Fountain Place and the introduction of new elevations for the development that had not previously been seen. The new elevations show a roof top mechanical room which did not appear in the approved plans. He questioned how this came about. **Erin will follow-up directly with Michel in the Councillor's office.** Michael also mentioned that the description of the building is not accurate on the City's Development Application site. The application does not show any vehicular parking and now this is being asked for. There are 87 attachments to the plan which are not in chronological order. **Michael will send his comments to Michel.**
- Transportation: John Verbaas reported that Peggy DuCharme set up a meeting with the Councillor to discuss traffic calming on and the reduction of the speed limit to 30kph on Laurier, King Edward and Cumberland. The meeting will be held on July 15, 2021. John attended the June 14<sup>th</sup> walk-about at 2 Robinson which looked at active transportation and connectivity at the planned development. It was apparent that City Staff and the Developer have not given this a great deal of thought.
- Communications: Hilary reported that she met with Cathy Major to discuss using Mail Chimp to produce the ASH Newsletter. The plan is to issue the August newsletter using this platform.
  - **Motion**: Hillary introduced a motion that the newsletter would be made available to all residents of Sandy Hill and not just the membership using a sign-up form on the ASH website and a link in social media. The motion was seconded by Will Milner and passed unanimously.
- Membership: Dave Elden reported that there are 260 ASH members with 3 corporate members: Swiss Hotel, Molly and Claude Realty Team and 3D Security Services.
- Block Reps: Jan Finlay had nothing to report.
- Town and Gown: Will Milner indicated there has been no meeting of Town and Gown. **Erin Wood is arranging a meeting for early August.**
- Clean and Safe: Peggy DuCharme, Chair of the Committee did not attend the meeting. However Susan K. Mentioned that Peggy was working on the Terms of Reference for this Committee.

#### 7. Sandy Hill Tree and Greening Group (Group):

- Marilyn Whitaker explained that the Group has started the removal and control of Japanese Knotweed in Strathcona Park and some private properties. Brian Dewalt of the Group submitted an application for a grant for funding this Knotweed Project. The grant was approved and the Group will receive \$1,024.00 for buying tarps, mulch etc. The City had several questions regarding insurance and banking information which have been answered by Megan Reilkoff. Once the agreement with the City has been drafted, two officers will sign the agreement which will allow the funding to start and contracts with the City to collect bags of knotweed which have been removed.

#### 8. Gypsy Moth Infestation in Sandy Hill:

- Cathy Major explained the threat to trees in Strathcona Park and on residential property in Sandy Hill due to the infestation of the gypsy moth. The group, Community Associations for Environmental Sustainability (CAFES) asked community associations to send letters to City officials asking for help in battling the infestation. Cathy suggested that ASH should draft such a letter. Michael Barnes was the only Director who supported the letter idea.

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#### 9. Motions:

a) Trina Cooper-Bolam had sent a document outlining the process and terms for establishing ex-officio ASH membership. Trina moved that the document be approved and attached to these minutes. Jan seconded the motion. Before the motion was voted on there were the following questions:

- Cathy Major asked whether the ex-officio officer would have to sign a Conflict of Interest form. Trina said yes and this would be added to the process set out in the document.
- Jan Finlay asked whether an ASH director would approach someone about being designated as an ex-officio member. Trina indicated this would be possible.
- Michael Barnes asked whether the ASH Bylaws would have to be amended. Trina said no that the document setting out the process and for establishing the ex-officio ASH membership would be recognized and attached the June 28, 2021 minutes. (See Attached)

b) Will Milner moved that ASH membership should be changed to pay what you can. There was no seconder for the motion. After a lengthy discussion on the motion, it was decided that the motion required more consideration and was deferred.

c) Susan declared that the meeting was adjourned. Trina seconded the motion. It was unanimous.

10. Next Meeting: August 30, 2021.