

00:04:48 Catherine Major: Cathy major here for ASH

00:05:16 Tyler Patterson: I can't unmute

00:06:47 Jan Finlay: Will is not able to attend.

00:08:01 Domenic Salotti: Hello. Will a resident from Russell Ave be allowed to speak? I feel it is only fair and legitimate that we do.

00:12:33 Jan Finlay: Peggy Ducharme, another ASH Board member has joined us.

00:13:23 Peggy DuCharme: Hello!

00:16:10 Erin Laverty (she/her): You can also turn off your camera by clicking 'stop video'

00:16:52 Bailee Johnson: <https://forms.office.com/r/Ua3sNK3Dr5>

00:18:48 Owen Stanton-Kennedy: Will a resident be allowed to speak prior to the question portion? We have a right to voice our opinion in person.

00:18:57 Stephen Higham: Two Russell Avenue residents have prepared remarks that should take no more than 3 minutes. We have coordinated with other property owners and are also ASH members. We would appreciate the opportunity to make a statement.

00:22:35 Domenic Salotti: « Incidents » were Physical violence, Harassment, Destruction to property . Please mention what they are.

00:24:08 Bailee Johnson: We will continue with the agenda as presented. We will be presenting concerns raised by residents who filled out the survey. We also have time allotted to address questions that were not touched on, and as the Councillor said we will open it up at the end should we have time.

00:26:10 Domenic Salotti: Residents were not consulted on the Agenda unfortunately.

00:28:01 Brent Moreau: As a long-time resident on Russell Ave, who has endured every Panda event on the street, I think it would be helpful if the entire Town and Gown committee heard directly from two of the "hostages" from the street, who have prepared remarks. Please make some time on the agenda.

00:29:15 Carole Dolan: As another resident, I would love to hear the prepared remarks of the two Russel Ave. residents.

00:29:16 Stephen Higham: Perhaps the time slotted for the Student Union could be allocated to residents of Russell, with permission from SU representatives?

00:31:15 Domenic Salotti: It was not a party.

00:31:19 Domenic Salotti: It was a riot.

00:31:53 Carole Dolan: National broadcasters don't cover parties.

00:33:14 Paul Northcott: I asked for an Agenda on Oct. 30. One was only received today. Can the residents of Sandy Hill please make their brief remarks

00:34:08 Owen Stanton-Kennedy: As a resident who has endured these parties for years, we should be allowed to speak. We have prepared statements which deserve to be heard.

00:37:39 Domenic Salotti: Do Ottawa U students support that Russell Ave residents should speak? If so, please speak up.

00:39:35 Erin Laverty (she/her): I am a University of Ottawa alumni and current resident of Sandy Hill, I am supportive of Russell Ave residents speaking.

00:39:45 Paul Northcott: Deputy Ferguson: Can you please elaborate on what planning is already underway?

00:40:22 Owen Stanton-Kennedy: Why weren't more officers deployed once the street was closed?

00:43:22 Trish Ferguson: Hello Owen, at the time of the activity on Russell Rd. OPS was responding to two other large calls that were draining our resources. As soon as we were able to shift them to Sandy Hill, we did. We also recalled a number of the officers who had been released 2 hours before- however, as you can expect, not everyone returned to work.

00:44:49 Trish Ferguson: Hello Paul, We are pulling 911 tapes from the night, gathering community feedback as well as our internal members, city partners, etc. We will carefully examine where we had gaps and are looking to have a 24 hour posture for next year, instead of the 12 hours we had this year.

00:45:15 Paul Northcott: Thank you

00:49:13 Paul Northcott: When is the special event application for Panda usually submitted?

00:49:19 Domenic Salotti: Solving some of the problems is always good tho

00:49:21 Stephen Higham: What is the logic of holding Panda Game related events and activities off-campus? While the pancake/tailgate party is called a success, it also brings several thousand people a block from Russell Avenue. Is it about liability for on-campus events?

00:49:37 Peggy DuCharme: Amanda, what about a situation where the community does not want the event in its community? Is the community consultation a part of the information considered during application approval process?

00:50:04 Greg Skotnicki: Can we hear from the Russell Ave residents who have statements before answering questions?

00:52:01 Peggy DuCharme: Trish, do you know whether those charged are students and live in Sandy Hill?

00:52:11 Brent Moreau: So far, the committee has heard directly from everyone here except those residents on Russell Ave affected. Would it be possible to hear from them first?

00:52:19 Erin Laverty (she/her): Question for Ottawa Police Services (OPS) – were the lack of resources you referred to the only reason for not responding earlier?

00:53:37 Isobel Orion: how about the university sacrifices the lees football field for a supervised party. no fines for noise or drinking but could keep an eye out for severe illegal and unsafe activities. put the responsibility on the university, parties should take place on campus.

00:54:04 Trish Ferguson: Hello Peggy- a mix of residents and non-residents. I do not know where or if they attend school, but their ages would indicate they could be students.

00:55:28 Paul Northcott: Eric: In this case it was totally related to a football game

00:55:29 Peggy DuCharme: Thank you Trish,

00:56:33 Carole Dolan: Trish, You mention trends in students party-culture, even a lapse in social morality, but could the problem relate to insufficient police and bylaw funding ? the officers (police and bylaw) faced terrible odds that night.

00:57:04 Domenic Salotti: Thank you

00:57:54 Erin Laverty (she/her): I'm having trouble following Eric Bernier's logic in the response provided. Additional clarity would be appreciated to further understand this line of reasoning.

00:58:23 Erin Laverty (she/her): \*Bercier. My apologies for the typo.

00:59:28 Domenic Salotti: Can Eric Bercier explain how the benefits of the Panda Game outweigh the violence, harassment, intimidation, and destruction of property caused to people in Sandy Hill.

01:00:19 Trish Ferguson: Hello Erin, the short answer is yes- we had the usual number of officers we would have on a Saturday night, but a major call in East and a major call in the west end drew on our resources. This was the 3rd call and we recognized one that required as much officer presence as quickly as possible,

01:00:26 Amanda Mullins: Hi Peggy. Community input is included within our review. The debrief recommendations take this feedback into consideration.

01:00:55 Paul Northcott: Deputy Ferguson: Will you ask for a doubling of the funds necessary to fund the police necessary for next year's Panda Bowl...and Jill and Eric is OttawaU committed to doubling its financing of Ottawa Police

01:01:11 Erin Laverty (she/her): Trish - Thank you for your answer and for providing clarity on that.

01:01:43 Peggy DuCharme: Amanda, can you confirm whether Action Sandy Hill (ASH) Community Association was contacted as part of the consultation?

01:02:01 Stephen Higham: Q for Councillor Fleury - Who ultimately takes ownership of the planning process for avoiding Panda Game riots? Seems responsibility is so spread out that nobody is accountable when plans fail, and Russell Avenue residents are the only ones who face the consequences.

01:04:58 Domenic Salotti: Teachable moment? There was violence directed to residents.

01:05:29 Owen Stanton-Kennedy: Ms. Scott - does that mean that all the students who joined this riot will not face consequences for their actions that evening?

01:06:57 Trish Ferguson: Hello Carole, That is a complex question that has a complex solution. While police presence has some deterrent factor, not all issues can be solved with more police. We have been able to manage events with similar resources in the past. This was a crowd that was not respond to the presence we had. We would like to have had more officers present, without a doubt.

01:07:05 Amanda Mullins: Hi Peggy. ASH's input into the previous debrief (provided through Town and Gown) informed the requirements of event organizers for this year's event.

01:08:58 Peggy DuCharme: Hello Amanda, I don't understand you reply. I you saying the T&G Committee representative associated with ASH spoke for ASH on this matter and no formal request from Special Events was submitted to ASH to respond and comment officially?

01:09:08 Isobel Orion: as a university students and longtime resident of sandy hill i knew very well that there was going to be a party on that night. i do not understand how authorities couldn't anticipate it.

01:09:09 Erin Laverty (she/her): Question for Ottawa Police Services (OPS) - Earlier on, charges for participating in a riot were referred to. In the police reports filled out by duty on patrol that evening, were the events that evening classified as a 'riot'?

01:09:45 Domenic Salotti: Did anyone part of the planning consider that the students might continue festivities post-6 pm?

01:11:19 Trish Ferguson: Paul, OPS can make recommendations about staffing and we always balance tax payer appetite and cost. We will work with the stakeholders to assess what response the community requests in the future. We have explored the option of billing third parties.

01:12:12 Isobel Orion: yet on halloween nearly every house party in sandy hill was busted, before anything happened, why didn't the same happen on october 2nd.

01:13:43 Isobel Orion: Question to OPS – what time did the 911 calls start?

01:13:49 Trish Ferguson: Hello Erin, on this issue of the term "riot" the events that took place met the Criminal code definition of a riot, which meant those were the appropriate charge to lay.

01:13:55 Domenic Salotti: 911 calls started a 7pm

01:14:12 Domenic Salotti: Officers were told on site just before 7

01:14:27 Owen Stanton-Kennedy: The street party was underway by 630 pm

01:14:38 Isobel Orion: thank you domenic

01:15:37 Paul Northcott: Thank you Deputy. To Jill and Eric: Regarding OttawaU paying for police. Increase tuition for every student by \$20. \$50 .... whatever it takes to get enough police on Russell

01:16:19 Amanda Mullins: Hi Peggy. Event requirements for a subsequent year are often outlined through the debriefing process. We have been regularly attending town and gown meetings to gather information, validate key recommendations for event organizers and inform the debrief.

01:17:28 Paul Northcott: Also to University of Ottawa officials: it's my understanding you sent no direct communication to students pre or post Panda Bowl. I think your communications staff could do better without regard to engagement.

01:17:48 Paul Northcott: ...sorry with regard to..

01:18:14 Peggy DuCharme: Amanda, this event aside, what is the Special Events application process regarding consulting impacted community? Was the process followed? Did the City seek ASH's input on public consultation on this size of event in the community?

01:19:59 Isobel Orion: @Paul – the university did send out communications around the panda game events prior to that night. wasn't very detailed but they did say "And finally: please remember that both TD Place and uOttawa are located in residential neighborhoods, with children and families living all around. I urge you to respect their property, their privacy and their community on gameday."

01:20:23 Paul Northcott: Emails or pamphlets?

01:20:31 Domenic Salotti: Why hasn't anyone from the university spoken to any of the residents yet?

01:20:32 Isobel Orion: email

01:20:56 Paul Northcott: OK. But students I know didn't get anything

01:21:37 Domenic Salotti: Will the full review be public?

01:21:52 Isobel Orion: the email was from Jill Scott and appears to have been sent to all students

01:23:36 Paul Northcott: Pre game and game time? What about post.

01:24:20 Paul Northcott: Thanks Isobel for the info

01:24:53 Jan Finlay: Peggy, several Sandy Hill residents attended the planning meetings. Will, as Chair of the Ash Town and Gown Committee did report to the board on the planning to date. ASH members in the planning meetings participated in the development of solutions to previous years' problems during those meetings. The meetings started in early March.

01:25:55 Mathieu Delorme: I disagree. ASH does not represent the voice of all sandy hill resident

01:26:09 Domenic Salotti: For the record, we would be happy with 5 min for residents

01:26:17 Erin Laverty (she/her): There are several questions/comments in the chat for Eric Bercier which have not been responded to. Additional clarification on the previous comments would be appreciated.

01:28:50 Samer Hamoudeh: As an owner on Russell Ave , this is my 3rd time

around I had to repair my property due the Panda! Once I raised my concerns to officers “ they said do you want us to get hurt “ how can we trust OPS in the future events that will protect residents

01:30:29 Domenic Salotti: Thank you Steven!

01:30:47 Carole Dolan: Thank you Stephen for articulating everything that had to be said.

01:32:23 Paul Northcott: There

01:32:47 Paul Northcott: There’s lots of space on Ottawa U campus....put the students back up there

01:33:49 Domenic Salotti: I have a point if there is time?

01:36:35 Carole Dolan: Thank you Dominic - i want to come to your meeting.

01:37:08 John Cockburn: it would be nice to hear from the student reps on this question

01:40:01 Domenic Salotti: Specification of what actions Ottawa wants to take would be more in line with what we would like to hear.

01:40:41 Domenic Salotti: UOttawa I meant.

01:41:18 Timothy Gulliver: Hi John! From the student union perspective, we agree fully with the Provost's point of view. Students are residents in Sandy Hill too, and many, many students were also harmed and we have heard from them. We all have a role to play. Although the vast majority of students were able to celebrate responsibly, there was definitely a large group of students who behaved completely inappropriately, and we have issued an apology on behalf of the student body. We take responsibility and want to be part of the solutions, and we are definitely all ears on this.

01:41:48 Samer Hamoudeh: Thank You for taking time of your busy schedule, but It is making nervous hearing the inspector saying that he is preparing for next Panda riots, while I still haven’t paid my repair bill of my property caused by the damage, I need to hear solutions please,

01:42:56 Erin Lavery (she/her): This is my first town and gown event, but from what I’m hearing there have been many attempts at mitigation strategies in the past. From what I have seen as a Ottawa alumni and current resident in Sandy Hill, the events and harms have only gotten worse. Are decision makers and authorities on the call feeling confident that the harms in the future can be prevented?

01:42:58 Domenic Salotti: Thank you Timothy. There were literally thousands who behaved inappropriately. Please call things for what they are.

01:44:55 Timothy Gulliver: Absolutely Domenic. I also live on Russell (above the hill) and saw what happened from afar. It was scary & not appropriate

01:45:30 Erin Lavery (she/her): To clarify, I’m not saying that some of the mitigation and prevention strategies didn’t help in certain specific ways. I’m asking, are there enough strategies to ENSURE that this won’t happen again?

01:47:22 Stephen Higham: From what I witnessed, the videoing of participants began a couple of hours after the car was flipped. Suggest building that into the plan for next year.

01:47:32 Domenic Salotti: Indeed, it was scary. As my neighbour Steve said, students were acting in a way that could have gotten themselves killed. Students threw bottles at paramedics. Students harmed other students. There should be zero tolerance for this behaviour.

01:47:41 Mathieu Delorme: We've been hearing a lot about the reactionary measures taken by OPS but very little about why preventive and proactive measure were not taken to prevent such things.

01:49:03 Owen Stanton-Kennedy: These parties have been escalating for years. Previous solutions have yet to prove themselves effective.

01:49:12 Bob Forbes: As a member of T&G for several years I would say that very few local people were "taken by surprise" by what happened. We have planned for the Panda Game before each game and then had similar debrief sessions after each one. Each year thousands of people gather on the same block, drink excessively and each year the police are overwhelmed. As Stephen said, we're lucky that it wasn't worse. If there are no significant changes the trends will continue and people will be seriously hurt next time.

01:50:20 Erin Lavery (she/her): One suggestion - The University of Ottawa pays for the additional fees related to OPS over-time and resources, which have been demonstrated as needed.

01:51:03 Erin Lavery (she/her): I'm also referring to any potential additional charges for overtime (in response to comment about not vacation during this time).

01:51:09 Erin Lavery (she/her): Making an assumption here

01:51:26 Stephen Higham: Any Carleton U reps here today?

01:52:00 Paul Northcott: Coun. Fleury: Before closing perhaps you can mention next steps

01:53:14 Carole Dolan: solutions; what about restorative justice? face to face apologies

01:54:04 Erin Lavery (she/her): I would like to second Carole's comment re a restorative justice approach.

01:54:29 Owen Stanton-Kennedy: I think a solution would be harsher and more enforcement of fines as to dissuade others to proceed the next year. How will thousands be dissuaded to come back and party in the thousands if only a handful will be charged?

01:54:35 Sebastien Lemay: [lemays@ottawapolice.ca](mailto:lemays@ottawapolice.ca)

01:55:44 Domenic Salotti: Planning needs to be for now. This is an ongoing problem Ottawa U has.

01:57:11 Bailee Johnson: <https://forms.office.com/r/Ua3sNK3Dr5>

01:58:57 Marta McDermott: I agree and support the statements of the residents of Russel Street entirely. I feel that the disorderly events and misbehaving surrounding the Panda games have been going on for years, with only minor improvement pre-game, but not a lot of improvement post-game when students are more intoxicated.

But the Panda Game is simply a larger (very large, criminal) manifestation of what occurs regularly on weekends on certain Sandy Hill streets that have a high density of student accommodation. This type of behaviour - loud music, yelling, glass breaking and generally obnoxious behaviour - occurs regularly throughout the year in Sandy Hill (Nelson Street) but most frequently at the beginning of the fall term and the end of the spring term.

01:59:14 Erin Laverty (she/her): In my personal opinion, I think panda games should be cancelled because I think the costs (i.e., physical violence, emotional harm, property damage, risk to safety of many) very much outweigh the benefits (i.e. football game fun, drinking/partying).

01:59:22 Marta McDermott: The University relies on the adjacent municipal housing and infrastructure to accommodate students to greater and greater extent, and the market is happy to fill that niche with grim, sub-standard student housing. The consequence, however is that a mixed neighbourhood of varying family types and residents like Sandy Hill has become overwhelmed, with little recourse. Besides the loud weekend partying, this type of market driven development, then also leads to poor property maintenance standards and management - read: garbage and rats.

01:59:42 Marta McDermott: No amount of scolding, cancelling events, fines or student role model leadership schemes will solve this problem. These are short term (unsuccessful) mitigations. The solution must address the long term root causes of overly dense student housing and absentee landlords in Sandy Hill.

1. the University of Ottawa must increase on-campus affordable student accommodation and proportional on-campus recreation and green space, or provide pockets of affordable student housing along the light rail at greater distances from the University;
2. the City must put a cap on rooming-house-like development geared to students
3. the City must urgently develop and implement a directed approach to missing middle housing to attract a diversity of families and residents back to the neighbourhood

02:00:17 Domenic Salotti: Thanks for your comments Marta. Fully agree.

02:01:05 Carole Dolan: Excellent discussion - thanks to everyone.

02:01:21 Dana Reynolds: Thanks everyone

02:01:23 Amanda Mullins: Thank you.

02:01:26 Greg Skotnicki: Thanks

02:01:28 Jan Finlay: Action Sandy Hill has promoted, presented papers to the City that encompass each of your points Marta.

02:01:40 Trish Ferguson: Thank you all- Merci tout le monde

02:01:41 Marta McDermott: Thank you for opening this up to the community.

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Bob Forbes: Thank you everyone