



Meeting of the Board of Directors

Monday, June 27, 2022

7:00 pm – 8:22 pm by video conference

MINUTES

Present Board Members: Michael Barnes, Calla Barnett, Bryan Dewalt, David Elden, Kendra Eyben, Jan Finlay, Glenn Grignon, Susan Khazaeli, Louise Lapointe, Cathy Major, Stéphanie Plante, Jessica Silburt, John Verbaas, Marilyn Whitaker,

Participants: 19 people including the Directors, the Councillor and his assistant Bailee Johnson

1. New Executive

The new ASH Executive is as follows:

Chair	Louise Lapointe
Vice – Chair	Susan Khazaeli
Treasurer	Jan Finlay
Secretary	Cathy Major

Committee	Chair
Transportation	John Verbaas
Membership & Webmaster	Dave Elden
Block Reps	Jan Finlay, would like Co-Chair
Town & Gown	Kendra Eyben, would like Co-Chair
Communications & Events	Stephanie Plante
Planning and Heritage	To be determined
Bylaw	To be determined

Planning and Heritage – Glenn Grignon, Michael Barnes, Cathy Major all indicated they would sit on this Committee.

Town & Gown – Glen, Jan and Cathy indicated they would sit on this Committee.

Transportation Committee – Bryan indicated he would sit on this Committee.

Marilyn Whitaker proposed the creation of an Environment Committee. Bryan indicated his interest in this Committee.

Louise stated that anyone proposing to establish a new Committee should draft Terms of Reference for the Committee and send the Terms to the Board members for discussion and approval at the August 29, 2022 Board Meeting. The Terms should include the purpose and scope of the Committee and how it fits with ASH's mission statement, its members, meeting times, etc.

2. Minutes of past Board Meetings

Louise stated that the minutes for the Board meeting of March 28, April 25 and June 27, 2022 would be approved at the August 29, 2022 meeting.

Questions for Councillor's Assistant (the Councillor was delayed due to a meeting conflict)

- A question was raised about Canada Day in Strathcona Park. Baillee responded that only one group had been granted a permit to hold an activity in the Park.
- Louise asked whether there would be increased Bylaw presence in the Park. Baillee responded that Bylaw will be ready to mobilize in areas requiring immediate attention. Ottawa Police have adopted a zero tolerance policy for Canada Day.
- Kendra asked what the scope was for the permit issued for the park activity. Louise stated the permit was for a religious group to hold a party from 5pm to 7 pm on Canada Day.
- Michael Barnes suggested that steps should be taken to ensure that the parking lot close to the pedestrian bridge is not overtaken by protesters. Baillee stated she would consult with Police on this matter.
- Michael indicated that the site plan control application for 641 Rideau St. should provide sufficient time for public consultation. Baillee will pass this suggestion to Michelle who is responsible for Planning in the Councillor's office.
- Susan asked whether the developer of 641 Rideau is expected to contribute to the community upgrades. Question was deferred to Michelle.

4. Councillor's Report

- The Councillor welcomed the new Board members.
- Canada Day: The Councillor indicated he was concerned about Canada Day and convened a meeting of all stakeholders last Friday to discuss plans for the Day. He is working closely with Police to ensure that all activities are conducted safely and respectfully. He clarified that the permit issued for an event in Strathcona Park was granted to an African Canadian group and a gathering to protest in the Park was not appropriate.
- Construction – the new planters and bike loops have been installed on Mann Avenue in front of the strip mall. Waste bins are in the works. The sidewalk in front of 250 Range was damaged during construction and will be repaired by the owner. The elevated intersection at Range and Somerset will be installed in July. The project to reconfigure the pedestrian and bike lanes at Laurier and Nicholas will be completed this fall.

Questions for the Councillor:

- Bryan asked whether the City was planning to expand the Strathcona Park parking lot by the pedestrian walkway. The Councillor stated there is no appetite to grow this parking lot. Bryan asked about tree replacement on City and private property. The Councillor stated that replacement on City property is not an issue. The Parks Department has a policy to replace one downed tree with 3 new trees.
- Calla mentioned that small, newly planted trees in front of her building has been damaged by cars. She asked how to have larger trees planted. The Councillor stated that the City

does not plant trees on rental property right of way without the property owner's approval. He suggested Calla reach out to her landlord to ask for more trees to be planted.

- Bryan noted that there is a policy gap in the City's Trees in Trust program in that it was conceived with the notion that everybody owns a house. This is not the case in Sandy Hill. He suggested that ASH work with the City to replace trees on City right of way without the owners consent. The Councillor noted that in some cases the property owner makes an effort to kill the tree. If ASH would like to pursue this issue, it should send a letter requesting that the Councillor look into it further. **Action: draft letter to Councillor to investigate the possibility of planting trees on private property.**

5. Adjournment

Michael moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Calla and approved by all.